

Zoom/Open Meeting

Present: Jennifer Rohloff, Chair
Lyndsay de Jonge, Vice-chair
David Folstad, past Chair

Derek McKeever
Debbra Mikaelson
Sarah Sloan

Regrets: James Miller, City Council Representative

Attending: Heather Buzzell, Chief Librarian & Secretary to the Library Board
Stephanie James, Public Services Librarian & Recording Secretary

Guest: Kelsey Johnson, Manager of Recreation, Art & Culture

Call to order: 5:28 pm

Quorum Established (6 voting members present)

Rohloff **TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

We would like to acknowledge that the land on which we gather is the ancestral, traditional, and unceded territory of the Syilx People of the Okanagan Nation.

Rohloff **ITEMS FOR ADOPTION**
1. Adoption of Agenda

McKeever /
de Jonge
PPL2023-014 It was MOVED and SECONDED
THAT the Library Board adopts agenda for the Regular Meeting of 22 February 2023 as amended.

Carried

Rohloff 2. Consent Agenda
2.1. Minutes 25 January statutory meeting
2.2. Minutes of 25 January regular meeting
2.3. Financial Statements 31 January 2023 – unadjusted
2.4. Committee Meeting Minutes:
2.4.1. Finance & Planning Committee
2.4.2. Policy & Personnel Committee
2.4.3. Executive Committee

Statutory meeting minutes corrected.

de Jonge /
Rohloff
PPL2023-015 IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED
THAT the Library Board adopts consent agenda for the Regular Meeting of 22 February 2023 as amended.

Carried.

ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

Executive Committee minutes:

- Rohloff spoke of some concerns re city encroachment on board authority based on the executive committee meeting. We would like to encourage discussion around a service agreement or role clarification. Meeting requested with Anthony Haddad.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

3. Staff Reports

Buzzell

3.1. Chief Librarian's Report

Key Points:

- Programming has been going very well, and we are particularly proud of the extended partnerships we're seeing with adult programming.
- We are slowly filling vacancies and are looking at the changes as fresh opportunities.
- New service desk has been received with almost universal joy. But there are still a few growing pains.
- We have received some small funding windfalls.

The Library Board received this report.

James

3.2. Public Services Report

Key Points:

- Continued challenges with the public service desk, due to it not being sent to us complete. Hopefully this will be rectified soon.
- Training our new Homebound coordinator is going to be a priority over the coming months (as well as training new pages).
- The Superconference in Toronto highlighted that all libraries have been impacted by the pandemic in different, but similar ways. Challenges are across the board in regards to accessibility and comfort of staff and patrons.

The Library Board received these reports.

ITEMS FOR DECISION

Buzzell

4. Provincial Library Grant Report

Key points:

- The holds locker was the major project of 2022, plus expansion of digital resources and becoming a fine free. All have been beneficial but have had a financial impact on the library.
- Major challenges has been: varying restrictions of the COVID-19 pandemic, staffing levels and recruitment, the aging facility, and working with vulnerable communities.
- Many of our plans for using the COVID-19 relief and recovery grant have had to be postponed due to limited capacity to work with, however we are well set to complete the use of this grant in 2023.

Folstad suggested several edits.

McKeever /
Mikaelsen
PPL2023-016

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Library Board approves the Penticton Public Library's Provincial library Grant Report for submission to the Libraries Branch, Ministry of Municipal Affairs.

Carried

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

5. New Business

Rohloff

5.1 Selection of vice-chair

Rohloff will be leaving Penticton towards the end of March and so will have to step down from the board. Request that new members consider standing as vice chair for the remainder of 2023.

Rohloff

6. Roundtable: Freedom to Read week

The Library Board held a discussion about intellectual freedom and censorship as Freedom to read week is February 19 to 25.

OTHER BUSINESS

Nil.

7. In camera

8. Adjournment

Rohloff
PPL2023-017

It was MOVED

THAT the board adjourn the 22 February 2023 regular meeting at 6:45 pm.

Carried.

Certified Correct:

Heather Buzzell, Chief Librarian &
Secretary to the Library Board

Jennifer Rohloff, Chair
Penticton Public Library Board