



MINUTES

CRANBROOK PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD REGULAR MEETING

Minutes of the Library Board Meeting held on Wednesday, 16 February 2022 at 7 pm via Zoom.

PRESENT

David Clark, Chair
 Lee-Ann Crane, RDEK Area C Representative
 Christine McCubbin
 Alyssa Panning
 Wayne Price, City Council Representative
 Tasy Strouzas
 Gail Wakulich
 Sandy Zeznik

ABSENT

IN ATTENDANCE

STAFF

Ursula Brigl, Chief Librarian

CALL TO ORDER

Chair D. Clark called the regular Library Board meeting to order at **7:03** pm.

(1) CLOSED MEETING

Moved by W. Price and seconded

CLOSED MEETING

9-22

THAT the meeting be closed to the public pursuant to the *Community Charter*, as the matters being considered at this time relate to Section 90(1)c labour relations or other employee relations.

Carried unanimously.

RECONVENE

Chair D. Clark reconvened the regular meeting at 7:23 pm.

(2) ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by W. Price and seconded

REGULAR

10-22

THAT the agenda of the Regular Board Meeting of Wednesday, 16 February 2022 be adopted.

MEETING, 16

Carried unanimously.

FEBRUARY 2022

(3) DELEGATION

No delegations appeared at this month's meeting.

(4) CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by C. McCubbin and seconded

CONSENT AGENDA

11-22

THAT the following items contained in the consent agenda be approved and adopted:

- ◆ Minutes of the Regular Library Board Meeting of Wednesday, 19 January 2022
- ◆ Statistics – January 2022
- ◆ Report – Chief Librarian
- ◆ Family Day Long Weekend Library Closure Motion Email Voting Results

Due to the time sensitive nature of the request, the Board conducted a vote by email for the following motion:

Moved by S. Zeznik and seconded

THAT the Cranbrook Public Library close from 19 to 21 February 2022 for the Family Day long weekend.

Carried.

Carried unanimously.

(5) **ACTION ITEMS**

COMMITTEE &
LIAISON POSITION
APPOINTMENTS

5.1 The Library Board reviewed the committee and liaison positions and appointed members to each vacancy.

Moved by L. Crane and seconded

12-22 **THAT the following Committee and Liaison position appointments be approved:**

- ◆ BCLTA Liaison – D. Clark
- ◆ Friends of the Library Liaison – S. Zeznik, T. Strouzas
- ◆ Kootenay Library Federation Representative – G. Wakulich, A. Panning
- ◆ Personnel Liaison – L. Crane
- ◆ Planning and Policy Development Committee – T. Strouzas (chair), C. McCubbin, D. Clark, A. Panning
- ◆ Community Relations and Resource Development Committee – L. Crane (chair), C. McCubbin, S. Zeznik, T. Strouzas.

Carried unanimously.

(6) **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

BCLTA LIAISON

6.1 D. Clark presented a resolution template provided by the BC Library Partners that Library Boards could use to work with their local governments to call for the provincial government to increase its funding levels for public libraries.

A discussion followed.

Moved by L. Crane and seconded

13-22 **THAT the City of Cranbrook and RDEK be requested to submit the following resolution to the 2022 UBCM Convention and the resolution also be sent to the Kootenay East MLA:**

*Whereas libraries in British Columbia are largely funded by the property tax base of local governments, and provincial library funding has remained stagnant for the past 13 years:
And whereas public libraries are central to communities, providing equitable access to vital resources, including internet, computers, digital library tools, and in-person services from expert staff;*

And whereas public libraries provide British Columbians with low-barrier services, that support job seekers and small businesses, that increase literacy in communities, that advance reconciliation with Indigenous peoples, and that promote equity and inclusion;

Therefore be it resolved that the Province of BC be requested to immediately increase funding to public libraries in BC and to provide long-term sustainable funding, including regular increases, in future years.

Carried unanimously.

FRIENDS OF THE
LIBRARY LIAISON

6.2

S. Zeznik reported that the next Friends' book sale will take place on 1 and 2 April, dependent on provincial health orders.

The Friends donated \$7,000 to the Library for the acquisition of collections material.

The Friends Board made a request to the Library Board to recognize the contributions made by Elaine Karras, a founding member of the Friends and past Library Board trustee, in some manner. One suggestion was to name the Reading Room in Elaine's honour.

The Board requested that the Community Relations & Resource Development Committee to consider a request and prepare a report for the March 2022 regular Board meeting.

KLF
REPRESENTATIVE

6.3

G. Wakulich reported that the KLF the Library Directors' Advisory Group has been active in working on shared programs and collections, such as a series of virtual author readings.

BOARD IDEAS

6.4

Nil.

(7)

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by W. Price and seconded

14-22

THAT the Regular Board Meeting of 16 February 2022 be adjourned at 8:02 pm.

Carried unanimously.



David Clark, Chair

I hereby certify these minutes are correct.