

Surrey Public Library Board Regular Meeting
January 26, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.
City Centre Branch, Room 405



Present: Trustees Cuenca, Dhesa, Gillies, Gurm, Hearty, Herrmann (Chair), Maze, Powell, Saran, Smith, Werring, and Councillor Kooner
Regrets: Trustee Mann
Staff: Surinder Bhogal, Chief Librarian
Michael Ho, Director, Administrative Services
Kristen Andrews, Director of Public Services
Seline Kutan, Director, Communications and Advancement
Nav Gill, Administrative Coordinator

M I N U T E S

1. CALL TO ORDER

The January 26, 2023 Regular Meeting of the Surrey Public Library Board was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Trustee Herrmann 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 for January 26, 2023."

Trustee Maze moved and Trustee Saran seconded –

CARRIED

3. ROUNDTABLE INTRODUCTIONS

4. INAUGURAL MEETING BUSINESS

- a) Elections
 - Chair: Trustee Marilyn Herrmann, declared elected by acclamation
 - Vice Chair: Trustee Gurm elected with a 6-5 vote and 1 abstention, against Trustee Saran.
- b) Trustee Maze to continue as the InterLINK Board representative, with Trustee Dhesa as the alternative.
- c) Trustees volunteered for various standing committees. Trustee Herrmann thanked trustees for their interest, and will reach out via email to appoint committee chairs and finalize membership.

5. STAFF PRESENTATION

- a) Strategic Plan Overview & Refresh (Surinder Bhogal)
Chief Librarian provided an overview of the strategic plan, in its final year of 5-year strategy, and outlined steps to update the plan. Light Trail Consulting have been engaged to facilitate the

process, which will begin with 1:1 meetings with trustees/senior staff prior to a kick-off session in late February or early March. By a show of hands, trustees indicated preference for the March 4 date for the kick-off session.

6. ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

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

Trustee Smith moved and Trustee Gillies seconded –

CARRIED

Documents & Reports:

- a) Minutes of December 8, 2022, Regular Meeting of the Surrey Public Library Board
- b) Financial Statement for the period ending November 30, 2022

7. NEW BUSINESS/DISCUSSION

- a) 2023 DRAFT Board Objectives for discussion
Trustee Herman requested feedback at meeting and via email to be incorporated for final plan approval at February meeting.

- b) 2023 DRAFT Operational Workplan for approval

MOTION: “To adopt the 2023 Draft Operational Workplan.”

Trustee Maze moved and Trustee Gurm seconded –

CARRIED

8. INFORMATION ITEMS

a) **Reports**

- i. 2023 Board Meetings Calendar
- ii. InterLINK 2023 Budget
- iii. 2022 Strategic Plan and Operational Achievements
- iv. 2022 Operational Workplan/Key Strategic Initiatives Final update
- v. Voice of the Customer Report: June-December 2022

b) **Verbal Updates**

- i. Executive Committee: Trustee Herrmann thanked Trustees Gurm, Powell and Saran for supporting the successful visit with Minister of Municipal Affairs, Honourable MLA Anne Kang. The visit was an opportunity to showcase our work and for the Board to advocate for increased provincial funding to libraires.
- ii. InterLINK: Trustee Maze reported on the InterLINK budget and ED recruitment.
- iii. Chief Librarian thanked trustees and staff for supporting Minister Anne Kang’s visit; City budget public engagement underway and library is currently operating on a status quo until 2023 budget approved; Staff received a City of Surrey Employee Excellence Award for Collaboration, presented to our Dash Robotics Kits Team.

9. NEXT LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

February 23, 6pm, Guildford branch

10. MOTION FOR IN-CAMERA MEETING

MOTION: “The Board proposes a motion to move in camera, specifically to review matters related to section c) the Chief Librarian’s performance review, as outlined in Board Policy 1.2 Library Board Meetings.”

Trustee Powell moved and Trustee Maze seconded –

CARRIED

11. MOTION TO ADJOURN

The Surrey Public Library Regular Board Meeting of January 26, 2023 was adjourned at 7:19 pm.

Trustee Hearty moved and Trustee Werring seconded -

CARRIED