



WHISTLER PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD  
OF TRUSTEES MEETING

**Wednesday, October 4th 2023**

**Formal Meeting 5 to 7 p.m.**

**Hybrid Meeting –  
Community Room  
& via Microsoft**

**Minutes**

**Attending:**

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

**Regrets:**

**050. Call to Order**

Traditional Territories Acknowledgement Statement – Mike

*The Whistler Public Library is grateful to be on the shared, unceded territory of the Lil'wat People, known in their language as Liłwə7úll, 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: Tina

Seconded: Josie

Approved unanimously

## 200. Consent Agenda

Minutes of the previous meeting: September 6<sup>th</sup> 2023

WPL Dashboard September 2023

Accessibility BC Act Update Report

2022 Annual Report

Public Comments:

*We're a choir, but more importantly we're a community*" Pique newsmagazine

Letter: *"Appreciating a remarkable community champion"* Pique Newsmagazine

Motion that the consent agenda be approved

Moved: Sarene

Seconded: Karen

Approved unanimously

## 300. Business Arising from Reports

## 400. New Business

### For Discussion/Decision

#### 1. Make Life Better

##### 1.1 2024 Projects budget overview

Mikale summarized WPL's projects budget by emphasizing that most of 2024 project spending will be focused on utilizing the Provincial Enhancement Grant. Both the Library Infrastructure and Improvements, as well as the Library Furniture and Equipment project budgets will be deferred for 2024 to capitalize on the 2023—2025 grant and until completion of the revised space needs assessment. In addition, we have requested \$155K to fund the Library Collection project. This is a recurring project and yearly library expense which supports the annual purchase of library materials and resources, including digital collections. Through the Library Enhancement Grant project, we plan to spend \$111,000 in 2024 on various initiatives. The entirety of this grant must be spent by the end of 2025.

Motion to approve 2024 Budget

Moved: Josie

Seconded: Sheilagh

Approved unanimously

#### 2. Be an Inspiration

##### 2.1 2022 Annual Report Presentation

Mikale presented the 2022 annual report, which included some notable statistics and a new gratitude page. She also expressed her interest in hearing the Board's thoughts and feedback on future annual reports.

#### 3. Make an Impact

##### 3.1 Accessibility BC Act update

Mikale presented an information report on changes to the Accessible BC Act, and WPL's plan to meet compliance. The Accessible BC Act was enacted in September 2023. The key components for compliance include establishing a committee, creating an action plan, and

implementing a feedback mechanism. The library has partnered with the RMOW AIC (Accessibility Inclusion Committee) committee to ensure that we not only meet compliance regulations but also stay connected with local accessibility discussions and trends. We will seek guidance from the InterLINK committee and plan for website upgrades, relevant programming, improved signage in our spaces, and a review of our Rick Hansen Accessibility Facility. She mentioned that some additional accessibility information will soon be added to our website.

## **Discussion/No Decision**

### **2. Be an Inspiration**

#### **2.1 Canadian Library Month Advocacy Campaign**

Mikale discussed "I Love the Library" month campaign noting that the Pique is working on a feature article highlighting recent changes at the library, and gave an update on our planned tote bag merchandise.

## **Committee, Representatives and LD Updates**

### **1. Play well with others**

#### **1.1 RMOW Update**

Ralph inquired if anyone had questions. Tina requested clarification on certain points related to property taxes. Additionally, he extended an invitation to everyone to attend the budget presentation on November 9th.

#### **1.2 Friends of the Library**

Sheilagh mentioned that they have postponed the September meeting to October 12, which will now serve as their AGM.

### **2. Make an Impact**

#### **2.1 Committee Updates –**

##### **i. Special Projects**

Bevin provided information on three upcoming dates: the book club meeting on October 26, Thomas William's visit on November 2 (which requires registration), and Leigh Joseph's talk on October 11 about her book, "Held by the Land."

##### **ii. HR&G**

Sarene gave an update to the current Trustee recruitment process, and planned for an upcoming in camera Board meeting on October 16<sup>th</sup> to confirm appointments. Additionally, she noted that the next step for the committee is the board's self-evaluation survey.

##### **iii. Finance**

No update.

### **3. Make life better**

#### **3.1 Library Director Update**

Mikale update included Truth and Reconciliation Day, Community Dialogues programming, staffing activities, children's and outdoor programming and shared a

few anecdotes about the Wonder Lab.

### 3.2 Board Chair Update

Mike expressed thanks to Tina, Sheilagh, and Gail for volunteering to serve on the Strategic Planning steering committee and providing support to Mikale. He also mentioned an upcoming Intellectual Freedom workshop (Date TBD).

### 500. Old Business

#### 600. Agenda items for next meetings

- Intellectual Freedom workshop and case study: Policy 700 and 800
- Board Self Evaluation
- Q3 Finance Report

#### 700. In camera (placeholder)

\*Motion to go in camera

#### 800. Adjournment –

Motion to adjourn

Moved: Tina

Seconded: Gail

Approved unanimously

#### Next Meetings:

Executive – Tuesday October 24th, 2023

Board – Wednesday, November 1st, 2023