

# SECHELT PUBLIC LIBRARY ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**June 26, 2021**

Via Zoom Teleconferencing due to COVID-19 restrictions

*Our library is a vital part of the community and a welcoming gateway to ideas, knowledge and information for life-long learning and enjoyment.*

**Present:** Pat Harvey, Beverly Shimazaki, Jack Young, Ruth Moore, Garry Nohr, Rhian Piprell, Leonard Lee (SCRD Rep), Brenda Rowe (DoS Rep), Leianne Emery (Director).

**Regrets:** Ann Hopkins

**Guest:** Bernadette Richards, recorder.

**1. Call to order:**

Pat Harvey, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Pat acknowledged that we are meeting on the unceded ancestral and traditional lands of the shíshálh Nation and thanked them for their generosity. She extended her sympathies to all the Nations as they grieve the lives of all the young who died at residential schools.

**2. Approval of the Agenda**

**Ruth Moore/Beverly Shimazaki: That the agenda be adopted. CARRIED**

**3. Business arising: None**

**4. Library Director's Report: June 2021**

In addition to the extensive written Directors Report, Leianne highlighted the caring way the staff is working to support a colleague who is going through cancer treatment. It has highlighted the need for all staff to be cross-trained to be able to feel comfortable in multiple roles.

She also discussed the many free services library staff provide to the community – it is amazing the number of nonbook-related tasks our librarians do. For example, every day, staff even act as tourist information guides for visitors to the Sunshine Coast.

The stagnant provincial funding puts more onus on SCRD and DoS. Public libraries across the province are banding together to pressure the government to provide more funding.

It was great to see an update by Ann at the Archives.

The Botanical Garden story walk is a great way of highlighting the library. Leianne was thanked for another great monthly report of all the staff are doing.

**Ruth Moore/Rhian Piprell: Move to accept the Director's report. CARRIED**

**5. New Business:**

**6. Committee Reports:**

Policy committee: Rhian Piprell has agreed to chair this committee. Beverly Shimazaki, former chair, and Rhian met—in person—to transfer information not readily available except in the Policy Committee files Beverly had been overseeing.

**7. Liaison Reports:**

Garry Nohr will be meeting with the Chief soon. He was encouraged to extend an invitation to have a representative come to board meetings.

**Friends of the Library:** Ruth Moore brought good news that the first post-COVID book faire is slated for July 2-4; however, no donations of books will be accepted yet. Masks will be enforced, and a limited number of people will be allowed in at once. Book faires are scheduled once every two weeks. While our locker space costs the FOL close to \$8,000/year, \$91,000 from book faires since 2012 has been spent for additional resources for the library. An antiquarian book dealer may be consulted if a donated item is thought to be particularly valuable. There is a list on the library website which shows how the book faire money has been spent over the past few years.

**8. Business**

**8.1 Approval of May 29, 2021, Minutes**

The word CARRIED, on Item 10, needs a final D. Obviously, it got carried away!

**Beverly Shimazaki/Ruth Moore: That the minutes of May 29, 2021, be approved as amended.**  
**CARRIED**

**8.2 Sunshine Coast Regional District (SCRD) Report: Leonard Lee**

Leonard remarked on Leianne's thorough report and will send it to his colleagues.

The SCRD directors are preparing for the UBCM meetings. We are hoping to amend the BC recycling regulations so private operators can take loads of residential recycling to depots for free. Only individual residents can make free drops at this time.

SCRD wants to see changes made to regulations for safe disposal of drywall contaminated with asbestos locally versus the expense of shipping it off Coast.

Abandoned boats—SCRD is making progress on this, but we'd like to see regional authorities have more regulatory power, such as becoming port authorities so as to oversee derelict boats.

The SCRD is asking the provincial government to sell the cutblock on DL1313 at a nominal cost so that it can be turned into a park reserve.

SCRD is asking the province to amend the Foundation Agreement so it can be an equal partner at the table regarding land planning processes of Coast crown land.

SCRD has agreed with Telus' plans to add more cell service in the northern areas; there has been some controversy and pushback on a cell tower to be located near the entrance to the Iris Griffith site.

Sprinklers need to be replaced at the Sechelt Aquatic Centre, and the contract expense keeps rising. A \$154,000 fire alarm is being put in shortly, which will allow the pool to remain open over the summer.

The Coopers Green replacement hall is proceeding; despite some controversy, the design process and project budget are now going ahead.

### **8.3 District of Sechelt (DoS) Report: Brenda Rowe**

DoS has cancelled its Canada Day celebrations this year, in consultation with the First Nations, Farmers Market, etc., and that feels right.

Work has almost wrapped up on Trail Avenue. The new runway at the airport is almost complete too.

The Sunshine Coast Poverty Reduction Strategy that Betty Baxter and Pat Feindel have been leading is wrapping up and is available on the Community Resource Centre website page. The final report has not come to DoS Council yet. The well-written and fulsome report will allow DoS to apply for provincial government grants to tackle this issue.

The Journeying together in Partnership proposal, for the redesign of the library block, is attached to the June 16 agenda on the DoS website.

Over 840 people per day, 4 days a week, are getting vaccinated against COVID. Over 3,000 people had jabs this past week.

### **8.4 Treasurer's Report**

Beverly Shimazaki walked board members through the May 2021 Financial Statement.

We are very grateful for our local government funding, and for it coming in when promised. Revenue YTD is 59% received and 35% spent and we are not even half-way through the year.

Library revenue--Line 22, printing, copying, fax--for May brought in \$1,127, which speaks to the number of people who have gone digital but who still need this service.

**Beverly Shimazaki/Ruth Moore: To accept the May Financial Statements as reported.**

**CARRIED**

## **9. Action Items:**

--Please take advantage of online workshops over the summer.

--We are adjourned for July, and we shall return back at the end of August.

## **10. Adjournment:**

**Pat Harvey: Move to adjourn.**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

**Next Meeting:** Saturday, August 28, 2021, 9:00 a.m.