



WHISTLER PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD
OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Wednesday, April 5th, 2023
Formal Meeting 5 to 7 p.m.
Hybrid Meeting –
Community Room
& Zoom
MINUTES

Attending:

Mike Walsh (Chair)
Ali Blancher
Bevin Heath Ansley
Josie Chuback
Gail Banning
Karen Laughland
Ralph Forsyth
Sarene Bourdages
Sheilagh Martin
Thomas Sikora
Tina Young
Mikale Fenton

Regrets:

050. Call to Order

Traditional Territories Acknowledgement Statement – Bevin Heath Ansley

The Whistler Public Library is grateful to be on the shared, unceded territory of the Lil'wat People, known in their language as LiꞤwat7úll, and the Squamish people, known in their language as Skwxw7mesh. We respect and commit to a deep consideration of their history, culture, stewardship and voice.

Blanket Exercise Reflection Exercise: What did I take away from the exercise? How do I bring that forward to my work?

Each trustee shared their personal reflections from the exercise. Common themes expressed included a feeling of sadness at the stories and information shared, balanced with a sense of hope in moving in the

right direction. The trustees left the exercise with greater understanding on the intergenerational impact and legacy of colonialism in Canada, coupled with a shared desire to listen and learn more.

100. Approval of Agenda

Motion: That the Agenda be approved

Moved: Josie

Seconded: Sheilagh

Approved unanimously

200. Consent Agenda

1. Play well with others

Public Comments

2022 Provincial Libraries Grant Report

2. Make Life Better

Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting- February 1st, 2023 Meeting

WPL Dashboard February-March

Minutes of Friends Meetings February and March

Motion that the Consent Agenda be approved

Moved: Bevin

Seconded: Sarene

Approved unanimously

300. Business Arising from Reports

400. New Business

1. Make Life Better

2. Make an Impact

2.1 Board Year End 2022 Finance Presentation

Mikale presented the 2022 Finance report. She reported on the budget's construction, including the operating cost, expenses, and capital Reserve fund. The 2022 budget was in line with expectations. She explained how certain accounts are calculated, specifically the wages and benefits accounts, as well as the challenges of year-to-year reporting alongside pandemic shifts in processes coupled with budget coding changes. Mikale touched on some of the strategies the library is exploring regarding revenue streams, and gave an overview of our year-end projects budget, Capital Reserve balance and TD bank balance.

Looking forward, Mikale prepared the trustees to anticipate a tight fiscal year and discussed areas for the library to seek budgetary autonomy and control. She also touched on the positive updates re: the library's Provincial Grant Award funding. Next steps include the audit and SOFI formal approval.

Thomas commended Mikale for the excellent reporting and breakdown of the report.

2.2 2022 YE Financial Report

Motion to approve 2022 YE Financial Statements

Moved: Thomas

Seconded: Tina

Approved unanimously

3. Be An Inspiration

3.1 Board Policies 400 and Appendix 1

Mikale reviewed the slight changes made to policy 400 to include a reference to Appendix 1, and changes to business and organization cards. In the future, she would like to reexamine this policy through the lens of accessibility and inclusivity to ensure it is as barrier free as possible.

Motion to approve the Policies 400 and Appendix 1 with the changes

Moved: Josie

Seconded: Gail

Approved unanimously

Committee, Representatives and LD Updates

1. Play well with others

1.1 RMOW Update

Ralph gave an update to changes to how public comments and questions are structured in council sessions. He also touched on the recent controversy re: the Fitz chair renovation plans.

1.2 Friends of the Library Update

Sheilagh gave an update on the Friends 50/50 draw, noting that the raffle was won by the same person as last year. Next meeting in May will be about the plant sale. She also noted that once again, Jeff Murl donated his time to help the Friends with their charitable status taxes.

2. Make an Impact

2.1 Committee Updates

i. Special Projects

Bevin reported about the Board book club aiming for September with the book "Namwayut", her recent connection Lil'wat Nation in Mount Currie, and her newsletter initiative. Mikale also provided an update on her recent meeting with the Executive Director of the SLCC.

ii. HR & Governance

Sarene discussed the committee's recent work to develop a training policy document to guide future decision-making and asked for suggestions on training (could be themes).

iii. Fundraising and Advocacy

Karen discussed plans for the upcoming Wonder Lab launch and made a request to approve a budget for the associated catering costs.

Motion to approve budget for Wonder Lab Launch

Moved: Sarene

Seconded: Ali
Approved unanimously

iv. Interlink

Josie gave an update to Interlink's increased provincial funding over the next three years.

v. Finance

Thomas discussed their work in supporting the Library's 2022 Financial analysis, and encouraged the board to read the Provincial Grant update in the package.

3. Make life better

3.1 Library Director Update

Mikale gave an update on a number of all the program and community highlights including the library's recent addition to a community initiative called the Situation Table, upcoming Community Engagement initiatives, space improvements, operations work, as well as an update on Director relationships with various community stakeholders.

3.2 Library Chair Update

Mike asked everyone to vote on setting a June meeting. The Board agreed that a June meeting would be needed.

500. Old Business

600. Agenda items for next meetings

1. Make an impact

1.1 SOFI Report

Motion to approve SOFI report

1.2 Policy 300

2. Play well with others

2.1 Interlink Michael Burris presentation

700. In camera (placeholder)

*Motion to go in camera

800. Adjournment –

Motion to adjourn

Moved: Bevin

Seconded: Tina

Approved unanimously

Next Meetings:

Executive – Tuesday April 25th at 4 to 5 p.m.

Board – Wednesday May 3rd at 5 to 7 p.m.