

BURNABY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

Minutes of a regular meeting held 2024 March 21 at 19:00h at Bob Prittie Metrotown Library.

PRESENT: Mandy Yang (Meeting Chair)
Sarah Bartnik
Anna Lu
Gene Blishen
Alison Gu
Raj Hundal

ALSO PRESENT: Beth Davies (Secretary)
Heidi Schiller
Cristina Freire

REGRETS: Caroline White
Sangeeta Subramanian
Hakam Bhaloo
Trish Mau

GUESTS: Noreen Ma
Nicole Sousa
Damian Trasler
Patrick O'Shea
Alan Yang

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.

7-7:30 pm: Presentation by BPL's Home Library and Accessible Services Team – Noreen, Patrick and Damian.

1. Agenda

MOVED by Gene Blishen

"That the agenda be received as presented."

Seconded by Sarah Bartnik

CARRIED

2. Minutes

MOVED by Sarah Bartnik

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

Seconded by Anna Lu

CARRIED

3. Reports

i) Board Chair

The Meeting Chair reported that Sangeeta reminded us that today is international day for the elimination of racism.

In February, Mandy, Sarah, and Anna attended the opening of the library's Digital Studio and the automated materials handling system.

Mandy reminded trustees of the Ontario Library Association Conference recordings available to view.

ii) Council Liaison

The Council Liaison Alison reported that Council passed a report to start a social infrastructure gaps assessment strategy. The library should be consulted as part of the engagement process. This assessment will be incorporated into the Official Community Plan.

iii) InterLINK Representative

InterLINK Representative Gene reported that he would like to thank the Board for allowing him to participate in the Interlink Board meeting. Gene was elected as Treasurer of the Board.

4. Items for Decision

i) Proposed Statistical Reporting Changes

MOVED by Gene Blishen "That the board approve the following proposed changes to quarterly and annual statistics reporting"

Seconded by Alison Gu

CARRIED

ii) Intellectual Freedom Board Policy Review

MOVED by Sarah Bartnik

"That the Library Board approve the process for a review of the Intellectual Freedom Policy."

Seconded by Anna Lu

Gene suggested that the Board form a sub-committee to contribute to this process. Interested Board members should let Beth know, and she will forward to Cristina.

CARRIED

5. Items for Information

i) BPL Operating Plan 2024-2027

Beth presented the library's Operating Plan and answered questions from trustees.

6. Correspondence

- i) re: Parking at Bob Prittie Metrotown Branch
Motion to receive correspondence

MOVED by Sarah Bartnik

“That the Board receive correspondence”

Seconded by Anna Lu

CARRIED

7. New Business

Anna reported on a BCLTA webinar about board responsibilities, and found it really useful. BCLTA is hosting a conference in April. Beth will send details to the trustees.

8. Adjournment

MOVED by Sarah Bartnik

“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 bans and financial matters.”

Seconded by Anna Lu

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 20:10h

Sarah Bartnik (Meeting Chair)

Beth Davies (Secretary)