

Minutes of the Powell River Public Library Board meeting held in the First Credit Union Community Room, Public Library, 100-6975 Alberni St. at 4:00 pm.

Trustees Present:

Clay Brander
Lauren Diemer
Trina Isakson, alternate City of Powell River
Amanda Price (arrived 4:13)
Selina Smith
Paddy Treavor
Rod Wiebe, Chair
Amanda Zaikow, Vice Chair

Trustees Absent:

Earl Almeida
Myta Blacklaws

Also Present:

R. Burbank, Chief Librarian
Natalie Porter, Assistant Chief Librarian

Territorial acknowledgement offered by the Chair.

- 1. Adoption of Agenda:** Moved and seconded that the agenda for the April 17, 2023 meeting be adopted with one addition. That the following item be added to New Business:

- **PressReader – Natalie Porter**

CARRIED

4:02

- 2. Consent Agenda:** Moved and seconded that the Board adopt the consent agenda. **4:12**
CARRIED

Board Meeting Minutes, March 13, 2023

- a) Income statement and cash flow statement to March 30, 2023
- b) Performance Measures, March 2023
- c) Events and Programs, March 2023

- 3. Correspondence**

a) Public Library Grants Award Letter, from Mari Martin, Director, Public Libraries Branch. Dated March 31, 2023.

Per the letter, Powell River Public Library has received the annual grant amount of \$81,121 plus an enhancement grant of \$133,150.

4. Reports

a) Chief Librarian's Report – Rebecca Burbank

Written report presented for information on March activities, projects and news. Friends of the Library book sale and membership update, completion of the carpet renovation project and a new qathet ART in the Library show by Karensa Haynes on display. Verbal report on recent April advocacy work. Participation in the Association of Vancouver Island Coastal Communities Convention which included a talk (*Fully Booked. Why Our Libraries are Booming*) and a table in the trade show. Partners included Greater Victoria Public Library and Vancouver Island Regional Library.

5. New Business

a) PressReader – Natalie Porter

Moved and seconded that the Board approve up to \$8,400 CAD for PressReader subscription in 2023 from the COVID-19 Relief & Recovery, Emergency Planning & Preparedness Funding or general reserve.

CARRIED

4:18

Discussion around the broad use of this platform.

b) Introductory meeting with Tla'amin Executive Council – Rebecca Burbank

Moved and seconded that the Chair work with staff to send a letter expressing interest in setting up a meeting between Executive Council of the Tla'amin Nation and the Library Board of Trustees about the Comprehensive Nation Plan.

CARRIED

4:33

Discussion around the benefits of developing the relationship at all levels of the organization.

c) Joint Accessibility and Inclusion Advisory committee

Moved and seconded to approve the joint funding agreement with the City of Powell River and the qathet Regional District for the Joint Accessibility and Inclusion Advisory Committee.

CARRIED

4:40

Discussion around budget.

d) Freedom of Information and the Protection of Privacy Act – Rebecca Burbank

Moved and Seconded that up to \$15,000 from the COVID-19 Relief & Recovery, Emergency Planning & Preparedness Funding or general reserve be approved to engage a consultant to review current procedures and develop a plan for the library.

CARRIED

4:52

Written report presented for information.

6. Old Business - NONE

7. Questions from the Public – NONE

Meeting Adjourned

4:53 pm

Date of Next Regular Meeting: Monday, May 8th, 2023 at 4:00 pm.

Prepared by: Rebecca Burbank, Chief Librarian