



REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
OF THE
NEW WESTMINSTER PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

Zoom Meeting
6:00 p.m. Tuesday
September 20, 2022

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

Norah Andrew - Chair, Facility Committee, Policy Review, & Strategic Planning (6:40)
Elaine Su - Vice Chair, Policy Review Committee, Facility Committee
Iris Cheng - InterLINK Representative, Policy Review Committee
Carol Neuman - InterLINK alternate, Public Art Committee (6:30)
Vanessa Woznow - Policy Review Committee, Facility Committee
Samita Manhas - Policy Review Committee, Bursary Review

ABSENT:

Nadine Nakagawa - City Council Representative

STAFF:

Jorge Cardenas - Chief Librarian
Susan Buss - Deputy Chief Librarian - absent
Sandy Shein - Note taker
Adam Farrell - Manager of Technology & Technical Services

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

- E. Su

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 6:12pm

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED AND SECONDED

CARRIED.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Approval of Minutes
- Q2 Report
- Board Work Plan

CARRIED.

MANAGEMENT REPORT - Technology and Technical Services

Adam Farrell presented a report on the work and services provided by the Technology and Technical Services departments.

BANNED PATRON

S. Buss provided a report to the board describing an incident that occurred at the library on August 10, 2022.

MOTION: The Board supports a motion to ban this patron for up to 6 months and that staff will consider a shorter time period if discussions with this patron continue to go well.

MOVED: I. Cheng
SECONDED: V. Woznow

ACCESSIBLE BC ACT

J. Cárdenas presented a report on the new Accessible British Columbia act that requires the library to establish an Accessibility Committee, create an accessibility plan and a tool to receive feedback on our accessibility by September 2023.

MOTION: That library staff collaborate with City of New Westminster staff to establish an accessibility committee, create a 3 year accessibility plan and a feedback mechanism by September 2023 as per the terms of the Accessible BC Act.

MOVED: E. Su
SECONDED: I. Cheng

BOARD CHAIR CHANGE

N. Andrew is stepping down as board chair to attend matters in her personal life. E. Su was appointed the new Board Chair and Iris Cheng was elected to Vice-Chair.

REPORTS - INTERLINK

Iris Cheng noted the InterLink meeting is the following week. She will be able to report back at our next meeting.

REPORTS - BOARD CHAIR

N. Andrew, congratulated library staff for the library's participation in Pride Week. N. Andrews also attended the Summer Reading Club wrap up party and congratulated staff for the 'joyful gathering' in the park. She noted the announcement of the library going fine free was well organized and the children's entertainer was excellent.

E. Su noted that BCLTA is looking for volunteers to be part of two different advisory groups to assist with two special projects. One is about "Inclusion, Accessibility, and Reconciliation: Building board practices of belonging" and the second project is "Recovery and Emergency Planning: Informed, engaged, and accountable governance". For more information please contact J. Cárdenas, S. Shein or E. Su.

REPORTS - CHIEF LIBRARIAN

J. Cárdenas reported that there is an increase in circulation, not quite back from pre-pandemic levels yet.

There has been a cleanup of the outside space of the library. Most notably is the work done by the horticulture department who trimmed and removed some overgrown trees.

We were once again used as a cooling centre on several occasions this past warm summer. The Summer Reading Club was a huge success, so much so that we ran out of medals this year due to supply chain issues. Other libraries with a surplus are sending their extra medals over.

J. Cárdenas and library staff have been attending many indigenous events and connecting with different groups in order to better understand what the libraries roll can be.

The electric car is delayed due to the supply chain issues.

J. Cárdenas was invited to Prince Rupert to speak at the NWLF Conferece.

NEW AGENDA

The new look of the Board Agenda is to allow for a more efficient process during the board meetings. The board approved the new agenda format.

1. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**
October 18, 2022 at 6:00pm

2. **ADJOURNMENT**
ON MOTION, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm



J. Cardenas (Secretary)



E. Su (Chair)