

SECHELT PUBLIC LIBRARY ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 26, 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, Beverly Shimazaki, Rhian Piprell, Ruth Moore, Leianne Emery (Director) Leonard Lee (SCRD) Janice Kuester (DOS)

Guests: Dixie Meagher, 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

Ann Hopkins/Beverly Shimazaki

CARRIED

3. Business Arising from January 29, 2022 Minutes:

None

4. Library Director's Report (February 2022)

Much appreciation and thanks were given to Leianne Emery by the Board for her very informative and detailed monthly reports.

Leianne Emery added that a new Minister of Municipal Affairs had been appointed, Nathan Cullen of Smithers, replacing Josie Osborne. Nathan's wife is on the Library Board of Smithers and his family are big library advocates. She then drew attention to the following points in the Directors' Report:

- Acknowledgement of all volunteers and staff members
- Positive comments received by patron acknowledging Gillian and others
- Census numbers
- Importance of word of mouth for informing public of the Library's activities
- Grants for Chair Yoga and Intergenerational Summer Program
- Explanation of the complex and confusing COVID guidelines for use of the Library and the Community Room

Other items to be discussed in camera at the end of the meeting

5. New Business: None

6. Committee Reports: none

7. Liaison Reports:

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

Interlink: Rhian Piprell stated there will be a course on May 26 on BC library workers mental health/wellness.

shishàlh Nation: Gary Nohr reported that he will be having coffee with the Chief and it was suggested that he ask the Chief if the Nation would like to place a representative on the Library Board.

Recruitment of Board Members: Applications for Board membership are available at the Library and are due back by March 18. No nominations are taken from the floor. It is too late for this year, but it was suggested that an article be placed in the paper elaborating on the activities of the Board of Trustees.

8. Business

8.1 Approval of January 29, 2022 Minutes

Beverly Shimazaki/Ruth Moore

CARRIED

8.2 District of Sechelt (Dos) Report: Janice Kuester

- Council approved Development permit for our Ops Building
- Wharf sidewalk improvement awarded – funded from a grant BC Infrastructure Active Transportation Grant
- Third reading zoning amendment and OCP bylaw for Telus living six-story mixed use 60 residential units (question arose as to this property being market rental or affordable housing rental – Janice will let Board know by email)
- Applying for Grant for sewer expansion to West Porpoise Bay
- Hot topics – STR bylaw – next presentation March 1. Survey available. Kinnickinick Fields allowing dogs or not
- Council voted on two new APC members and two new grant review members
- Sunshine Coast Drag Racing request to use Airport – engineering to give report on implications and costs at next Council meeting
- Next Intergovernmental meeting held at end of March
- AVICC being held in Victoria on April 1-3 (Association of Vancouver Island and /Coastal Communities) Annual general meeting and convention where members are provided opportunity to bring forward issues and concerns from their communities through resolutions and debates.

8.3 Sunshine Coast Regional District Report: Leonard Lee

- Supportive/Affordable housing – 4 units and 104 firefighters in Pender Harbour
- Health benefits approved for 104 volunteer fire fighters
- Budget approved with 7% increase. SCRD will be paying 14% higher portion from previous year.
- Asking that Elfinstone site be removed from the allowable log cut
- All agree that there should be affordable housing, but nobody agrees on where the zoning boundary should be. Three times requests for density change of zoning have been denied, because of response from the neighbours.
- Rotary Club has received permission to go ahead with the Story Book Walk in the Forest.

8.4 Treasurer's Report: All funding is now in place for this time of year. The Library Director explained the reasoning for separating damage repair for technology items and damage repair for books.

Beverly Shimazaki/Gary Nohr: To accept the January 2022 Financial Statements as presented. **CARRIED**

9. Action Items: none

Board members retired to an in camera session.

10. Adjournment:

Ann Hokpkins/Beverly Shimazaki: Move to adjourn

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.