

Minutes of the Powell River Public Library Board meeting held in the Rotary Makerspace in the Library at 3:48 pm.

**Trustees Present:**     **R. Wiebe, Chair**  
                                  **C. Brander**  
                                  **W. Cocksedge**  
                                  **M. Gisborne, Regional District Alternate**  
                                  **L. Rosen**  
                                  **R. Southcott**  
                                  **P. Treavor**

**Trustees Absent:**     **A. Hunter**  
                                  **C. Smith, Vice Chair**  
                                  **S. Smith**

**Also Present:**         **R. Burbank, Chief Librarian**

1. **Adoption of Agenda:** Moved and seconded that the agenda for the September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 meeting be adopted with one addition: Trustee Orientation Program under New Business.

**CARRIED**

2. **Consent Agenda**     Moved and seconded that the Board adopt the consent agenda.

**CARRIED**

- a) **Board Meeting Minutes September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019**
- b) **Financial Reports**
- c) **Performance Measures**
- d) **Events and Programs**
- e) **Correspondence - NONE**

3. **Reports**

- a) **Chief Librarian's Report – R. Burbank**

Facilities update including the status of the façade, HVAC and leak projects. October has been proclaimed Library Month by the City of Powell River, information about various library initiatives will be promoted on social media and in Powell River Living.

- a) **Fundraising Status - NONE**

**4. New Business**

**a) Digital collections – Access to eContent limited by publishers**

Big publishers are making it harder for public libraries to achieve the goal of free and equitable access to information—no matter the format. EBooks cost more for libraries than for the general public and libraries are now facing an embargo imposed by Macmillan. This impacts vulnerable people in our communities who rely on devices that can increase font size, spacing and which are lighter than print books.

**b) Board Reappointments**

Brief discussion around changing the time of the Board Meeting, this would make it possible for one trustee to commit to reappointment. Chief Librarian to confirm that changing the meeting time from 3:45 to 3:00 will work for all current trustees. Reappointment to be brought to the November meeting.

**c) Trustee Orientation Program**

Proposed onsite training for all trustees. BC Library Trustee Association will provide training sessions on site for a group of at least eight. This training would be a huge support to the Board before strategic planning and represent a significant savings per participant as compared to sending trustees to the lower mainland. Chief Librarian to coordinate the session.

**5. Old Business – NONE**

**6. Questions from the Public - NONE**

**Meeting Adjourned 4:30 pm**

**Date of Next Regular Meeting: Monday, November 4th 2019 at 3:00**

**Prepared by: Rebecca Burbank, Chief Librarian**