

MINUTES
OCT 3, 2023
INVERMERE PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
6:30 PM BY ZOOM

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, W. Cunningham,

REGRETS: C. Palmgren

MINUTES RECORDED BY: A. Rogers (LD)

AGENDA

1. Call to order: D. McAffer at 6:50 PM
2. Honouring the Indigenous Lands: T. Wood
3. Opportunity to pull anything from the consent agenda for further discussion:
 - H. McLeod requested that the KLF report be pulled for verbal report, now item 6 (a)
 - T. Wood requested a verbal report on UBCM where representatives from the DOI advocated for library funding to Minister Kang (Minister of Municipal Affairs). Now item 6 (b)
4. Consent Agenda Reports attached: Verbal or written
 - a) Financial Report for July and August 2023 – A. Rogers – reports to be moved forward to November 7 board meeting
 - b) Labour Management Committee
 - c) Planning and Policy Development Committee – C. Palmgren and W. Cunningham, R. Martin.
 - d) Community Relations and Resource Development Committee – 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. T. Wood and 2. R. Martin
~CARRIED
6. Approval of minutes from September 2023: 1.R. Martin and 2. W. Cunningham
~CARRIED

- 6 (a)** Heather McLeod and Daneve McAffer attended the KLF AGM in Creston BC on September 15/23.

In speaking with other KLF members, they learned of library struggles across the federation. Common themes were relationships with municipal governments, staff retention, and lack of awareness of what libraries do. It was Daneve's last meeting, and she received plaques and a scarf in recognition of her service to the KLF.

- 6 (b)** Theresa Wood attended UBCM, the Union of BC Municipalities September 16-20 in Vancouver BC and was able to speak to Minister Kang about the wish for consistent funding and to thank her for the Enhancement Grants issued to libraries this year.
There were 2000 delegates from municipalities around the province.

7. Library Director's Report – accepted as presented

- **Additional notes:** IPL offered programming on September 30 for the national day of Truth and Reconciliation. Forty people attended Story Time.
- Home School Meet-Up will resume October
- After School Meet-Up has been added to the calendar
- There are two Story Times per week now

8. New Business:

- (a) 2024 Budget –** A. Rogers reviewed the draft 2024 budget. Changes will be made to balance the budget and account for book mobile expenses in the Program Expenses category. The draft budget will be emailed to the board for feedback and approval before October 13, 2023.

9. Old Business:

- a)** Book mobile update: Blair McFarlane, Community Outreach Library Assistant, made a presentation to the board outlining the benefits to the IPL service area of having a mobile library service. She shared her research, preliminary cost estimates, and all the ways in which a book mobile service aligns with the library strategic plan and the provincial goals for library service. Rod Martin has volunteered to work with Blair and Anne on preparing the budget and funding requests to make the project a reality. The Friends of the Library will be contacted to discuss fundraising. T. Wood and H. McLeod also offered to assist with letters of support for the project.
- b)** Possible funding avenues include: The Hospital Auxiliary, The Columbia Valley Community Foundation, a cash call within the community, the CBT, and the Panorama Foundation.

- c) R. Martin made a motion to pursue the acquisition of a book mobile for the Invermere Public Library. It was seconded by T. Wood.
~CARRIED

10.Adjournment: 8:01 PM D. McAffer

11.Next Meeting: November 7, 2023

Board Chair

Library Director