

Powell River Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting

January 16th, 2023, 4:00 pm

First Credit Union Community Room, Powell River Public Library

AGENDA

- 1. Election of the Chair**
- 2. Adoption of Agenda** 4:00
- 3. Consent Agenda** 4:05
 - a) Board Meeting Minutes, November 14, 2022
 - b) Income statement and cash flow statement to December 31, 2022
 - c) Performance Measures, December 2022
 - d) Events and Programs, November and December 2022

4. Correspondence - NONE

5. Reports 4:10

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

Reporting on November and December 2022 activities, projects and news.

6. New Business

- a) Election of the Vice Chair
- b) Committee Appointments

For discussion and appointment by the Chair.

- c) Local government support for provincial funding – R. Burbank

Through the Association of Vancouver Island Coastal Communities Convention (AVICC), local governments are able to communicate important issues, including underfunding of public libraries, to the Province.

Chief Librarian's recommendation: request that the City of Powell River and the qathet Regional District endorse the following resolution and submit it to AVICC.

Restoring Provincial Support for Public Libraries

WHEREAS libraries in British Columbia are largely financed by levies paid by local governments, and where provincial library funding has remained stagnant for the past 10 years;

AND WHEREAS public libraries are central to communities, providing equitable access to vital resources including Internet, computers, digital tools and in-person services from expert staff;

AND WHEREAS public libraries provide British Columbians with low-barrier services that support job seekers and small businesses, that increase literacy in communities, that advance reconciliation with Indigenous peoples, and that promote equity and inclusion;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the [City of Powell River OR qathet Regional District] urge the Government of British Columbia to provide long-term sustainable funding for public libraries in BC:

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Province ensure that BC Libraries will henceforth receive regular increases to Provincial Government funding in subsequent years.

7. Old Business - NONE

8. **Motion to go In Camera:** Moved by Trustee _____, seconded by Trustee _____ 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.

9. **Questions from the Public** (five minutes)

Next Regular Meeting: Monday, February 13, 2023 at 4:00 pm