M I N U T E S
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Electronic Meeting, MS Teams
June 22, 2021

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

**Board Members:**
- Trustee M. Alto
- Trustee A. Appleton
- Trustee E. Beaton
- Trustee D. Begoray
- Trustee M. Boyd
- Trustee J. Davis
- Trustee E. Glover
- Trustee K. Harper
- Trustee A. Holthuis
- Trustee D. Kobayashi
- Trustee G. Lemon
- Trustee A. MacKinnon
- Trustee K. Roessingh
- Trustee K. Santini
- Trustee D. Seaton
- Trustee B. Thompson
- Trustee J. Vermeulen

**Staff**
- M. Sawa, CEO/Board Secretary
- P. McKinnon, Director, Finance & Facilities
- J. Weissl, Director, People & Culture
- J. Windecker, Director, Library Services, Innovation & Delivery
- F. Ferreira, President CUPE 410
- A. Smart, Recording Secretary
- E. Russell, Incumbent Executive Assistant
- K. Ridgway, Coordinator, Marketing and Development

**Regrets:**
- Trustee M. Sahlstrom

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
   
   Trustee Holthuis called the meeting to order at 12:05 pm

2. **INDIGENOUS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**
   
   Trustee Holthuis provided the Indigenous acknowledgement.

   Trustee MacKinnon arrived at 12:06 p.m.
3. CHAIR’S REMARKS

Trustee MacKinnon delivered the Chair’s remarks. Acknowledgement and thanks were given to Temporary Executive Assistant Araceli for her service.

4. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Trustee Alto, Seconded by Trustee Roessingh

THAT the Consent Agenda be approved.  

MOTION CARRIED

M. Sawa reported that there was a small error noted in the May 25, 2021, Regular Board Meeting minutes section 8.1 that will be amended.

Moved by Trustee Santini & Trustee Roessingh

THAT the May 25, 2021 amended minutes be approved.  

MOTION CARRIED

5. OFFICERS REPORTS

5.1 Chair Report

Trustee MacKinnon provided the Chair Report.

5.2 CEO Report

M. Sawa provided the CEO Report and welcomed new Executive Assistant Erika Russell.

Phase 3 of GVPL’s service restoration plan is near completion. Kudos to staff for their efforts.

Trustee Alto reported that at the June 24th City of Victoria Committee of the Whole meeting a presentation will be given regarding a proposed plan for completion of a feasibility study to inform the development of a new central library branch. An update will be provided at the September meeting.

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

6.1 Support of Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Accessibility (EDIA) at GVPL- Staff Report

M. Sawa reviewed the EDIA Staff report that was prepared for the Board Members, highlighting the activities and achievements to date.

Trustee Alto requested that the Board receive a regular update on GVPL staff progress in support of the stated EDIA goals.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS
7.1 Policy and Planning Committee Meeting June 1, 2021-Oral Report

Trustee Kobayashi provided the Policy and Planning Committee Report.

7.1.1 Strategic Bridging Plan 2021-2023 Motion to Approve

Moved by Trustee Kobayashi, Seconded by Trustee Appleton

THAT the Strategic Bridging Plan 2021-2023 be Approved  

7.1.2 GVPL Regional Service Delivery Plan 2020 Motion to Approve

Trustee Kobayashi provided an update on the GVPL Regional Service Delivery Plan 2020

Moved by Trustee Kobayashi, Seconded by Trustee Appleton

THAT the GVPL Board of Trustees approve in principle the GVPL Regional Library Service Plan as provided and direct staff to (a) create an introduction to the report to provide additional context in 2021, (b) incorporate feedback from the June 12 workshop into the introduction; and (c) include revised population statistics in the introduction  

8. FUTURE BUSINESS

8.1 2021 Public Library Grants Award Letter

Trustee MacKinnon provided a background and overview of the recent history of provincial funding for public libraries and recent advocacy initiatives. M. Sawa and P. McKinnon responded to questions regarding provincial funding for public libraries. Suggestions for follow up were discussed.

9. BOARD LIASON UPDATES

9.1 Friends of the Library (FOL)

Trustee Santini provided the FOL update. A fall book sale at the Pearkes Arena is being planned, pending current provincial health guidelines.

9.2 BC Library Trustees Association (BCLTA)

Trustee Glover provided the BCLTA update and encouraged to read the BCLA bulletin.  
https://www.bclta.ca/bclta-bulletin/

9.3 IslandLink Library Federation

Trustee Davis provided the IslandLink Federation Report. Provincial funding for the Federation was received at the same funding level as 2021. The next FOL Board Meeting is scheduled for Saturday October 30th.
G. Lemon left the meeting at 12:57

10. NEXT MEETING DATE

September 28, 2021: 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Davis, Seconded by Trustee Santini

THAT the June 22, 2021 Regular Board Meeting adjourn

MOTION CARRIED

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Committee Chair                          Committee Secretary