

Minutes of the Powell River Public Library Board meeting held in the second floor committee room, City Hall, 6910 Duncan St. at 3:31 pm.

Trustees Present:

C. Brander
C. Smith, Chair
S. Smith
R. Southcott
A. Zaikow

Trustees Absent:

A. Hunter
J. Jenkins
P. Treavor
R. Wiebe

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

Territorial acknowledgement offered by the Chair.

1. **Adoption of Agenda:** Moved and seconded that the agenda for the June 15, 2022 meeting be adopted with one addition. That recommendation to the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services be added as a new agenda item and called 5 b).

CARRIED

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

CARRIED

- a) **Board Meeting Minutes May 9, 2022**
- b) **Board Meeting Minutes May 25, 2022**
- c) **Financial Reports ending May 31, 2022**
- d) **Performance Measures, May 2022**
- e) **Events and Programs, May 2022**

3. **Correspondence - NONE**

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4. **Reports**

- a) **Chief Librarian's Report – Rebecca Burbank**

Presented written report regarding circulation trends since January 2019, through the pandemic related closure and the flood. Update on staff training sessions on violence prevention as well as training providing awareness of colonial impacts and Indigenous contexts.

5. **New Business**

- a) COVID Relief and Emergency Preparedness Grant from Province

The Powell River Public Library received \$42,407.84 in Provincial one-time funding to be used to support COVID-19 relief and recovery and emergency planning. The Chief Librarian will bring a budget to the Board in July for approval. Interim report on planned spending due August 15, 2022.

- b) Recommendation to the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services 4:06

Moved and seconded that the Chief Librarian work with the Chair to submit a recommendation to the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services regarding the need for increased and ongoing provincial funding for public libraries.

CARRIED

Advocacy work by the Library Partners has provided key points in the request for \$23 million in 2023—a rise from \$14 million. Provincial funding has remained stagnant since 2009 despite increased costs, population and demand for services. This recommendation matched the UBCM resolutions put forward in the same effort by local governments.

6. Old Business

- a) Letter to Hegus John Hackett, Tla'amin Nation addressing request for name change of the library – Chloe Smith

Moved and Seconded that the letter be approved and sent to Hegus John Hackett.

Letter from Hegus John Hackett, re: Support for Library Name Change, dated April 8, 2022 was received May 9, 2022. The letter included a request for a public statement from the Library Board regarding its intention for a name change. At its May 9 meeting, the Board directed an ad hoc committee to draft a response. Their response included the naming limits

CARRIED

7. Questions from the Public - NONE

Meeting Adjourned 4:10 pm

Date of Next Regular Meeting: Monday, July 11th, 2022 at 3:00 pm.

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