

**BURNABY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD**

Minutes of a regular meeting held 2022 November 17 at 1901h via Zoom.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Beth Davies (Secretary)  
Heidi Schiller  
Trish Mau  
Elizabeth Davies  
Sharon Notarrigo  
Winnie Tan  
Duncan Olenick (left @ 19:23h)  
Victoria Gomez (left @ 19:23h)

REGRETS: Caroline White  
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.

Teen Librarians Duncan Olenick and Victoria Gomez were on hand to provide the Library Board with a presentation on the program series “Julia’s Studio” and other teen services.

The Board thanked Duncan and Victoria for their presentation and were very impressed with their work and ideas with the program series. A few trustees wanted to know if there are any plans to expand the program.

1. Agenda

**MOVED** by Mandy Yang "That the agenda be received"

Seconded by Chis Dong

**CARRIED**

2. Minutes

i) **MOVED** by Hakam Bhaloo "That the minutes of the regular meeting held 2022 October 20 be adopted as

circulated.”

Seconded by Mandy Yang

**CARRIED**

3. Reports

i) Board Chair

The Meeting Chair reported that she and the Board co-chair attended the inaugural City Council swearing in ceremony, where they spoke to new Council members who shared glowing appreciation of the library.

ii) InterLINK Representative

InterLINK Representative – Trustee Dong noted that this was probably his last Library Board Meeting. He expressed his appreciation to the Library staff, BPL Board and InterLINK Board. He shared memories of his arrival to Canada where he spent many hours at the library, his involvement as a Library Champion and a Library Board member. The Meeting Chair thanked Trustee Dong for his continuing ambassadorship for the library.

InterLINK did not have a regular meeting this month, therefore no update. The next scheduled meeting will be held on Nov 29<sup>th</sup> which the InterLINK Alternate will attend.

4. Items for Decision

i) Proposed 2023 Meeting Date Location

The Chief Librarian noted a change of March Meeting Location to be held at Cameron Recreation Centre and September to Tommy Douglas Library. She also confirmed that a zoom option is available for all in person meetings.

**MOVED** by Hakam Bhaloo

“That the Library Board approve meeting locations for 2023 as amended.”

Seconded by Mandy Yang

**CARRIED**

5. Items for Information

i) Anti-Racism

The Chief Librarian updated the Board on progress of the Anti-Racism projects; some of the action items have already started and some have been completed.

ii) Pre-Pandemic Activity Levels Comparison

The Director, Public Service provided information on activity levels, comparing 2022 numbers to pre-pandemic numbers:

- Due to this year's closure at Metrotown, the first quarters of 2019 and 2022 were used for the statistical comparison.
- The analysis shows that the library has not fully rebounded to pre-pandemic levels for in-person visits.
- It was noted that the circulation level has rebounded more, especially digital circulation, which increased 244% from 2019, with e-books the most significant increase.
- The Director, Collections & Technology explained that the increase in Digital circulation during the pandemic was largely due to increased spending.
- The Chief Librarian shared that neighbouring libraries are reporting similar shifts in activity from pre-pandemic to 2022.
- The Director, Collections & Technology spoke on the breakdown of digital circulation according to adult, teen and children's materials.

6. Next Library Board Meeting

The Meeting Chair confirmed that the December 8<sup>th</sup> meeting will be held in-person at Tommy Douglas library, with an option to join via Zoom.

7. Adjournment

**MOVED** by Hakam Bhaloo

“That the regular meeting adjourn and that the board resolve itself into an in camera meeting from which the public is excluded to consider financial matters.”

Seconded by Gene Blishen

**CARRIED**

The meeting adjourned at 20.06h

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Sarah Bartnik (Meeting Chair)

Beth Davies (Secretary)

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