

SECHELT PUBLIC LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
April 30, 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: Patricia Harvey (Chair), Leianne Emery (Director), Jack Young, Ann Hopkins, Garry Nohr, Dixie Meagher, Rhian Piprell, Janice Kuester (DoS), Leonard Lee (SCRD).

Regrets: Ruth Moore.

Guests: Janet Ziebart observing.

1. Call to order

Patricia Harvey 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 Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Ann Hopkins/Janice Kuester

Carried

3. New Business

3.1 Committee appointments

Pat Harvey pointed out that the Building Committee has a strong contingent of members since there is a lot going on with the District of Sechelt (DoS) looking at spatial needs for their growing coterie of staff.

Board members were asked by Patricia Harvey to meet in the coming month, decide who will be chair, and get started with the tasks at hand.

Ann Hopkins/Jack Young: That the committee appointments be approved. Carried.

4. Business arising from March 26, 2022, Board Minutes

No business arising.

5. Library Director's Report (April 2022)

Leianne Emery provided a detailed written report before the meeting and spoke briefly about the 5-Factor union negotiations which will affect the library's budget, StatsCan demographics highlighting our aging population on the Sunshine Coast, the need to provide input to the DoS building committee regarding the history and needs of the library, and the Books 'N Blooms self-guided garden tour fundraiser for the Pender Harbour Reading Centre on May 7.

Patricia Harvey commented on how much she appreciates Leianne's monthly reports.

6. Committee Reports

None.

7. **Liaison Reports**

Friends of the Library: Ruth Moore sent a note to report that the 10th Anniversary book sale netted \$1,000 recently. There will be one more \$5 bag sale May 5-7. The committee has decided to provide a \$10 subsidy for helpers to defray the rising cost of gas.

BC Library Association: Pat Harvey noted that it has traditionally been the Chair to sit on this committee, but she is open to someone else on the board being the representative. Please talk to Pat if you're interested.

8. **Business**

8.1 Motion to approve the March 26, 2022, Minutes

Ann Hopkins/Rhian Piprell

Carried

8.2 District of Sechelt Report: Janice Kuester

- Three dates for drag racing at the airport have been set for this summer.
- A new dog park is opening in Sechelt soon with the recommendation to close Kinnikinnick Park to dogs. Impassioned people on both sides of this issue have presented their opinions at public meetings recently.
- The draft short term rental bylaw should be coming to Council shortly. Another issue fraught with passion on all sides.
- A draft zoning bylaw, which will update it to the current OCP, is going out for community consultations with the hope of having the new bylaw in place by Sept/Oct.
- DoS has a new asset manager who is taking stock of all assets—roads, manholes, equipment, to allow DoS to put a plan in place when applying for grants.
- The 5-year financial plan is coming to Council this week.
- A new 100-lot subdivision on Havies Rd. in Davis Bay will connect the town sewage system out to Havies.
- DoS is assessing office space for staff, and the Library does need to have input into this issue.

8.3 Sunshine Coast Regional District, Leonard Lee:

- Area A, Pender Harbour, held a public meeting last night to discuss a 65-acre subdivision on Lee Rd., which will hook up to an existing sewer and water system for the 2.5 acre lots going in there.
- Today is April Tools Day in Pender—fun and games and boatbuilding.
- Don White, Indian Isle Construction, has retired and now spends his time cleaning up the detritus on the back roads.
- Rotary is establishing a storytime path with books which will be up this summer.
- The community school building in the elementary school playground is being replaced with a new modular by federal funding applied for by Rotary.
- RVs appear to be multiplying fast with many squatters; however, there are two RV campgrounds being set up in the Pender area at this time to help mitigate the number of people needing housing.
- The SCRCD has moved to having a committee of the whole in order to deal with issues and bring them forward to the board for approval in a more timely manner.
- Developers have been cutting trees down without proper permits. A new bylaw to fine

\$1,000/day for illegal tree-cutting has gone into place and hopefully will deter such behaviour.

8.4 Treasurer's Report: Rhian Piprell

- The library has received all of its funding for this year now.
- We no longer receive the \$1500 in archive administration revenue anymore.

8.4.1 Motion to accept Treasurer's report.

Rhian Piprell/Ann Hopkins

Carried

9. Action Items

- Committees to get together in the next month, decide on a chair and your intentions of work for the year.
- The Building Committee has some work to respond to the DoS regarding spatial needs.
- Rhian Piprell will send out a survey to help determine the best day, time, and place to meet for future board meetings. There was some question about providing combined Zoom/In-person meetings.

10. Adjournment

Janice Kuester: Move to adjourn. Carried

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.