

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**  
**OF THE**  
**NEW WESTMINSTER PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD**

Zoom Meeting  
6:00 p.m. Tuesday  
May 17, 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

**ABSENT:**

Samita Manhas - Policy Review Committee, Bursary Review

**STAFF:**

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

**1. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

**2. CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order at 6:05pm

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Art collection added to (6e)  
**MOVED AND SECONDED**

**CARRIED.**

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**  
**MOVED AND SECONDED**

**CARRIED.**

## 5. REPORTS

### a. Public Library InterLINK

I.Cheng noted that InterLINK had not met prior to our board meeting.

### b. Chief Librarian

J. Cárdenas commented that the Provincial COVID grant money has become public knowledge, that he is working internally with staff on how it should be spent. J. Cárdenas reported that the library is busy with the adult and youth program and the reading buddies program has been very successful.

## 6. FOR INFORMATION (formerly Continuing Business)

### a. Management Report - Community Development and Programming - C. Koth

C. Koth presented a PowerPoint overview of Children and Youth services, Home Library Services, the Art Exhibit program, Communication and the Queensborough Branch.

### b. BCLTA Workshops

J. Cárdenas noted the upcoming June 4 session on governance, the link was sent out to all board members during the meeting.

### c. Strategic Plan Goal 2 Review

N. Andrew requested this be deferred to the June meeting.

### d. Council Delegation

N. Nakagawa has written the letter which is the motion, she is requesting that Library board members speak as a delegation on June 13 at 7:00pm.

**MOTION:** Supporting libraries

May 9, 2022

*With support from the New Westminster Library Board*

WHEREAS public libraries are central to communities, providing equitable access to vital resources, including internet, computers, digital library tools, and in-person services from expert staff; and

WHEREAS public libraries provide British Columbians with low-barrier services, that support job seekers and small businesses, that increase literacy in communities, that advance reconciliation with Indigenous peoples, and that promote equity and inclusion; and

WHEREAS libraries in British Columbia are largely financed by levies paid by local governments, and where provincial library funding has remained stagnant for the past 10 years

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT The City of New Westminster write to the MLA for New Westminster, MLA for Richmond-Queensborough, and the BC Minister for Education; and

THAT The City of New Westminster submit the following motion to UBCM:

Whereas libraries in British Columbia are largely financed by levies paid by local governments, and where provincial library funding has remained stagnant for the past 10 years:

And whereas public libraries are central to communities, providing equitable access to vital resources, including internet, computers, digital library tools, and in-person services from expert staff;

And whereas public libraries provide British Columbians with low-barrier services, that support job seekers and small businesses, that increase literacy in communities, that advance reconciliation with Indigenous peoples, and that promote equity and inclusion;

Therefore be it resolved that the City of New Westminster urge the Government of British Columbia to provide long-term sustainable funding for public libraries in BC;

And be it further resolved that the Province ensure that BC Libraries will henceforth receive regular increases to Provincial Government funding in subsequent years.

AND THAT The City of New Westminster share the above motion with BC municipalities.

**MOVED: V. Woznow**  
**SECONDED: E. Su**

e. Art Selection

N. Andrew and C. Neuman summarized the selection process and the choice and criteria. A decision is close to being made.

**7. FOR DISCUSSION (formerly New Business)**

None

**8. MOTION TO MOVE TO CLOSE**


**MOVED:** E. Su  
**SECONDED:** V. Woznow


**9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

June 21, 2022 at 6:00pm

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

**ON MOTION**, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm

  
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J. Cardenas (Secretary)

  
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N. Andrew (Chair)