

BURNABY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

Minutes of a regular meeting held 2023 July 20 at 7:08 pm on Zoom.

PRESENT: Mandy Yang (Meeting Chair)
Sarah Bartnik
Hakam Bhaloo
Sangeeta Subramanian
Caroline White
Surena Bains

ALSO PRESENT: Beth Davies (Secretary)
Trish Mau
Heidi Schiller
Noreen Ma
Gurleen Kaur

Guest: Nicki Kahn moui

REGRETS: Gene Blishen
Councilor Alison Gu
Ernie Kashima

We would like to recognize we are on the ancestral and unceded homelands of the hən̓q̓əmi̓n̓əm and Skwxwú7mesh speaking peoples, and to extend appreciation for the opportunity to hold a meeting on this territory.

1. Agenda

The agenda was amended so that:

Under 2. Minutes – date changed to June 15

Under 7. Adjournment – motion changed to add “and that the Board resolve itself into an in-camera meeting from which the public is excluded to discuss financial matters and a patron ban.”

MOVED by Surena Bains

“That the agenda be received as amended.”

Seconded by Hakam Bhaloo

CARRIED

2. Minutes

MOVED by Surena Bains

“That the minutes of the regular meeting held 2023 June 15 be adopted.”

Seconded by Sarah Bartnik

CARRIED

3. Reports

i) Board Chair

Board co-chair Mandy Yang expressed excitement at the Strategic Planning process. Board co-chair Sarah Bartnik expressed how enjoyable the strategic planning exercise was at the June meeting and thanked staff for their work on the exercise.

ii) Council liaison

No report

iii) InterLINK representative

No report.

4. Items for Information

i) Strategic Planning Engagement Report

The Chief Librarian presented the report and trustees commented on what stood out for them, what they'd like to explore more, and what's missing. Strategic Planning Consultant Nicki Kahnamoui explained next steps, including workshops, planning meetings and opportunity for more generative conversations.

ii) Quarterly Report

The Chief Librarian noted activity levels for the previous quarter as compared to pre-pandemic activity levels, including an increase in new members. Circulation of print materials is increasing but has not yet reached pre-pandemic levels. Circulation of digital materials is many times higher than pre-pandemic.

iii) Metrotown Renovations

The Chief Librarian presented information about the Metrotown renovations, which are scheduled to complete. She shared before, during and after pictures, and the board expressed excitement for the new Digital Studio.

5. Next Library Board Meeting

In person at Tommy Douglas on September 21, 2023.

6. Adjournment

MOVED by Sangeeta Subramanian

“That the regular meeting adjourn and that the board resolve itself into an In-Camera meeting from which the public is excluded in order to discuss

financial matters and a
patron ban.”

Seconded by Surena Bains

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm

Mandy Yang (Meeting Chair)

Beth Davies (Secretary)

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