

BURNABY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

Minutes of a regular meeting held 2024 June 20 at 19:00h online.

PRESENT: Sarah Bartnik (Meeting Chair)
Hakam Bhaloo
Anna Lu
Sangeeta Subramanian
Mandy Yang

ALSO PRESENT: Trish Mau (Acting Secretary)
Heidi Schiller
Jessica Lee
Julia Lau
Maja Suzberic
Lilian Ho (Left at 19:30h)
Anita Chan
Vivienne Coffey (Left at 19:30h)
Cristina Freire
Amy Girard
Nasia Richardson

GUESTS: Jaclyn Fong (Left at 19:10h)
Yoon Kyung Kim (Left at 19:10h)

REGRETS: Caroline White
Councillor Alison Gu
Gene Blishen
Raj Hundal

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.

The Library Board welcomed and congratulated the Picard Trust Award recipients, Jaclyn Fong and Yoonkyung Kim. Trustees expressed appreciation for the opportunity to meet the award recipients, and wished them both well in their studies.

Anita Chan, Vivienne Coffey and Lilian Ho of BPL's Public Engagement and Awareness team presented to the Board. Trustees commended the team for their diverse yet cohesive design work, and expressed appreciation for the different approaches and perspectives each staff member brings to the team.

1. Agenda

MOVED by Mandy Yang

"That the agenda be received as presented."

Seconded by Hakam Bhaloo

CARRIED

2. Minutes

MOVED by Anna Lu

“That the minutes of the regular meeting held 2024 April 18 be adopted as circulated.”

Seconded by Hakam Bhaloo

CARRIED

3. Reports

i) Board Chair

The Meeting Chair thanked trustees who attended the BPL Annual Report presentation to Council.

4. Items for Decision

i) Policy Update Use of Library Space Report

The Acting Chief Librarian recommended an amendment to the Use of Library Space Policy, adding audio recording to the section on permissions for filming and photography on library premises.

Trustees asked questions about whether restrictions on filming, photography and audio recording would apply to recordings intended for private consumption and not shared publicly; if the privacy act had been reviewed with regards to filming and photography; and how the library would ensure someone isn't accidentally filmed or recorded without permission.

The Acting Chief Librarian explained that recording of library staff and patrons is not permitted without prior written permission regardless of the intended use of the recording, and that we want patrons to be able to enjoy the space without risk of being photographed or recorded by others. The Acting Chief Librarian also confirmed that the policy does not contravene anything in the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

MOVED by Sangeeta Subramanian

“That the Board amend the Use of Library Space policy as recommended in the report.”

Seconded by Anna Lu

CARRIED

5. Items for Information

i) BCHRC Special Program Mid-Term Report

The Acting Chief Librarian spoke to BC Human Rights Commission Special

Program mid-term report, highlighting that the library has had six vacancies under the Special Program since November 2021. In all cases, positions were filled by self-identified IBPOC individuals from a sufficient pool of qualified candidates.

The Acting Chief Librarian also highlighted that the program had positive impacts, as evidenced by comments in the report.

ii) Intellectual Freedom Policy Research Report

The Librarian 2, Collections presented the Intellectual Freedom Policy Research Report.

Trustees asked questions about processes that might change or need to be developed as a result of a potential policy change. Trustees also expressed interested in a facilitated board discussion once the research and staff consultations are complete. The Librarian 2, Collections confirmed that research and consultation will continue until the end of the year and that recommendations will be compiled for the board for discussion.

6. Next Library Board Meeting

2024 July 18 at 19:00h online.

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 in order to discuss patron bans and financial matters.”

Seconded by Mandy Yang

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 20:04h.

Sarah Bartnik (Meeting Chair)

Trish Mau (Acting Secretary)

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