

REGULAR MEETING of the NVDPL BOARD

THURSDAY, JUNE 24, 2021 – 6:00 PM

Zoom Video Conference

MINUTES

ATTENDEES

Library Board

Lara Greguric – Board Chair
Kulvir Mann – Vice Chair
Ana Lopez – Trustee
Barb Lawrie – Trustee
James Mitchell – Trustee
Kristine Mactaggart Wright – Trustee
Megan Curren – Trustee/Council Representative
Valerie Dong – Trustee

Regrets

Gerald Baier – Trustee

Library Staff

Jacqueline van Dyk – Library Director
Sarka Navratil – Executive Assistant
Meghan Crowe – Communications/Events Coordinator
Sandi Burgess – Manager, Welcoming Initiatives
Deborah Hudson – Business Manager
Maryann Kempthorne – Manager, Learning, Innovation and Technology
Alison Campbell – Manager, Community Connections

1. BOARD CHAIR CALLED MEETING TO ORDER – 6:00 PM

Board Chair opened the meeting with NVDPL's newly revised territorial acknowledgement and spoke about the recent discovery at the former Kamloops residential school in Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc, and opened up the meeting for reflections and comments. KMW shared that she has completed the Indigenous Canada on-line course through corsera.org. MC reported that DNV adopted a motion in December 2020 to implement the municipal specific Truth and Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action, and as part of the first step, senior staff and Council will be participating in education in the Fall. KM recently joined the NVSD44 Indigenous Committee, looking to collaborate with the library. AL spoke of BCIT's free Indigenous Awareness course, available to any Trustee interested in taking it.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Board Chair requested a motion to adopt the Agenda. Addition of Library alignment of the Shared Spaces (Circular Economy) as Item 5.4 (moving current Item 5.4 to 5.5).

MOVED by Barb Lawrie and SECONDED by Megan Curren

THAT the Agenda for the June 24, 2021 Meeting of the Board be adopted as amended. (21-06-01)

MOTION CARRIED

3. REPORTS

3.1 Chair's Report – as part of a great opportunity to raise the Library's profile with stakeholders, Board Chair and Library Director met with Karin Kirkpatrick, MLA for West Vancouver/Capilano on May 4, and on May 18, Board Chair, Board Vice-Chair, Library Director, and

Communications/Events Coordinator met with Susie Chant, MLA for North Vancouver/Seymour. Board Chair also attended Fundamentals of Anti-Oppression workshop on June 17, along with Library Director and other trustees.

<James Mitchell disconnected at 6:24 pm>

- 3.2 Director's Report** – Indigenous Canada MOOC will be once again offered as a library program in the Fall. After the March 27th event, the library has received an abundance of unanticipated gifts, including: the 'Lynn Valley Love Project' (quilted banners) with artist Berene Campbell, a special blanket ceremony with MONOVA, 'Love Conquers All' painted hearts with Caroline Liggett and United Way, 'Pieces of My Heart' quilt from Barbara Craxton, a kindness quilt from Upper LV Elementary School, comfort quilts for staff from the Lions Gate Quilters Guild, and funding from St. Clement's Church's to support the launch of the 'Caring Communities Fund'.

Other updates: Planning and consulting with the library community and health authority for BC's COVID Restart plan. Currently only small changes (masks recommended, not mandatory), starting to plan for Step 4. As of June 7, Library open on Mondays, and back to full 7-day week service with stable hours. At the June 23rd BC Library Association's Annual Meeting and Awards Ceremony, library was the recipient of the Building Better Communities award, along with the LV Children's Librarian winning an award for the 2020 Summer Reading Club Story.

MOVED by Kulvir Mann and SECONDED by Valerie Dong

THAT the reports be received by the Board. (21-06-02)

MOTION CARRIED

4. CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 Operational Approval

- 5.1.1** Approval of Regular Minutes of the Board – *April 22, 2021*

4.2 Reports

- 4.2.1** Media Report – *April 16-June 15*
4.2.2 Board Action Items
4.2.3 2021 North Shore Writers Festival Summary
4.2.4 Report on Financial Operations Q1 2021
4.2.5 Update on Land Acknowledgement

4.3. Correspondence

- 5.3.1** Minister Josie Osborne-NNELS Funding
5.3.2 Mari Martin-Provincial Grants

MOVED by Ana Lopez and SECONDED by Megan Curren

THAT the Consent Agenda be adopted and the Reports, contained therein, be received for information;

AND THAT the Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board – April 22, 2021 be approved; (21-06-03)

MOTION CARRIED

5. BOARD ACTION ITEMS/DISCUSSIONS

5.1 Roadmap for Home Library Services (Presentation) – The 2020-2023 strategic planning includes a goal to “develop and implement a roadmap to expand Home Library Services”. AC, Manager, Community Connections, provided background and an update of this initiative. We have renamed this service as NVDPL’s Accessible Services, and the roadmap includes 3 phases: increasing resources and raising profile (2021), developing supporting infrastructure (2021/2022), and expanding service to reach new audiences (2022/2023). Board noted appreciation for the much-needed service. Query about the service being available to patrons in hospital for a prolonged stay, AC stated it is possible to arrange. KM noted appreciation for all the impactful work the library staff does.

<James Mitchell re-connected at 6:42 pm>

MOVED by Barb Lawrie and SECONDED by Ana Lopez

THAT the Board receive the Accessible Library Services presentation for information. (21-06-04)

MOTION CARRIED

5.2 Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Strategy – Meghan Crowe, Communications/Events Coordinator, reviewed Management Report with the Board, highlighting the framework and strategy that will help guide diversity, equity, and inclusion work in a more intentional and focused way over the long term. First phase includes initiating a relationship with a consultant, and creating staff working group. Trustees appreciate the current work, with the opportunity for a dialogue with an open timeline, and for providing the community with transparent steps. Possible to partner with local libraries and school district. Query about potentially problematic material available at the library; currently working on decolonizing and re-classifying the collection.

MOVED by Kulvir Mann and SECONDED by Valerie Dong

THAT the NVDPL Board endorse in principle the North Vancouver District Public Library’s framework for advancing diversity, equity and inclusion within the Library and beyond. (21-02-05)

MOTION CARRIED

5.3 Breezeway Refresh Project Proposal – discussion regarding plans to refresh the space outside the LV Library entrance. Concerns noted about on-going maintenance impact, displacement of community members experiencing homelessness who currently using the space, protection of art in common area, viability of a permanent memorial/living wall. General support for the concept, continuing work with DNV. Initiative underway for an official memorial at a more civic space, as well an archival project. Suggestions of reclaiming the space in the short term by refreshing and brightening the area (refinishing the wood, painting the walls and ceiling), and working with local youth and Indigenous artists to create artwork to enliven the space in the future.

ACTION: Letter from the Board to Council. Councillor Curren to present letter to DNV Council.

MOVED by James Mitchell and SECONDED by Kulvir Mann

THAT the NVDPL Board recommends for Council’s consideration a modest refresh of the Lynn Valley breezeway as a measure to support community healing following the traumatic events of March 27. (21-06-06)

MOTION CARRIED

5.4 Shared Spaces (Circular Economy) – Trustee MC and Library Director met with DNV Facilities and NV Rec re: connecting inter-generations around sustainability, shared resources, knowledge. It was an initial exploratory conversation, focused on space, service and programming opportunities that could

potentially be accommodated at the forthcoming Lynn Creek community centre. Whether shared tools and equipment are freely accessible or offered through a rental program would need to be articulated as part of a vision. Other questions: How does the library, culture and staff fit in? Possible to incorporate StoryLab as a resource? Board is encouraged to continue to share ideas.

<Kristine Mactaggart Wright disconnected at 7:31 pm>

5.4 Fines-Free Policy Update – SB, Manager, Welcoming Initiatives, provided the Board with an overview of the library’s elimination of fines in May 2021. SB outlined challenges with providing refunds for lost items after they have been paid. Request for a motion of support to discontinue to offer refunds. Query about patron feedback on the recently implemented fines-free – overall well received by the community, not many concerns expressed.

MOVED by Valerie Dong and SECONDED by Barb Lawrie

THAT the Library Board approve the amended policy B-OP-13 REGULATION OF BORROWING PRIVILEGES and Appendix A: FINES, FEES AND CHARGES to reflect the elimination of library fines put into effect May 4th, 2021, as well as other house-keeping updates.

AND THAT the Library Board support the recommended change to refund procedures as worded in MG-OP-13 REGULATION OF BORROWING PRIVILEGES, item #5, related to Lost/Damaged Materials. (21-06-07)

MOTION CARRIED

6. ADVOCACY

***ACTION:** Doodle Poll - dates to schedule Seasonal Celebration in December 2021.*

7. STANDING ITEMS

7.1 Updates –

7.1.1 Finance and Audit – next meeting July 22 at 5 p.m.

7.1.2 Governance – no update

7.1.3 Human Resources – no update

7.2 Updates – Affiliates

7.2.1 InterLINK – no update

7.2.2 Friends of the Library – contributed funds towards the Summer Reading Club and the NS Writers Festival. Salmon prints offered for sale through their Facebook page. Next book sale in October.

7.2.3 Council – no update

8. IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

Trustees noted important upcoming date on the Agenda.

9. ADJOURN MEETING – 7:51 PM


MOVED by James Mitchell and SECONDED by Kulvir Mann

THAT the Regular Board Meeting of June 24, 2021 be adjourned. (21-06-08)

MOTION CARRIED



Library Board Chair **Date** Dec. 8/21



Director, Library Services **Date** Dec 8/21

