

Minutes of the Powell River Public Library Board meeting held remotely via MS Teams at 3:01 pm.

Trustees Present:

C. Brander
J. Jenkins
C. Smith, Chair
S. Smith
R. Southcott
P. Treavor
R. Wiebe
A. Zaikow

Trustees Absent: **A. Hunter**

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

- 1. Adoption of Agenda:** Moved and seconded that the agenda for the September 13th, 2021 meeting be adopted.

CARRIED

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

CARRIED

- a) Minutes of the Board Meeting, July 12th, 2021**
- b) Financial Reports**
- c) Performance Measures**
- d) Events and Programs**

Discussion of the marked increase in our recorded catalogue sessions. Staff have been investigating, this increase has not been explained by our provider.

3. Correspondence

- a) Letter from Hegus John Hackett, Tla'amin Nation, dated September 9, 2021. Requesting support on the topic of name change for the City of Powell River.

Discussion of the role of the Library in relation to the intergovernmental process of navigating a potential name change of the City of Powell River. The Board heard from Trustee Southcott about the process to date. Of particular interest is the requirement from the Minister of Municipal Affairs for public engagement.

There is staff support for focusing the Library's efforts on continued collaborative programming with staff from the Tla'amin Nation as well as finding ways to support community engagement and learning during this process.

4. Reports

a) Chief Librarian's Report – R. Burbank

After months of restoration following the flood on March 29th, the Library opened the doors on July 20, 2021. Provincial requirements for disease prevention changed significantly in the closed months. The Library reopened with significantly more seating and fewer constraints on patrons.

Staff are finalizing the Writer in Residence plan for 2022. Have continued virtual programs and expanded outdoor offerings.

b) Snapshot of library services - R. Burbank

Study tables, lounge seating and ten public computers became available with the reopening in July. Indoor one-on-one technology support is returning as well with both library staff and Lift staff. Outdoor events and programs are restricted by size. Face covering are required again as of September 2.

5. New Business - NONE

6. Old Business - NONE

7. Questions from the Public - NONE

8. Motion to go In Camera: Moved by Trustee R. Southcott, seconded by Trustee S. Smith that following adjournment of this regular meeting, the Board move in camera and that the meeting is closed to the public on the grounds that the subject matter to be considered relates to matters covered by the *Community Charter* under Section 90(1)(c) labour relations or other employee relations.

Meeting Adjourned

3:35 pm

Date of Next Regular Meeting: Monday, October 18th, 2021 at 3:00 pm.

Prepared by: Rebecca Burbank, Chief Librarian