

**BURNABY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD**

Minutes of a regular meeting held 2021 March 18 at 19:03h via Zoom.

PRESENT: Jeffrey Yu (Chair)  
Gene Blishen  
Surena Bains  
Sarah Bartnik  
Chris Dong  
Matt Foley  
Ernie Kashima  
Mandy Yang  
Councillor Johnston

ALSO PRESENT: Beth Davies (Secretary)  
Trish Mau  
Heidi Schiller  
Elizabeth Davies  
Franca Deluca  
Lindsay Jang  
Jorge Cardenas  
Jamie McCarthy  
Sharon Notarrigo  
Sarah Bjorknas  
Maja Suzberic (joined at 19:30h)

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

**ACTION**

1. Agenda

**MOVED** by Chris Dong  
Seconded by Ernie Kashima

"That the agenda be received."

**CARRIED**

2. Minutes

i) **MOVED** by Mandy Yang  
  
Seconded by Chris Dong

"That the minutes of the regular meeting held 2021 February 18 be adopted as circulated."

**CARRIED**

ii) **MOVED** by Matt Foley

"That the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held 2020

October 15 be adopted as circulated.”

Seconded by Mandy Yang

**CARRIED**

3. Reports

i) Board Chair

The Board Chair reported on a senior’s fair that Burnaby’s Primary Care Network will be hosting on April 1.

ii) Council Liaison

The Council Liaison reported that recruitment for a new City Manager is underway.

iii) InterLINK Representative

The InterLINK Representative reported on the meeting held on February 23, at which the 2021 budget was approved. The InterLINK Representative also reported on a BC Library Trustees Association meetup he attended, which included discussions on equity/diversity/inclusion (EDI), Truth & Reconciliation, and intellectual freedom.

The InterLINK Alternate reported on the orientation for new members, held just before the regular meeting on February 23.

4. Items for Information

i) Community Work in the Pandemic

The Manager, Community Development presented on how the Library’s community work has shifted during the pandemic. In response to an inquiry, he confirmed that in-person visits will resume when appropriate to do so.

ii) NNELS and CELA Funding Cuts

The Chief Librarian spoke to a letter that had been sent to all three of Burnaby’s Members of Parliament, noting that funding has been temporarily restored for this year only. More advocacy to permanently fund these services is expected.

iii) Metrotown Renovations

The Metrotown Branch Manager presented on upcoming design and renovation work at the Bob Prittie Metrotown Branch.

5. 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 to consider financial matters.”

Seconded by Mandy Yang

**CARRIED**

The meeting adjourned at 19:58h.

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Jeffrey Yu (Chair)

Beth Davies (Secretary)

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