M I N U T E S
GREATER VICTORIA PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD REGULAR MEETING
Central Branch 735 Broughton Street
Community Meeting Room
March 26, 2019 12:00p.m. – 1:00p.m.

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 D. Begoray (Chair)
- Trustee A. Appleton
- Trustee B. Beckett
- Trustee T. Chung
- Trustee D. Curtis
- Trustee J. Davis
- Trustee E. Glover
- Trustee K. Harper
- Trustee Z. King
- Trustee D. Kobayashi
- Trustee J. Loveday
- Trustee J. Rogers
- Trustee M. Sahlstrom
- Trustee K. Santini

**Staff:**
- M. Sawa, CEO/Board Secretary
- P. McKinnon, Director Finance and Facilities
- D. Main, Director People and Culture
- J. Windecker, Director Library Services, Innovation and Delivery
- K. Marshall, Recording Secretary
- D. Joyce, President CUPE 410

**Regrets:**
- Trustee A. MacKinnon (Vice-Chair)
- Trustee M. Boyd
- Trustee S. Laidlaw
- Trustee K. Roessingh
- Trustee J. Vermeulen

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND INDIGENOUS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Meeting called to order at 12:00p.m.

2. **INDIGENOUS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**
3. **CHAIR’S REMARKS**

The board agenda now includes a consent agenda which will be trialed until June 2019 and its effectiveness reviewed at that time. The consent agenda will allow more time for fulsome discussions.

The 2019 budget presentations to municipal councils have concluded. All presentations were positively received. Trustee Begoray shared feedback from councils and noted in particular, comments made regarding the professionalism of staff and the effectiveness of the GVPL board.

4. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Moved by Trustee Kobayashi, Seconded by Trustee Curtis

THAT the March 26, 2019 consent agenda be approved with the removal of the CEO report. The CEO report will be agenda item 5.

**MOTION CARRIED**

5. **CEO REPORT TO THE BOARD**

In addition to the comments made by M. Sawa, CEO, library staff in attendance provided further details on specific programs and initiatives highlighted in the report. These included *Stay and Play*, which will be featured at the 2019 British Columbia Library Association (BCLA) Conference. Highlights from this year’s Spring Break programs were described and staff noted the significant role that free library programs play in encouraging children to become lifelong learners.

The sxʷeŋxʷəŋ taŋəxʷ James Bay Branch art installation, “Drawing Branches”, created by the City of Victoria Artist in Residence, Luke Ramsey and local youth has been installed and a date for the public launch event with the City of Victoria will be forthcoming.

Decoda Literacy Solutions’ has awarded First Place for Best Community Literacy Event in B.C., to The Westshore Family Learning Tour. GVPL participates in this annual event as part of Family Literacy Week programming. *The Westshore Family Learning Tour* provides free activities coordinated by GVPL, West Shore Parks and Recreation, YMCA/YWCA and the Victoria Conservatory of Music in Langford.

6. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

None

7. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

7.1 Planning and Policy Committee Meeting March 19, 2019

Trustee Davis provided an update. Committee priorities for 2019 are:

- refreshing the facilities plan
- central branch planning
- strategic planning
- developing robust metrics
- board retreat
8. NEW BUSINESS
8.1 2018 Provincial Library Grant Report

The provincial grant report reflects the range of services GVPL provides. This year GVPL highlighted its ID clinics as an area of success.

M. Sawa expressed her appreciation for the work of staff who contributed to the creation of this year’s report.

9. BOARD LIAISON UPDATES
9.1 BC Library Trustees Association (BCLTA) Update

Trustees were encouraged to attend the BCLTA Summit on May 11.

It was noted that the Dawson Creek Library system has had a funding shortfall. All services in the municipality have been cut by 10%.

9.2 Friends of the Library Update

Trustee Santini provided an update. The Friends of the Library book sale raised $5,341.00. The next book sale will take place in June.

9.3 IslandLink Federation Update

GVPL will be hosting the fall meeting of the IslandLink Library Federation this October at the sxʷeŋxʷəŋ taŋəxʷ James Bay Branch. A social event for visiting delegates will be planned and GVPL trustees will be invited to attend. Details will be forthcoming.

9.4 Greater Victoria Labour Relations Association (GVLRA)

The GVLRA AGM is April 3.

10. NEXT MEETING DATE

April 23, 2019 12:00p.m.-1:00p.m.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Santini, Seconded by Trustee Sahlstrom

THAT the March 26, 2019 Regular Board Meeting adjourn

MOTION CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 12:52pm

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Board Chair                                                             Board Secretary