

# SECHELT PUBLIC LIBRARY ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 29, 2022

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, Jack Young, Gary Nohr, Ann Hopkins, Rhian Piprell, Ruth Moore, Leianne Emery (Director) Darnelda Siegers (DOS), Lori Pratt (SCRD)

**Guests:** Janet Ziebart, Paula Selmayr, recorder

**1. Call to order:** Pat Harvey, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. We acknowledge that we are meeting on the unceded ancestral and traditional lands of the shishàlh Nation and thank them for their generosity.

**2. Approval of the Agenda:**

Motion to approve agenda with the addition of item concerning Interlink services

**Gary Nohr/Rhian Piprell**

**CARRIED**

**3. Business Arising from December 4, 2021 Minutes:**

None

**4. Library Director's Report (January 2022)**

In answer to questions, Leianne Emery elaborated on the following:

- Healthcare Auxiliary Grant, would possibly be for the Chair Yoga Program
- SIGD payment not yet received but they have been contacted
- Provincial Restrictions, Darnelda Siegers offered to assist in contacting Provincial health
- AGM preparations

Leianne Emery drew attention to the following points in the Directors' Report:

- Sea to Sky Library Champions Project (New to BC)
- Print Braille display
- CUPE Union Job Reclassification meeting to held February 8 and 9
- Comments from patrons and tribute to past volunteer
- Drawings by Hiroshi Shimazaki
- Library Fines

Discussion ensued on making the present temporary practice of suspending fines for overdue Sechelt Library books to a permanent policy.

**MOTION: To approve a permanent practice of not charging fines for overdue Sechelt Library items (with exceptions).**

**Anne Hopkins/Rhian Piprell**

**CARRIED**

**5. New Business:**

5.1 New Year's gifts are still awaiting pickup by Board Members

**6. Committee Reports:** none

**7. Liaison Reports:**

**Friends of the Library:** Ruth Moore reported that the Friends of the Library cancelled the January book sale.

**Interlink, Rhian Piprell:** meetings are being delivered by Zoom. Interlink will be offering an Indigenous Acknowledgement training in the near future. Sechelt Library is a net lender in 2021.

## **Business**

### **8.1 Approval of December 4, 2021 Minutes**

**Ann Hopkins/Ruth Moore**

**CARRIED**

### **8.2 District of Sechelt (Dos) Report: Darnelda Siegers**

- VCH is indicating that we are moving from dealing with a pandemic response to COVID-19 to an endemic response. It is anticipated that there will be a relaxation of restrictions starting around Family Day in BC
- Wharf Avenue – received permit from MOTI so construction of the sidewalk between Dolphin and Cowrie will start shortly with a goal to be complete before tourist season
- Working with Capilano University on an in-person Early Childhood Education program for a September 2022 intake here on the Sunshine Coast to address the lack of need for trained ECE workers in existing and upcoming new facilities
- DoS is taking the lead, on behalf of the local governments, on a grant application for funding to implement the recommendations in the Poverty Reduction Action Plan
- Short Term Rental draft bylaw should be coming before Council shortly and will then go out to the community for feedback and input
- Public Works/Parks Operations Centre will start construction this spring
- Permanent Snickett Park washroom tender closed and we aim to have it installed this spring
- Hackett Park stage sod-turning is scheduled for February 4<sup>th</sup>
- Business Improvement Bylaw (BIA) has been approved for the Sechelt Downtown Business Association for a 5-year term
- First census numbers will be coming out February 9<sup>th</sup>. Gibsons will be watching closely as, if their population is over 5,000, they will need to start paying for RCMP service

### **8.3 Sunshine Coast Regional District Report: Lori Pratt**

- Budget session, just finished round 2 with final adoption the end of February. All the presentations and meetings can be found on the SCRD website. ZOOM has allowed more people to join our live meetings with recorded sessions available online
- Church Road well borrowing bylaw was passed on Jan. 27, 2022. The Church road well will help significantly reduce the water deficit during the summer months. Will hopefully be in service for this summer.
- Resolutions being brought forward to the Association of Vancouver Island & Coastal Communities (AVICC) AGM include two from the SCRD. One on stormwater management and another on short term rentals. AVICC provides an opportunity to advocate as a collective voice on issues affecting our region. The motions can be found on the SCRD website.
- Property assessments values are up from the prior year

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

**Gary Nohr/Ann Hopkins: To accept the November and December 2021 Financial Statements as presented.**

**CARRIED**

**9. Action Items:** none

### **10. Adjournment:**

**Ann Hopkins/Rhian Piprell: Move to adjourn**  
The meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

**CARRIED**