



WHISTLER PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD
OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Wednesday, May 3rd 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
Karen Laughland
Sarene Bourdages
Sheilagh Martin
Thomas Sikora
Mikale Fenton

Regrets:

Ralph Forsyth
Gail Banning
Tina Young

050. Call to Order

Traditional Territories Acknowledgement Statement – Thomas Sikora

The Whistler Public Library is grateful to be on the shared, unceded territory of the Lil'wat People, known in their language as Lił'wat7úil, 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.

100. Approval of Agenda

Motion: That the Agenda be approved

Moved: Bevin

Seconded: Ali

Approved unanimously

200. Consent Agenda

1. Play well with others

Public Comments

2. Make Life Better

Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting- April 5th, 2023 Meeting

3. Be an Inspiration

“Fork in the road: Plant a Seed in Whistler, see what grows” Pique Article

“Whistler Multicultural Festival returns in person this June” Pique Article

Motion that the Consent Agenda be approved with the removal of the Sofi report

Moved: Karen

Seconded: Thomas

Approved unanimously

300. Business Arising from Reports

400. New Business

1. Play Well with Others

1.1 Introducing new GM of Community Engagement and Cultural Services: Karen Elliott
Mikale introduced Karen and the Board members introduced themselves. Karen, who previously served four years as a councilor and four years as the mayor of Squamish, expressed her enthusiasm for her new role as the General Manager, which includes overseeing the library.

1.2 Introducing Friends of the Library Chair: Roberta MacQuarrie
Sheilagh introduced Roberta, who is the Chair of the Friends of the Library. Roberta mentioned that Susan Annand is the dynamic force behind the Friends and that there are approximately 100 members involved with the group. She then went on to enumerate all the fundraising efforts the Friends have been involved with over the years.

2. Make Life Better

2.1 Interlink Presentation—Michael Burriss via Zoom

Josie, who serves as the Chair of InterLink, introduced Michael. He then gave an overview of the InterLink programs and projects, which include resource sharing, consortia purchasing, collaborative programs, and information sharing/best practices. InterLink is involved in various collaborative programs, such as LLEAD and staff development. They also have external relationships with organizations like the libraries branch, other Federations, BC Libraries Cooperative, BCLA, BCLTA, and more. InterLink's governance involves one Board member appointed by each member library. They have a strategic framework that supports public libraries through resource sharing and collaborative relationships. Their values are collaborative, which underpins all their activities.

3. Make an Impact—Mikale

3.1 2022 SOFI Report

Mikale explained that all public libraries in BC that receive provincial grants are required to submit an annual SOFI report, which provides a snapshot of their financial health and the municipality's support. She also mentioned that she will be reaching out to other libraries and RMOW to better understand capital reserve best practices. Her goal is to align the viewpoints of the Trustees and the municipality regarding the reserve, and to maintain the library's autonomy.

Motion to approve 2022 SOFI Report

Moved: Thomas

Seconded: Ali

Approved unanimously

3.2 2023 Q1 Financial Report

Mikale presented the Q1 Finance report. She mentioned that she is working on a new way of reporting and sought feedback from the board. She also noted that there has been an over expenditure in Q1, but this is not unusual compared to the prior year. She explained that this was expected and that things would balance out during the year. Mikale then proceeded to discuss the different revenue sources, such as grants and parking, and the various expenditures, including wages and benefits.

4. Be an Inspiration

4.1 Board Policy 300

Sarene discussed the changes made to Policy 300 to ensure compliance and explained the modifications. However, she said that some of the language still needs to be tweaked. After discussing Policy 302.1.5, it was decided that Sarene will be working on the policy to make a few more amendments

Committee, Representatives and LD Updates

1. Play well with others

1.1 RMOW Update

Ralph was away at conference and absent from the meeting.

2. Make an Impact

2.1 Committee Updates

i. Special Projects

Bevin read a poem written by Vicky Crompton about Alta Lake, as a way to remind us of the indigenous history of the lands which we are on . She mentioned the book club and inquired if anyone is interested in attending the rodeo.

ii. Fundraising and Advocacy

Karen provided an update to the group regarding the committee's recent coat check event held in April, which was a successful fundraiser.

Additionally, the launch of the Wonder Lab was also successful and helped with advocacy efforts.

3. Make life better

3.1 Library Director Update

Mikale updated the Board on some grant funding, programming, Wonder Lab launch, construction, BCLA learning, and media (seed library and multicultural festival). She highlighted the teen drop-in hours at the library.

3.2 Board Chair Update

Mike informed the group that the May BCLTA Bulletin includes a reminder to register for the upcoming AGM on May 29, 2023. He emphasized the importance of supporting the organization and staying connected. To register, please contact Babs Kelly.

Mike expressed his gratitude to Karen for organizing the April 6 Ski Day, which was attended by most Trustees. Furthermore, he expressed his appreciation to Mikale, Karen, Sheilagh, Ali, and the Trustees for their hard work in organizing the Wonder Lab Launch, which was a great success.

Lastly, he informed the group that there will be time allocated in the June meeting for a debrief on the BCLA Conference. He will be away on holiday until June 24, and in his absence, Sarene will act as Chair.

500. Old Business

600. Agenda items for next meetings

1. Make an impact

- 1.1 Committee mid-year reports
- 1.2 Policy review—500 and 600
- 1.3 Board Training policy
- 1.4 Board Retreat Planning

700. In camera (placeholder)

*Motion to go in camera

800. Adjournment –

Motion to adjourn

Moved: Thomas

Seconded: Sarene

Approved unanimously

Next Meetings:

Executive – Tuesday May 30th at 4 to 5 p.m.

Board – Wednesday June 7th at 5 to 7 p.m.