

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28, 2025
5:30PM - 7:30PM
Brighthouse Library Board Room

Board Present:

Denise Hui, Chair
Councillor Michael Wolfe
Jennifer Gervès-Keen
Cathy Liu
Sherine Merhi
Jacqueline Morrison
Angeline Singh (virtual)
Angelica Victoria

Susan Walters, Chief Librarian and
Secretary to the Board

Regrets: Ashley Sandhu, Debby Newton

Staff Present:

Anne Bechard
Charles Leung
Shaneena Rahman
Kevin Samara
Eva Yu
Rafael Abramoff

Friends of the Library:

None

Guests:

None

1. Call to Order and Welcome

The meeting was called to order at 5:33pm, with D. Hui providing the welcome.

2. Approval of Agenda

Item 5.0bi was moved to the June meeting agenda due to FOL regrets.

MOVED: THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

J. Gervès-Keen/C. Liu.....CARRIED

3. Business Section**(a) Approval of Meeting Minutes**

MOVED: THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of April 30, 2025, be approved.

J. Morrison/S. Merhi.....CARRIED

(b) Business Arising

None.

(c) Correspondence**i. May 13, 2025 – Appointment of Council Representatives**

D. Hui welcomed Councillor Wolfe to his Council Liaison role on the Library Board, acknowledged Councillor Loo as the Alternate Council Liaison, and thanked Councillor Au for his 3½ years of service in the Council Liaison role.

4. Presentations**(a) Indigenous Programming**

C. McCrea presented to the board, noting the library's ongoing commitment to Truth & Reconciliation, in particular 3 relevant Calls to Action for libraries, and the intent to align with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, which has been adopted as the Province's framework for reconciliation.

RPL commitments to the process of reconciliation include 1) the creation of the Indigenous Perspectives collection, 2) partnering with the City to develop Musqueam Artist workshops (pre-pandemic), 3) providing *4 Seasons of Reconciliation* training to library staff and trustees (since 2021), 4) developing the Indigenous Authors program, and 5) being a contributing partner on Richmond's Indigenous Programming Community of Practice table.

The board discussed alternating the welcome and allowing space for trustees to share personal learnings. Staff will explore the possibility of attending the 2026 Day at Musqueam. S. Walters will follow up with links to learning opportunities for trustees that include recommended MOOCs, InterLINK courses and RPL staff core training, *4 Seasons of Reconciliation*.

5. Community

(a) Councillor's Report

Councillor Wolfe shared updates from Council and Committee meetings and highlighted upcoming events in the community.

(b) Friends of the Library (FOL) Report

None.

(c) Summary of Customer Comments

Trustees commented on the positive feedback for library staff from a community member. Staff confirmed that programs are intentionally audience specific.

6. Board – Items for Decision and/or Discussion

(a) Draft 2024 Richmond Public Library Annual Report

S. Walters shared the draft Annual Report, noting that there are still some outstanding components to be completed including the opening addresses. Feedback from the Library Board is welcomed until June 6.

(b) Board Policy

On behalf of the Governance Committee, J. Gervès-Keen shared the Trustee Code of Conduct Policy and Statement. Trustees had questions around referencing Roberts Rules of Order and several minor edits and changes. The Chair opted to move this to an e-vote. S. Walters will make the requested edits and share some additional information with the board in advance of the e-vote.

7. Standing Items

(a) Roundtable Discussion

The board shared information on the recent short story contest, the Misinformation and Disinformation program, ideas for senior ambassadors, adult learning, and briefly discussed the Alberta Government's approach regarding school library collections.

(b) Steveston Community Centre and Library

S. Rahman noted that the team is confirming interior colours – flooring, fabric, millwork and paint.

(c) InterLINK Report

S. Merhi shared that trustees have access to Indigenous and Anti-Racism training and that work is being done on a professional development coalition, with several BC library organizations and all of the Library Federations involved. She also shared that custom presentations on InterLINK, its services, and the value it provides to members can be scheduled. S. Walters will follow up.

(d) Finance Committee

None

(e) Fund Development Committee

None.

(f) Governance Committee

See 6.0b

8. Chief Librarian's Report

S. Walters shared that the leadership team and Joint Health & Safety and Level II First Aid representatives received Mental Health First Aid training. She also noted that the website redesign project is underway, the Logo and Rebranding Project is at the interview stage, and the Libraries Branch shared this week that Provincial Enhancement Grant funding can extend into 2026 which supports numerous projects in progress.

9. Operations(a) Library Operations – Highlights

Trustees commented on the relevance of the Frauds & Scams program, noting that being able to offer this in various languages would be helpful and that it will be important to focus on the negative role AI can play.

10. Items Included for Information

Trustees were reminded that there is an exciting line-up of Indigenous programming at the library and across city departments this June. Trustees were also invited to the SRC Launch Event with A. Victoria volunteering to represent the Library Board.

11. Other Business

None.

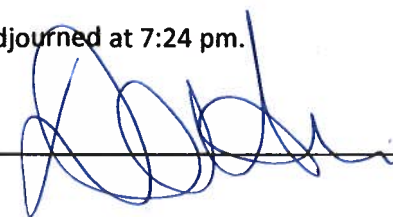
Next Meeting

The next Regular Board meeting is scheduled for **June 25, 2025, 5:30pm.**

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 7:24 pm.

CHAIR



CHIEF LIBRARIAN

