

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

Trustees Present:

C. Brander
A. Hunter (arrived 3:12)
J. Jenkins
S. Smith
R. Southcott
P. Treavor
R. Wiebe, Chair
A. Zaikow

Trustees Absent: **C. Smith**

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

1. **Adoption of Agenda:** Moved and seconded that the agenda for the September 13th, 2021 meeting be adopted with one addition: Old Business b) Library Response to September 8, 2021 correspondence from Hegus John Hackett, Tla'amin Nation.

CARRIED

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

CARRIED

- a) **Minutes of the Board Meeting, September 13th, 2021**
- b) **Financial Reports**
- c) **Performance Measures**
- d) **Events and Programs**

3. **Correspondence - NONE**

4. **Reports**

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

Indoor programming has returned to the Library, launching with a few small gatherings of book clubs and the Memoir Writers and expanding to a larger program. Local RCMP member Paula Perry lead an exploration of forensics with, this was popular with the library's true crime fans. Library staff will continue with a mix of in-person and virtual events and programs.

Foot traffic continue to be down despite circulation returning to about 85% of pre-pandemic levels. This is likely due to the lack of seating, café and in-person programming.

No new information regarding the flood damage and carpet replacement.

5. New Business

- a) Transfer of funds from general reserve to operating fund for legal services.

Moved and seconded that staff be directed to transfer \$25,000 from the general reserve to the operating fund for legal services. Unspent funds shall return to the general reserve at the end of 2021.

CARRIED

6. Old Business

- a) Room Rental Policy (R. Burbank, Chief Librarian)

Moved and seconded that the Board approve the Room Rental Policy as presented.

Revisions to the policy were guided by previous discussions of the Board and the Policy Committee meeting September 28, 2021. The revised policy includes clarification around prohibited activities and assessment of applications made by the public to book rooms in the Library.

CARRIED

- b) Written response to Hegus John Hackett, Tla'amin Nation, dated September 9, 2021. Requesting support on the topic of name change for the City of Powell River.

Moved and Seconded that staff send the letter presented to both Mayor and Council of the City of Powell River as well as the qathet Board of Directors.

CARRIED

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

3:26 pm

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

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