M I N U T E S
GREATER VICTORIA PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD REGULAR MEETING
Central Branch, 735 Broughton Street
Community Meeting Room
January 28, 2020 12:00pm – 1:00pm

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 D. Begoray
Trustee M. Boyd
Trustee J. Davis
Trustee E. Glover
Trustee K. Harper
Trustee D. Kobayashi
Trustee S. Laidlaw
Trustee G. Lemon
Trustee J. Loveday (12:49pm)
Trustee A. MacKinnon
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
J. Windecker, Director of Library Services, Innovation and Delivery
D. Wood, Director of Library Services, Planning and Engagement
K. Marshall, Recording Secretary
R. Baugniet, CUPE Vice-President

Regrets: Trustee T. Chung
Trustee A. Horthuis
Trustee K. Roessingh
Trustee K. Santini
Trustee B. Thompson

1. CALL TO ORDER BY THE SECRETARY

M. Sawa, CEO called the meeting to order at 12:01pm.

2. INDIGENOUS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

M. Sawa provided the Indigenous acknowledgement.
3. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

M. Sawa introduced new trustee Gery Lemon.

4. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Trustee Harper, Seconded by Trustee Appleton

THAT the January 28, 2020 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 Trustee Kobayashi and seconded by Trustee Laidlaw 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 Boyd and seconded by Trustee Harper 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. APPOINTMENT OF SIGNING OFFICERS

Moved by Trustee Davis, Seconded by Trustee Appleton

THAT Board Chair Begoray and Board Vice-Chair MacKinnon be appointed as signing officers.

MOTION CARRIED

7. CHAIR’S REMARKS

Trustee Begoray welcomed new trustee, Gery Lemon to the GVPL Board.

Trustee Begoray reported that she visited all GVPL branches in January with members of the Directors team and enjoyed meeting staff.
8. OFFICERS REPORTS
8.1 Chair Report

Included in Chair’s Remarks

8.2 CEO Report

M. Sawa, CEO provided the CEO report.

Copies of the January – March program guide were distributed to trustees.

Saanich Centennial branch – work is progressing and the branch will open early spring.

January 27 – February 2 is Family Literacy Week. GVPL has planned a variety of programs and events. Trustee Kobayashi attended a Family Literacy StoryWalk, on January 25 at the Juan de Fuca branch. Trustee Kobayashi thanked staff for the invitation and reported it was an excellent program.

9. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

None

10. NEW BUSINESS

10.1 2020 Trustee Appointments by Municipality

A list of the 2020 trustee municipal appointments was distributed for information.

10.2 2020 Committee Memberships and Association Representatives

Moved by Trustee Kobayashi, Seconded by Trustee Lemon

THAT Trustee Harper be appointed Greater Victoria Labour Relations Association Representative and Trustee MacKinnon be appointed Greater Victoria Labour Relations Association Alternate.

MOTION CARRIED

Association representation was confirmed for 2020.

Trustee Laidlaw is the IslandLink Federation Representative. Trustee Davis is the alternate.

Trustee Santini is the Friends of the Library Representative.

Trustee Glover is the British Columbia Library Trustees Association (BCLTA) Representative

Board committee assignments for 2020 will be finalized shortly by the Board Chair.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

11.1 Request for drop off/pickup location in Vic West Community

A patron request for a drop off/pickup location in Vic West Community was received.

11.2 Patron comments and questions query
The response to a patron comments and questions query was distributed and reviewed.

12. BOARD LIAISON UPDATES
   12.1 British Columbia Library Trustee Association Update

       Trustee Glover provided the BCLTA update. The 2020 BCLTA Forum and AGM will take place in Richmond on April 18. The theme is governance and intellectual freedom. All trustees are encouraged to attend.

   12.2 Friends of the Library Update

       D. Wood, Director Library Services Planning and Engagement provided the update on behalf of trustee Santini.

       The Friends of the Library hosted a successful book sale at Pearkes Recreation Centre on November 23 and 24.

       In 2019 approximately $45,000 was raised. Funds will be used to support BC Summer Reading Club and collections.

   12.3 IslandLink Federation Update

       Trustee Laidlaw provided the IslandLink Federation update. IslandLink Federation’s new strategic plan was approved at the Island Link Federation’s January 22, 2020 meeting. Three strategic areas were identified: building capacity, expansion through partnership and staff development. The fall meeting will be hosted by the Salt Spring Island Library in October.

13. MOVE IN-CAMERA

       Moved by Trustee Harper, Seconded by Trustee Appleton

       THAT the board move in-camera

       MOTION CARRIED

14. NEXT MEETING DATE

       February 25, 2020 at 12:00pm – 1:00pm

15. ADJOURNMENT

       Moved by Trustee Davis, Seconded by Trustee Laidlaw

       THAT the January 28, 2020 Regular Board Meeting adjourn

       MOTION CARRIED

       Meeting adjourned at 12:56pm