

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PRINCE GEORGE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD
HELD WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23, 2021 AT 7:00PM
ONLINE THROUGH ZOOM**

Present: Mike Gagel (Chair)
Fiona Demers (Vice Chair)
Anna Duff
Arlene Stevens
Jenne Amell
Nik Logan
Bob Affleck
Mel Aksidan
Councillor Terri McConnachie

Also Present: Paul Burry (Library Director)
Sheila Littler (Manager of Customer Experience & Service Delivery)
Lisa Martinson (Human Resources & Executive Assistant)

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Motion: That the Library Board approve the minutes of the May 26, 2021 meeting as distributed. The motion was moved and seconded. The motion was carried.

3. ACCEPTANCE OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: That the Library Board accept the Consent Agenda as distributed. The motion was moved and seconded. The motion was carried.

4. PGPL COVID-19 RESPONSE UPDATE

- The library is making plans to expand service levels.
- There will be some limited in-person programs for the Summer Reading Club. There are also some plans for in-person programs in the fall. The situation will be monitored as more in-person events are introduced.

5. REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

a) Board Chair Report – Mike Gagel

- Mike attended the board's strategic planning sessions with several board members, the library's leadership team and Monogram Communications. It was very rewarding work. Mike is looking forward to seeing the final project.
- Mike posted on LinkedIn about the strategic planning session. There were 336 views in 5 days and some comments. Another post had 208 views and a handful of comments.
- Mike has been letting people know about the availability of LinkedIn Learning through the library.
- Bob, Fiona, Mike and Paul met with the bargaining negotiator who walked them through the bargaining process.

b) Library Director – Paul Burry

Please refer to the full Library Report for additional information. Highlights include:

- The meeting with the negotiator was to help prepare for the meeting that will take place this Friday with the union when they present their proposed Collective Agreement. The negotiator also teaches courses and has allowed members of the library's team to take those courses for free. Paul will register a couple of the bargaining team members to take those courses which will be held in the fall.
- The Library has received notification from the Libraries Branch of the annual provincial grant award for 2021. The per capita grant remains the same as in 2020
- Working on recruiting for the vacancies that are currently posted for the library.
- The Library continues to upgrade its health & safety guidelines and procedures in response to the WorkSafe BC Inspection Report.
- The Summer Reading Program launches the first week of July, featuring a combination of virtual events and limited registration in-person activities hosted in the Knowledge Garden.
- There is a podcast series coming up as well that will review books for National Indigenous History Month.

c) Library Advancement Committee

- No meeting held this month.

d) Governance Committee

- No meeting held this month.

e) Local History Committee

- Next meeting tentatively set for September.

f) Friends of the Library

- Pleased with book sale that the library has been having. A cheque was received from the library for almost \$7000. This will help enable them to support the Summer Reading Club. They received a request for \$1500.
- Ignacio has been connecting to outside organizations that may be interested in receiving book donations to help with the lack of storage space at the library.
- This is their last meeting until September.

g) BCLTA

- The letter regarding Bill C-11 continues to get feedback. A reporter from the National Post contacted Mike for a comment. The reporter was referred to the Canadian Federation of Libraries Association.

6. DISCUSSION/DECISION ITEMS

a) Financial Statements to May 31, 2021

- No report for this month.

b) July Board Meeting

- Anna would like to invite the board to attend the July board meeting in person in her backyard.

7. OTHER/NEW BUSINESS

a) Committee Meetings

- Library Advancement Committee – July 13, 2021 – 4:30 p.m.
- Governance Committee – July 20, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.
- Board Meeting – July 28, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. (to be held in Anna's backyard)

b) Board Look Ahead

- Nothing new to add.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: That the Library Board adjourn the meeting at 7:29 p.m. The motion was moved and seconded. The motion was carried.



Paul Burry
Library Director



Mike Gagel
Board Chair