

MINUTES
JULY 4, 2023
INVERMERE PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
6:30 PM AT INVERMERE PUBLIC LIBRARY

MISSION

Connecting the Columbia Valley community and opening the door to a world of knowledge and adventure.

HONOURING THE INDIGENOUS LANDS

We acknowledge that the land on which we gather is the unceded territory of the Ktunaxa and Secwepemc (Shuswap) Peoples and the chosen land of the Métis.

PRESENT: D. McAffer, R. Martin, A. Rogers (LD), T. Wood, H. McLeod, C. Palmgren

REGRETS: W. Cunningham

MINUTES RECORDED BY: A. Rogers (LD)

AGENDA

1. Call to order: D. McAffer at 6:35 PM
2. Honouring the Indigenous Lands: R. Martin
3. Opportunity to pull anything from the consent agenda for further discussion:
 - A. Rogers requested item (f) BCLTA
4. Consent Agenda Reports attached: Verbal or written
 - a) Financial Report for May 2023 – A. Rogers
 - b) Labour Management Committee
 - c) Planning and Policy Development Committee – C. Palmgren and W. Cunningham, R. Martin.
 - d) Community Relations and Resource Development Committee – to be renamed **Advocacy and Engagement** – D. McAffer, H. McLeod.
 - e) Multi-Use Facilities Operations Committee – T. Wood
 - f) BCLTA – C. Palmgren
 - g) Kootenay Library Federation –D. McAffer and H. McLeod
 - h) Friends of the Library – A. Rogers
5. Additions to and adoption of the agenda: Motion to adopt the agenda: 1. R. Martin and 2. C. Palmgren **~CARRIED**
6. Approval of minutes from June 2023: 1. D. McAffer 2. R. Martin **~CARRIED**
7. Library Director's Report – accepted as presented
 - Discussion followed concerning leave, staff retention, compensation, and management and union agreements. It was recommended that IPL compare agreements to those at the DOI.
 - Regarding the use of the additional funding, staff are to share what they would like to see at IPL and report back to the LD. The LD will report back to the board.

8. New Business:

- a)** BCLTA AGM – Anne shared Mari Martin’s (head of the Public Libraries Branch) presentation at the AGM regarding the \$45 million for public libraries. Discussion followed regarding the service agreements in the valley and how they might be changed to be more representative.
- b)** T. Wood spoke about the upcoming UBCM meeting in September 2023 and the ask of more money for libraries.
- c)** R. Martin spoke about his conversation with Sasha Eugene at the June 21 Indigenous People’s Day at James Chabot Park. He emailed her afterwards but received no reply. She indicated that she would be interested in sitting on board of the library.
- d)** Composition of the library board: discussion took place about the current composition of the board and how it might be changed to be more inclusive. D. McAffer offered to talk to the RDEK and DOI about how to reconfigure the representation on the board. C. Palmgren and T. Wood offered to find out the process involved in diversifying the board. Discussion also focused on whether or not the library can have a trustee-at-large.

9. Old Business:

- a)** Annual Report update: Board reviewed revised Annual Report. H. McLeod provided the final edit, and it is now on the IPL website.
- b)** CVCF Garden Party Update: A. Rogers and H. McLeod spoke about the evening. There were several non-profits invited to speak about their projects helped by grant funding from the CVCF. IPL shared that the Tech Hub is near completion.
- c)** Mobile library update: Discussion took place around whether businesses could be funders of a vehicle for the library. Could the SPARK vehicle at the DOI be used? Blair McFarlane, Community Outreach Library Assistant will make a presentation to the board at the September board meeting.

10.Adjournment: 7:40 PM

11.Next Meeting: September 5, 2023

Board Chair

Library Director