

Salt Spring Island Public Library
Minutes
Board of Trustees Meeting
Thursday, June 22, 9:30 am

Present: Adrian Wright– Board Chair, Anne Zeller – Vice Chair, Richard Swann – Treasurer, Peter Freeman, Andrea Little, Karen Hudson – Library Director, Christine Arpita – Recording Secretary.

Guest: Gayle Baker, LCC

Absent: Christine Hunt, Garth Hendren, Joi Freed-Garrod, Tracy Watkins, Gary Holman – CRD Director

1. Call to order

Adrian called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

Acknowledgement of Indigenous land and Mission Statement

Peter read the Mission Statement and acknowledged that the Library is on the unceded territory of the Coast Salish First Nations peoples of Salt Spring and surrounding areas, who continue to use and steward these lands.

2. Approval of Agenda

- *Motion: Moved by Richard, Seconded by Andrea
That the agenda be approved.
Approved*

3. Approval of May 16, 2023 Minutes

- *Motion: Moved by Richard, Seconded by Peter
That the Minutes of May 16 be approved.
Approved*

4. Consent Agenda

Committee Reports

Library Director Reports

- *Motion: Moved by Anne, Seconded by Peter
That the items of the consent agenda be approved.
Approved*

5. 2024 Draft Budget Review – Circulated

Richard presented the budget. Discussion centred around increased staffing needs due to decreased volunteerism resulting from attrition from age, financial and housing pressures, technological requirements, and difficult behaviours from patrons. In addition, the drawing down of the surplus over 3 years was discussed so that the required requisition to run the library would increase gradually.

Gayle recommended that the Library send a delegation to discuss these points with the LCC. Attendees provisionally approved the budget and the official motion was tabled until an upcoming zoom meeting.

10:23 am Gayle Baker departed.

6. Governance and Financial Policy Review – Circulated

Tabled until the next regular Board of Trustees meeting.

7. Correspondence

Library Case for Support

This document, along with the budget will be circulated to Gary Holman and Karla Campbell. Karla will be asked to clarify the procedure to circulate information to the LCC.

Municipal Affairs Thank You

8. Reconciliation Minute

Karen provided the following information:

- The mural interpretative panel has been successfully completed. Charlene Johnny was acknowledged, and she and the Salt Spring Island Foundation were on-hand for a photo.
- Chris Arnett, local historian and author, gave a well-received talk on local indigenous place names.
- The Library has soft launched the Indigenous Learning Area. Art work will be hung and indigenous partners will be invited to a launch in the future.

9. Board Discussion

Tabled. The goals and visions for the Children's area will be discussed at the next regular Board of Trustees meeting.

10. CRD Report

No report.

11. Other Business

Washroom Signs

Inclusive signage was removed from the public washrooms by a vandal. The Library will look at the issue from a larger perspective and will become part of the accessibility study in the future.

BOT Committee Meeting Schedules – Circulated

Library Delegation to Pride Parade

Karen invited trustees to participate in the Library delegation on Saturday July 20, 11:30 am.

12. Upcoming Regularly Scheduled Work and Meetings

- Board Development Meeting – July 3, 2023 10:30 a.m. – to be confirmed
- Finance Meeting – July 4, 2023, 9 a.m. - ZOOM
- Executive Meeting – July 4, 2023, 10 a.m. - ZOOM
- Policy Committee – July 5, 2023, 9:30 a.m. Library
- BOT July Meeting – July 18, 2023, 9:30 a.m. - Library
- Ad Hoc Art Committee meeting – to be determined
- Major Donor Brunch – Library Children's Area, Sunday August 20, 2023

13. Motion to Adjourn - 10:50 a.m.

- *Motion: Moved by Andrea
That the meeting be adjourned.*