

Minutes
Squamish Public Library Board
Wednesday, May 17, 2023, 5:30 PM

In attendance: Molly Loudon, Andrew Hamilton, Sarah Bainbridge, Hilary Bloom, Dana Fleming, Doug Race, Janet Jamieson, Esther De Vos, Christine Baker, TlatlaKwot

Regrets: Hasrat Grewal

Minutes: Rya Kobewka

1. **Welcome:** We would like to acknowledge that we are gathered on the unceded territory of the (Skwxwu7mesh) Squamish First Nation
2. **Approval of Agenda**
 - a. Moved: Janet Second: Dana Moved
3. **Approval of April 19, 2023 minutes and March 20, 2023 special minutes**
 - a. Moved: Dana Second: Esther Moved
4. **Treasurer's Report**

There is no report this month – waiting for quarterly. Moment update – budget will be in two parts. June (significant dollars) is monies from the district.
5. **Governance Committee Report**

Esther – met March 30th – committee is focused on policy manual, board self-evaluation, and director evaluation (one for staff and one for board). No next meeting date confirmed yet but will finalize some of these items at that time. Policies – most focused on conflict of policies and storage of library policies policy.
6. **InterLINK Report**

Dana – new executive director, Leigh-Anne Palmer, has been hired to replace Michael after a long process. InterLINK committee will meet her at the next meeting.
7. **Director's Report**

Updates on two new hires – Marketing and Communications Specialist and Technology Coordinator. Hilary and Val attended the Beyond Hope Library Conference in Prince George – inspired sea to sky library professional development. Whistler and Pemberton to visit Squamish tomorrow for Inter-Library Connect (ILC) policy alignment meeting. No date locked in for Hannah's retirement – but likely a Sunday (maybe Sunday June 4th).
8. **Council Report**

Tax rates were set, audited financials received, Garibaldi Estates decision, Village on Bailey development with theatre proposed (on CN land), North Crumpit decision, wildlife study, and a visit of the lower mainland local government association.
9. **Business Arising**
 - a. Strategic planning update

Executive committee met last week to talk about what had been discussed at previous meetings. Decided to move forward to an RFP to hire somebody to support in the work (focus on foundational values piece – vision/mission/values). Hilary obtaining RFP samples to understand scope/guardrails of ask – to be put out in June, hoping for applications in July. Timeline for input/participation: early fall.

10. New Business

- a.** Leave a legacy month – Molly
Molly shared out on different sharing strategies. Dana has comments about improvement for the brochure – Molly, Hilary, Dana, Janet, and Sarah to meet and review, eventually pull in Moriah. Is it possible to plan for October – Canadian Library Month.

- b.** Letter to MP Weiler re: CSJ funding
Received less than half of requested funding – wanted to express frustration after meeting with him last summer. Tony Rainbow also wrote in support of the library ask. Two emails were sent to MP Weiler’s office. SPL scored 50% and only organizations scoring over 75% were given their full ask – no visibility into scoring rubric.

11. Adjournment

- a.** Moved: Andrew Second: Doug Moved