

BURNABY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

Minutes of a regular meeting held 2022 July 21 at 19:06h via Zoom.

PRESENT: Mandy Yang (Meeting Chair)
Sarah Bartnik
Surena Bains
Hakam Bhaloo
Gene Blishen
Chris Dong
Ernie Kashima
Councillor Johnston

ALSO PRESENT: Beth Davies (Secretary)
Trish Mau
Franca DeLuca
Sharon Notarrigo
Sarah Björknas (joined at 19:25h)
Maja Suzberic
Sue Choy (left at 19:50h)
Maité Mayeta Cumba (left at 19:20h)

REGRETS: Caroline White

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

ACTION

1. Agenda

MOVED by Ernie Kashima
Seconded by Chris Dong

"That the agenda be received."

CARRIED

2. Minutes

MOVED by Sarah Bartnik

"That the minutes of the regular meeting held 2022 May 19 adopted as circulated."

Seconded by Gene Blishen

CARRIED

3. Picard Trust Award Recipients

The Chief Librarian introduced Sue Choy and Maité Mayeta Cumba – the 2022 Picard Trust Award recipients – who thanked the Board for their awards and the opportunity to meet with them. The recipients also provided a summary of their education progress and spoke to the significance of what the award means to them and to the greater

library community.

4. Reports

i) Board Chair

The Meeting Chair reported on the following:

- The Board Co-Chairs presented the Library's Annual Report to City Council in June and received very positive feedback from Council members.
- The Board Co-Chairs, Trustee Bains, and the Chief Librarian attended MOSAIC's Newcomer Governance session in June, which explored how boards can increase their diversity.
- The Meeting Chair attended the City's Long Service Awards Dinner in July, at which BPL staff celebrating milestone years of service were honoured.

ii) Council Liaison

The Council Liaison reported on the following:

- The City has been having great discussions with local First Nations. There is commitment to opening communication channels and working together on projects.
- The upcoming municipal election will be the first time that citizens can request mail-in ballots. Deposit bins for these ballots will also be made available throughout the City, including at the Library.

iii) InterLINK Representative

The InterLINK Representative reported on a training session he attended in June that was co-facilitated between the BC Library Trustees Association and Public Library InterLINK. The session focused on building and strengthening relationships with local municipal, regional, and First Nations governments.

5. Items for Decision

i) Free Public Printing

The Chief Librarian summarized the report and spoke to the proposal from staff.

MOVED by Chris Dong

"That the Library Board approve \$5 of free printing per patron per month."

Seconded by Hakam Bhaloo

CARRIED

6. Items for Information

i) Metrotown Fire and Renovations Update

In regards to the fire, the Chief Librarian provided the following updates:

- The restoration company's work is almost complete, and the collection will be available soon.
- Staff members who are involved in materials handling will return to work at the branch next week.

- Offering holds pickup for patrons has been delayed.
- Environmental testing was done, and some areas required additional cleaning.
- Staff are working on rebuilding the Children's collection in the most efficient way that will also meet the needs of the community.

In regards to the renovations, the Chief Librarian provided the following updates:

- Renovation work began on time.
- Work zones will be hoarded off.
- Demolition of the first floor washrooms and prepping the area for the new second floor washrooms has begun.
- Pipes in the building are also being replaced at this time.

The Chief Librarian reported that staff have been very patient and flexible, finding creative solutions to challenges following the fire. The Chief Librarian commended staff at the other branches, who adapted quickly in welcoming redeployed Metrotown staff.

Co-Chair Bartnik asked that the Chief Librarian express the Board's appreciation to staff, to convey that they are proud at how staff have handled the situation yet are not surprised at staff's ability to pivot so successfully – as they have done throughout the pandemic.

ii) Strategic Plan Report: Second Quarter 2022

The Chief Librarian reported on the following highlights:

- Home Library and Accessible Service (HLAS) staff were able to pivot quickly following the Metrotown Branch fire and resumed service after only one day out of commission. They temporarily relocated themselves at the Tommy Douglas Library and used the collections from the three unaffected branches for their patrons.
- Grace Vanee, a Page at the Cameron Branch, created beautiful displays at Cameron and Tommy Douglas for this year's Summer Reading Club. The Chief Librarian noted that there will be small celebrations to commemorate the end of the Summer Reading Club this year – the Director, Public Service will be sending out invites to the Trustees later in the summer.
- After a soft launch in June, the official launch of the Teen Space at the Tommy Douglas Library took place in early July. There has already been a lot of interest in both the space and in the equipment that will be made available. Teen Librarian Duncan Olenick provided an interview with the Burnaby Now, who wrote a great article about the opening.

iii) Sharing Stories

The Chief Librarian spoke to the report and the accompanying reference document, which will be a framework for staff to use in thinking about matters such as biases, perspective, and privacy. The document will be shared with staff, along with interactive exercises to help them with this new approach.

The Chief Librarian noted that learning how to best share stories is ongoing work, and the document may continue to be updated as needed.

iv) Retired Employees 2022 January to June

The Chief Librarian summarized the BPL careers of the four staff who retired in the first half of 2022.

7. Adjournment

MOVED by Councillor Johnston

“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 consider financial matters.”

Seconded by Chris Dong

CARRIED

The regular meeting adjourned at 20:18h

Mandy Yang (Meeting Chair)

Beth Davies (Secretary)

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