

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
OF THE
NEW WESTMINSTER PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

Zoom Meeting
6:00 p.m. Tuesday
February 15, 2022

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

Norah Andrew - Chair, Facility Committee, Policy Review, & Strategic Planning
Elaine Su - Vice Chair, Policy Review Committee, Facility Committee
Iris Cheng - InterLINK Representative, Policy Review Committee
Carol Neuman - InterLINK alternate, Public Art Committee
Vanessa Woznow - Policy Review Committee, Facility Committee
Nadine Nakagawa - City Council Representative (left at 7pm)

ABSENT:

Samita Manhas - Policy Review Committee, Bursary Review

STAFF:

Jorge Cardenas - Chief Librarian
Susan Buss - Deputy Chief Librarian
Sandy Shein - Note taker

1. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

2. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 6:15pm

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- N. Andrew added Trustee photos to Agenda under New Business and Chair report under Reports.

MOVED AND SECONDED

CARRIED.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED AND SECONDED

CARRIED.

5. MOTION TO MOVE TO CLOSED MEETING

6. REPORTS

a. Public Library InterLINK

The InterLINK Provisional Budget was presented to the board and reviewed.

MOTION: “The New Westminster Public Library accepts the 2021 Provisional InterLINK budget.”

MOVED: V. Woznow

SECONDED: I. Cheng

b. Chief Librarian

J. Cárdenas commented that January is a typically slow month and we have been hit with staff absences. That we are sticking to core services during this time, as services are limited by the PHO. Construction is almost complete on the exterior and interior of the building; repairing the water damage.

Working on coordination of emergency preparedness, utilizing the library as a space for that whether warm/cold.

We will be looking at the community work that we have done in the past and move forward in a more intentional way, focus on users, vulnerable users that will involve a cultural change. Holding fewer traditional events but developing a curiosity with people who don't understand the work the library does.

DEIAR framework will be brought to action, the board met with the consultants last year and they will be returning to do a presentation of their findings.

c. Chair

N. Andrews noted that she met with E. Su regarding the agenda items and wanted to ensure all board members were able to have an input in what was on the agenda. N. Andrews also met with I. Cheng to review the InterLINK board.

7. CONTINUEING BUSINESS

a. CRA Update

S. Buss reported that our debt with the CRA has been cleared and our charitable status has been fully reinstated.

8. NEW BUSINESS

a. Board Orientation – presented by Jacque Killawee

J. Killawee presented to the board an orientation focusing on Board Governance, Board Role, Library Policy, Attendance and Quorum, Meeting Conduct and the Orientation Package each board member received.

b. Year in Review

J. Cárdenas advised of yearly consistent board meeting agenda items that are needed to be done and he would provide the board that information.

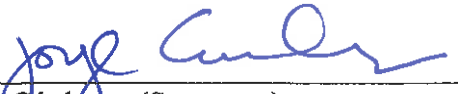
9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

March 15, 2022 at 6:00pm

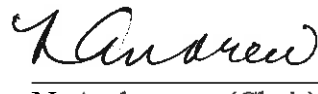
V. Woznow – Land Acknowledgement

10. ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, the meeting was adjourned at 7:39pm



J. Cárdenas (Secretary)



N. Andrew (Chair)