

Minutes of the Powell River Public Library Board meeting held remotely 3:02 pm.

Trustees Present:

R. Wiebe, Chair
C. Brander
W. Cocksedge
A. Hunter
L. Rosen
C. Smith, Vice Chair
S. Smith
R. Southcott
P. Treavor

Trustees Absent: NONE

Also Present: R. Burbank, Chief Librarian

- 1. Adoption of Agenda:** Moved and seconded that the agenda for the October 19th, 2020 meeting be adopted.

CARRIED

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

CARRIED

- a) Board Meeting Minutes September 14th, 2020**
- b) Financial Reports**
- c) Performance Measures**
- d) Events and Programs**

- 3. Correspondence**

- a) Email- Library Hours from Bill Sirota dated October 15, 2020.

For information: this email outlined frustration about the lack of service hours on weekends.

This barrier to services is being worked on by staff. The main issue is lack of janitorial service on Saturday and Sunday. WorkSafe BC and the BC Centre for Disease Control require enhanced cleaning protocols for public spaces.

- 4. Reports**

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

Circulation is coming up still, September was above 70 percent of the previous year. Foot traffic

remains low. Bubble Storytime is appreciated by service providers to families and those who work with young children as there is not much programming currently available in the community.

5. New Business

a) Budget 2021

Budgeting for seven days with normal hours and staffing for the ability to transition to in-person programming easily. Janitorial budget will increase for 2021, amount unclear.

b) Library Reporting to Tla'amin Nation

Discussion around the benefits of reporting to the Tla'amin legislature on library activities and services.

c) Trustee recruitment

City has not posted, waiting for City Council discussion of Library Board composition. Qathet Regional District has posted the opening and not received any applicants.

6. Old Business

a) Restoration of library services

Chief Librarian provided details on in-person programming, capacity and seating. Public requests for invigilation, study space and space to use personal devices.

Meeting Adjourned

3:43 pm

Date of Next Regular Meeting: Monday, Nov. 9th, 2020 at 3:00 pm.

Prepared by: Rebecca Burbank, Chief Librarian