The GVPL Board recognizes and acknowledges the traditional territory of the Esquimalt and Songhees Nations on which the Central Branch is located and Board Meetings take place.

A meeting of the Greater Victoria Public Library Board was held on the above date at the above location. The following individuals were in attendance:

Board Members: Trustee A. Appleton
Trustee B. Beckett
Trustee D. Begoray (Chair)
Trustee M. Boyd
Trustee J. Davis
Trustee E. Glover
Trustee K. Harper
Trustee Z. King
Trustee D. Kobayashi
Trustee S. Laidlaw
Trustee A. MacKinnon (Vice-Chair)
Trustee K. Roessingh
Trustee J. Rogers
Trustee M. Sahlstrom
Trustee J. Vermeulen

Staff: M. Sawa, CEO/Secretary
P. McKinnon, Director of Finance and Facilities
D. Main, Director of People and Culture
D. Phillips, Director of Technology and Integration
J. Windecker, Director of Library Services, Innovation and Delivery
D. Wood, Director of Library Services, Planning and Engagement
K. Marshall, Recording Secretary
H. Hughes, CUPE President

Regrets: Trustee T. Chung
Trustee D. Curtis
Trustee J. Loveday
Trustee K. Santini

1. CALL TO ORDER BY THE SECRETARY

M. Sawa, CEO called the meeting to order at 12:07pm.
2. INDIGENOUS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

M. Sawa provided the Indigenous acknowledgement.

3. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

M. Sawa welcomed Dave Obee, editor-in-chief and publisher of *Times Colonist*. Mr. Obee presented GVPL with a cheque for $25,000 from the Times-Colonist Literacy Society Grant. The grant will support the Books for Babies program. Since 2007, $304,000 has been donated from this fund to GVPL.

M. Sawa welcomed Irwin Henderson, President, Friends of the Library. Mr. Henderson provided an overview of Friends of the Library.

M. Sawa welcomed new trustee Elysia Glover, who is a citizen representative for the City of Victoria.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Trustee King, Seconded by Trustee Roessingh

THAT the January 22, 2019 agenda be approved  

MOTION CARRIED

5. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

5.1 Election of Chair

The Secretary called for nominations for Chair of the Greater Victoria Public Library Board for a term of one year.

Moved by John Rogers and seconded by Joy Davis THAT Trustee Begoray be nominated for the position of Board Chair for a one-year term.

A call for further nominations was made three times. There were no further nominations.

Voting by show of hands was conducted and Trustee Begoray was elected as Chair of the Greater Victoria Public Library Board.

5.2 Election of Vice-Chair

The Chair called for nominations for Vice-Chair of the Greater Victoria Public Library Board for a term of one year.

Moved by Trustee Roessingh and seconded by Trustee Rogers THAT Trustee MacKinnon be nominated for the position of Vice Chair for a one-year term.

A call for further nominations was made three times. There were no further nominations.

Voting by show of hands was conducted and Trustee MacKinnon was elected as Vice-Chair of the Greater Victoria Public Library Board.
6. **CHAIR’S REMARKS**

Trustee Begoray thanked trustees for the nomination and thanked former trustees Martin and Murdoch for their mentorship during her term as Vice-Chair. Trustee Begoray looks forward to designing a new strategic plan and facilities plan as well as advocating for the library.

Trustee Begoray reminded trustees that this week is Family Literacy week.

7. **APPOINTMENT OF SIGNING OFFICERS**

Moved by Trustee Kobayashi, Seconded by Trustee Harper

| THAT former trustee, Rob Martin be removed as board signing officer and trustee Andy MacKinnon be added as board signing officer. | MOTION CARRIED |

8. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 11, 2018**

Moved by Trustee Rogers, Seconded by Trustee Sahlstrom

| THAT the December 11, 2018 minutes be approved | MOTION CARRIED |

9. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

None

10. **CEO REPORT TO THE BOARD**

M. Sawa provided the CEO report to the board.

Branch tours for new trustees are scheduled for February 7 and February 8.

Since former trustees Burton-Krahn and Burris were unable to attend the December 11 board meeting, M. Sawa met with them in January and provided a small gift of appreciation for their contributions to the GVPL board.

The Canadian Urban Libraries Council (CULC) has launched a social media advocacy campaign to address concerns about the availability and cost of ebooks.

M. Sawa will be attending the Ontario Library Association (OLA) conference and a meeting of the Libraries and Archives Canada Stakeholders Forum in Toronto, January 28 – February 1.

M. Sawa provided an overview of the senior leadership team’s re-structure and invited Directors to describe their new roles and responsibilities.

11. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None
12. NEW BUSINESS

12.1 2019 Trustee Appointments by Municipality

A list of the 2019 trustee municipal appointments was provided for information.

12.2 2019 Board Meeting Dates

Moved by Trustee Roessingh, Seconded by Trustee Davis

**THAT the 2019 board meeting dates be approved**

MOTION CARRIED

12.3 2019 Committee Memberships and Association Representatives

M. Sawa provided a review of current committee membership.

Trustee Boyd provided an overview of the finance committee. Trustee Davis provided an overview of the planning and policy committee. Trustees were asked to indicate their committee interests to K. Marshall so that their input can be collected to inform the committee membership appointments for 2019.

Trustee Harper is the Board representative on the Greater Victoria Labour Relations Association (GVLRA) Board of Directors. Trustee Rogers will continue serve as the alternate.

Trustee Laidlaw will continue to represent the library board on the IslandLink Federation.

Trustee Laidlaw is stepping down as the Friends of the Library representative this year. Trustees were asked to consider volunteering for this role.

13. MOVE IN-CAMERA

This item was moved to agenda item 13 to ensure quorum. Board liaison updates moved to item 14.

Moved by Trustee Kobayashi, Seconded by Trustee Beckett

**THAT the board move in-camera**

MOTION CARRIED

14. BOARD LIAISON UPDATES

14.1 BCLTA Update

Trustee Boyd provided an update. British Columbia Library Trustees Association (BCLTA) lobbies for libraries in BC. Trustee Boyd’s term ends at the end of 2019. Trustees were asked to consider sitting on the BCLTA board.

The BCLTA workshop is May 11, 2019 and trustees were encouraged to attend.

14.2 Friends of the Library Update

Trustee Laidlaw provided an update. 2018 was a record year for revenue. Friends of the Library funding supports the Summer Reading Club, Indigenous Reads and other library initiatives.
14.3 IslandLink Federation Update

Trustee Laidlaw provided an overview of Islandlink Federation. The 2018 board meeting was held on September 22 in Powell River. This year GVPL will be hosting the meeting in Victoria in October.

15. NEXT MEETING DATE

February 26, 2019

16. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee King Seconded by Trustee Kobayashi

THAT the January 22, 2019 Regular Board Meeting adjourn

MOTION CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 1:05pm