



REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
OF THE
NEW WESTMINSTER PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

Zoom
6:00 p.m. Tuesday
March 15, 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.
Carol Neuman - Policy Review Committee, InterLINK Alternate, Eval.(on line)
Vanessa Woznow - Policy Review Committee, Public Art, Facilities, Eval.
Nadine Nakagawa - City Council Representative

ABSENT:

Samita Manhas - Policy Review Committee, Bursary, Eval.

STAFF:

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

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

-C. Neuman

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 6:15pm

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED AND SECONDED

CARRIED.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Approval of Minutes

CARRIED.

NEW WESTMINSTER'S ACCESIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Legislative Services requires a motion to move forward with a Library Board representative.

MOTION:

That Iris Cheng be appointed as the Library Board Representative to the City of New Westminster's Accessibility Advisory Committee.

MOVED: V. Woznow
SECONDED: C. Neuman

COMMITTEE MEETINGS - SCHEDULE

J. Cardenas noted that we need to set Evaluation meetings for the rest of the year as well as Policy and Bursary meetings. It was decided that March 27, May 4 and June 13 would be the dates for the Evaluation meeting start time to be 5pm. Policy Meeting would be Tuesday, July 4 at 5pm. All will be in the Plaskett Room, S. Shein will send meeting invites. Bursary meeting will be in April before the start of the board meeting.

PROVINCIAL GRANT UPDATE

J. Cardenas reported that the Province is giving all public libraries & InterLINK a onetime grant, the total being 45 million. Clarification of the reporting requirements and usage stipulation is still to be determined. S. Buss will be working on Finance regarding this.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY - UPDATE

J. Cardenas realized the huge investment it is to close the library for a day, but to have an opportunity to have staff connect in way that isn't possible during opening hours. No negative feedback from the community regarding closed day.

ADVOCACY PLAN

J. Cardenas presented the Board with a draft advocacy plan.

MOTION:

That the Board approves the Board Advocacy Plan

MOVED: V. Woznow

SECONDED: C. Neuman

REPORTS - InterLINK

Report to be given at next meeting

REPORTS - BOARD CHAIR

Iris Cheng reported that she attended the all staff training day. Reported on the board delegate that attended the council meeting, ensuring the Library stays in Councilors minds. I. Cheng will be attending the BCLA Conference.

REPORTS - CHIEF LIBRARIAN

J. Cárdenas noted that the budget has yet to be approved. J. Cardenas met with the Minister of Education, Jennifer Whiteside to discuss funding, interested in unhoused and toxic drugs relate to the Library.

J. Cárdenas mentioned the job fair program we had at the library, specifically looking to meet the needs of the disabled. CNW had a table at the hiring fair

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

April 19, 2023 at 6:00pm

ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, the meeting was adjourned at 7:32 pm



J. Cárdenas (Secretary)



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

S. Buss
Acting Chief
L. Granian