

Surrey Public Library Board Regular Meeting
May 25, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.
Semiahmoo Branch



Present: Trustees Cuenca, Dhesa, Gillies, Gurm, Hearty, Maze, Powell, Saran, Sohal, Werring
Regrets: Councillor Kooner, Trustees Herrmann (Chair), Smith
Staff: Surinder Bhogal, Chief Librarian
Seline, Director, Communications and Advancement
Nav Gill, Administrative Coordinator
Guests: Sara Grant, Manager Semiahmoo and Ocean Park Branch
Amar Bains, Public Services Supervisor, Semiahmoo Branch
Jasper Wong, CUPE 402-02

M I N U T E S

1. CALL TO ORDER & LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The May 25, 2023 Regular Meeting of the Surrey Public Library Board was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Trustee Gurm began the meeting with a land acknowledgment and expressed appreciation working on the traditional territories of the Semiahmoo, Katzie, Kwikwetlem, Kwantlen, Qayqayt, Musqueam and Tsawwassen First Nations.

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: "That the Board adopts the agenda for its regular meeting scheduled for May 25, 2023."

Trustee Maze moved and Trustee Werring seconded –

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Minutes of April 6, 2023, Regular Meeting of the Surrey Public Library Board
- b) Financial Statement for the period ending April 30, 2023
- c) Thank you letter to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs for 2023 Library Grants

MOTION: "That the documents, reports and items be received."

Trustee Gillies moved and Trustee Hearty seconded –

CARRIED

4. NEW BUSINESS/DISCUSSION

- a) Policy Review 1.2 Library Board Meetings

MOTION: "To approve proposed revisions to policy 1.2 Library Board meeting."

Trustee Maze moved and Trustee Sohal seconded –

CARRIED

b) Committee Terms of Reference

MOTION: “To approve proposed revisions to all except the Governance and Nominations Committees Terms of Reference, and for the Governance Committee to bring suggested revisions for next meeting.”

Trustee Dhesa moved and Trustee Hearty seconded –

CARRIED

5. INFORMATION ITEMS

a) **Reports**

i. Value of your Library Card

b) **Verbal Updates**

i. Committees:

Executive: Trustee Gillies provided an update on the June 1 meeting with strategic planning consultants, and reminded trustees about the June 17 board planning session.

Planning & Advocacy: Trustee Powell welcomed Trustee Sohal to the Planning & Advocacy Committee.

ii. BCLTA: Trustee Maze reported BCLTA AGM is on May 29.

iii. InterLINK: Trustee Maze reported InterLINK has appointed a new Executive Director.

iv. Chief Librarian reported:

1. City 2023 budget was approved in April. Library is currently operating on a status quo budget, and allocations of new funding requests are pending.

2. Planning for 2024 budget has begun. Staff will bring forward budget for board approval in September. City usually approves in December.

3. Surrey Libraries received a one-time enhancement grant from the Province to be used over 3 years. Second round of enhancement funding expected in August.

4. Skookum Lab will be hosting a special library strategic planning consultation session for the Indigenous community on June 1.

5. Director of Collections & Technology is currently on leave, and the position is temporarily being filled by Niki Penz.

6. NEXT LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

July 27, 6pm, Clayton Branch

7. MOTION TO ADJOURN

The Surrey Public Library Regular Board Meeting of May 25, 2023 was adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Trustee Maze moved and Trustee Werring seconded

CARRIED