



REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
OF THE
NEW WESTMINSTER PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

Hybrid Meeting
6:00 p.m. Friday
May 15, 2024

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

Iris Cheng	-	Vice-Chair; Finance, Evaluations committees
Carol Neuman	-	Board Development, Evaluations committees
Elaine Su	-	Board Development, Finance
Deb Thomas	-	Evaluations, Policy committees; InterLINK Rep
Vanessa Woznow	-	Policy, PR & Advocacy
Samita Manhas	-	Evaluations, Policy
Nadine Nakagawa	-	Policy, PR & Advocacy, Council Rep

ABSENT:

STAFF:

Carolyn Caseñas	-	Chief Librarian
Susan Buss	-	Deputy Chief Librarian
Sandy Shein	-	Note Taker

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

- Deb Thomas

“Before I acknowledge the territories on which we are gathered today, I would first like to recognize the on-going colonialism and racism against Indigenous peoples. As a settler myself, I feel it is all our responsibility to shed light on these aspects when we do the territory acknowledgement.

We are gathered today on the unceded and unsurrendered land of the Halkomelem speaking peoples. We acknowledge that colonialism has made invisible their histories and connections to the land. We are uninvited settlers on these territories.

We do these acknowledgements to reaffirm our commitment and responsibility - both personal and professional - to take action to improve relationships between nations. We seek to find a better path to walk together not only for this generation but for those who will come after us.”

--A collection of parts of suggested acknowledgements from Len Pierre and Lorisia MacLeod and the City of New Westminster acknowledgement.

CALL TO ORDER

- Meeting was called to order at 6:08 pm

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA
MOVED AND SECONDED**

CARRIED.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Approval of Minutes
 - Community Agreement
- MOVED AND SECONDED**

Note: Spelling correction was made.

CARRIED.

BOARD RECRUITMENT

C. Caseñas and S. Buss presented a framework for reviewing and revising Policy B3 Board Appointments. The Board recommended the Board Development subcommittee take the lead on timelines and content changes for review by the Policy subcommittee. C. Caseñas suggested looking into what other libraries like SPL have on their websites, as well Trustee D. Thomas will share the work InterLINK has done on this.

POLICY MEMO from NWPL STAFF

The policy memo relates to Policy D1 - D9 (Public Services) with the exception of D7. The policy review is to update and reflect NWPL's Strategic Directions, the City of New Westminster's DEIAR framework, and the Accessible BC Act to embed this work in the Library's foundational pieces. Timeline for this audit is not yet determined, but an update will be provided in Q4.

MOTION:

The New Westminster Public Library Board directs library staff to draft revised public service policy (D1 - D9) as described in this staff memo and present this to the New Westminster Public Library Board Policy Committee in Q4 of 2024.

MOVED: D. Thomas
SECONDED: V. Woznow

REPORTS - BOARD CHAIR

Trustee I. Cheng commented on the Bridges event and there was discussion by members of what events were attended and the impact it had.

REPORTS - InterLINK

D. Thomas reported on the May InterLINK Board meeting. She will provide a more fulsome report at the next Board meeting.

REPORTS - CHIEF LIBRARIAN

C. Caseñas reported on the Bridges event and shared the start date for the 2024 Summer Reading Club. A tentative wrap up date was shared with a venue to be confirmed. The public PC rollout will occur May 28 & 29 at the Main and QB locations. C. Caseñas also gave an update on the community work and potential changes to current practices.

Motion to move to close

MOVED: C. Neuman
SECONDED: V. Woznow

DATE OF NEXT MEETING at 6:00pm (hybrid)
June 19, 2024

ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm



C. Caseñas (Secretary)



I.Cheng (Co-Chair) or E. Su (Co-Chair)