

BURNABY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

Minutes of a regular meeting held 2022 May 19 at 19:05h via Zoom.

PRESENT: Sarah Bartnik (Meeting Chair)
Mandy Yang
Surena Bains
Chris Dong
Ernie Kashima
Caroline White
Councillor Johnston

ALSO PRESENT: Beth Davies (Secretary)
Trish Mau
Heidi Schiller
Linton Harrison
Sarah Björknas
Maja Suzberic
Alex Anaya-Paiero
Gillian Bassett
Caelin Crosby
Ava Gao
Amy Girard
Andrea Görgec
Ingrid Vick

REGRETS: Hakam Bhaloo
Gene Blishen

GUESTS: Paul Pathy
Shruti Chamoli
Mimoza Pachuku
Maninder Pundir
Grace Shen
Adetola Tamunokubie
Jas Sandhey
Fisnik Kumnova
Deji Dada
Poonam Mahendru
Marie Basse
Niloufar Sattari
Mei Chen
Nikhil Shahapurkar
Fernanda Reis
Pingping Cai

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

1. Agenda

The Meeting Chair informed the Board that there would be an additional motion for a decision to be made as part of agenda Item 5.3.

MOVED by Chris Dong

"That the agenda be received as amended."

Seconded by Caroline White

CARRIED

2. Minutes

MOVED by Surena Bains

"That the minutes of the regular meeting held 2022 April 21 be adopted as circulated."

Seconded by Chris Dong

CARRIED

3. Reports

i) Board Chair

The Meeting Chair reported that she and the Library Co-Chair attended the opening reception for the Festival of Learning, and they heard many wonderful things about the library from attendees.

ii) Council Liaison

The Council Liaison reported that the City will be implementing mail-in ballot voting this fall, that Council was going through a busy time, and has returned to in-person meetings.

iii) InterLINK Representative

InterLINK did not have a regular meeting this month, but the InterLINK Representative reported that the InterLINK Board is hosting an upcoming Governance and Relationship-building workshop for Library Board Members at Vancouver Public Library.

4. Items for Decision

i) Delegation of Authority to Close Branches

MOVED by Chris Dong

"That in cases where a decision needs to be made within 48 hours, that the Board delegate the authority to close library branches to the Chief Librarian or designate."

Seconded by Ernie Kashima

CARRIED

5. Items for Information

i) Intellectual Freedom

Library staff members Alex Anaya-Paiero, Gillian Bassett and Caelin Crosby gave a presentation to the Board about intellectual freedom, including background on how intellectual freedom can apply to collections, space and workplace speech, as well as a review of prominent theories regarding intellectual freedom.

The Chief Librarian mentioned that the Board decided to pause reviewing the Intellectual Freedom Policy in order to focus on anti-racism work, but that this presentation was a way for the Board to keep abreast of the issues. She also reported that the British Columbia Library Association is going to review its Intellectual Freedom Policy, and the BPL Board may consider waiting to do its own review until that is complete.

ii) Picard Trust Award Recipients

The Chief Librarian presented a report to the Board with details about the award winners – Maité Mayeta Cumba and Sue Choy – who will attend the board meeting in July.

iii) Metrotown Renovations

The Chief Librarian informed the Board that a contractor has been chosen for the Metrotown renovations, and the decision will go to the next City Council meeting.

The renovation will likely take eight months and will involve renovating the public washrooms on the first floor and creating washrooms on the second floor. Because of this, staff are recommending an eight-week closure of the branch from July 11 to September 3. During this time, staff would provide the public with alternate forms of service, enabling holds pickup.

MOVED by Ernie Kashima

“That the Board approve the closure of the Bob Prittie Metrotown Branch from 2022 July 11 to September 3 for renovations.”

Seconded by Chris Dong

CARRIED

6. 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 discuss financial matters.”

Seconded by Caroline White

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 20:10h

Sarah Bartnik (Meeting Chair)

Beth Davies (Secretary)

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