



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

Plaskett Room  
6:00 p.m. Tuesday  
May 17, 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 (virtually)  
Vanessa Woznow - Policy Review Committee, Public Art, Facilities, Eval.  
Samita Manhas - Policy Review Committee, Bursary, Eval  
Carol Neuman - Policy Review Committee, InterLINK Alternate, Eval  
Nadine Nakagawa - City Council Representative

**ABSENT:**

**STAFF:**

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

**LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

- S. Buss

**CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order at 6:08pm

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA  
MOVED AND SECONDED**

**CARRIED.**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- Approval of Minutes

**CARRIED.**

**MOTION to MOVE to CLOSED**

**APPROVED: V. Woznow  
SECONDED: C. Neuman**

**DECOLONIZATION ROADMAP**

J. Cárdenas report that C.Koth, I. Dos Santos and R. Adams-Brush have created a guide, outlining a way for the work to happen. Chief Librarian and C. Koth will be the lead on this project, starting with an audit of the libraries historical documents, staff were chosen by their capacity and experience. There is no budget for this work but there is some strategic planning money that may be able to be used. At this point we are unclear of what the cost will be for this work.

**REPORTS - InterLINK**

N. Andrew reported that Michael Burris has retired and that InterLINK has hired a Staff Development Coordinator on contract. Norah also provided the artist Rain Pierre projects located around the lower mainland. S. Shein will scan and send to board members.

**REPORTS - BOARD CHAIR**

S. Manhas and I. Cheng nominated E. Su for Trustee award that will be presented on May 29, 2023. I.Cheng attended the Beyond Home conference in Prince George where J. Cárdenas was the key note speaker.

**REPORTS - CHIEF LIBRARIAN**

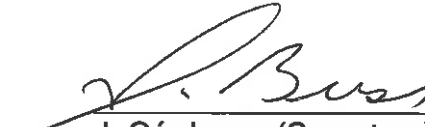
S. Buss updated the board on the Co-op student opportunity, planning to recruit in September. A new welcome brochure to the library, developed by a staff working group is now completed, and the initial translations were done in those languages most in need and used by service providers in New Westminster, including organizations working directly with newcomers. The top 6 languages most in need are: Chinese, Farsi, Spanish, Ukrainian, Arabic and Tigrinya. S. Buss also noted she would be on vacation next week, returning June 13<sup>th</sup>.

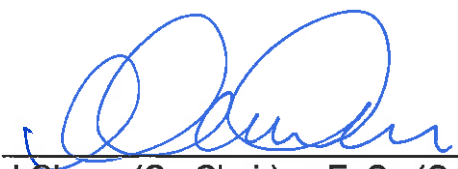
**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

June 21, 2023 at 6:00pm

**ADJOURNMENT**

**ON MOTION**, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm

  
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J. Cardenas (Secretary)  
S Buss

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