



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

Plaskett Room  
6:00 p.m. Tuesday  
April 19, 2023

**TRUSTEES PRESENT:**

Norah Andrew - Policy Review, InterLINK Representative  
Elaine Su - Co-Chair, Policy, Bursary, Facilities  
Iris Cheng - Co-Chair, Policy, Bursary, Facilities, Eval., Access.  
Vanessa Woznow - Policy Review Committee, Public Art, Facilities, Eval.  
Samita Manhas - Policy Review Committee, Bursary, Eval  
Nadine Nakagawa - City Council Representative

**ABSENT:**

Carol Neuman - Policy Review Committee, InterLINK Alternate, Eval.(on line)  
Jorge Cardenas - Chief Librarian

**STAFF:**

Susan Buss - Deputy Chief Librarian  
Sandy Shein - Note taker  
Chris Koth  
Liz Hunter  
Caitlin MacRae  
Rebekah Adams-Brush  
Liz Hunter

**LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

-I. Cheng

**CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order at 6:08pm

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOVED AND SECONDED**

**CARRIED.**

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

- Approval of Minutes

**CARRIED.**

## **COMMUNITY LIBRARIANS - 2022 REPORT**

C. Koth gave an overview of the community work done to date and L. Hunter, C. MacRae and R. Adams-Brush each shared highlights from their work in the community.

## **PROVINCIAL GRANT - UPDATE**

S. Buss gave an update on the additional one-time funding received from the province and reported on the increase to our annual grant as a result of the 2021 census data.

## **EVALUATION COMMITTEE MEETING**

Iris Cheng reported on the evaluation committee meeting attended by herself, V. Woznow, and S. Manhas. The committee decided to start with looking at how the Library Board wants to hear about the work of the library and the work of the strategic plan.

## **REPORTS - InterLINK**

N. Andrew noted that the final InterLINK budget has passed. N. Andrew also reported that the Executive Director, Michael Burris, is retiring and the InterLINK Board is recruiting for a new ED.

## **REPORTS - BOARD CHAIR**

I. Cheng attended part of the staff training day and BCLA. She noted that NWPL was well represented at the BCLA conference. I. Cheng also noted that on May 11, 2023 there is a BCLTA Governance Workshop if anyone is interested. I. Cheng attended her first Accessibility meeting last month.

## **REPORTS - CHIEF LIBRARIAN**

S. Buss reported that two student librarians from UBC started work on April 8, 2023. There will be a posting for a Co-op student working for the summer, researching archives on reconciliation work. S. Buss noted that the podcasting equipment and the space for recording podcasts are now complete and staff are getting ready to launch this new service.

## **HIGHLIGHTS FROM BCLA**

Board members who attended BCLA noted highlights from the conference.

## **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

May 17, 2023 at 6:00pm

**ADJOURNMENT**

**ON MOTION**, the meeting was adjourned at 7:29 pm

  
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J. Cardenas (Secretary)

  
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I. Cheng (Co-Chair) or E. Su (Co-Chair)