

Smithers Public Library Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 21, 2015, 7 pm, Smithers Public Library

Item	Responsible	Action
Call to Order	Wally	Present: Wally Bergen, Bruce Hutchinson, Margie Olmstead, Lorraine Doiron, Telkwa Mayor Darcy Repen, Frank Wray, Wendy Wright Regrets: Corry Tremblay Guests: Jesse Hiemstra, David Mio, Kay MacKenzie, Smithers Mayor Taylor Bachrach
Adopt Agenda		Motion: Adopt agenda with/without additions Moved: Margie Seconded: Lorraine Carried
Adopt Consent Agenda		Motion to adopt the following items: Minutes of July 22, 2015 meeting Moved: No motion made nor objections voiced
Correspondence		
Multi-purpose Building Presentation	Mayor Taylor Bachrach	The process is a bit behind timeline due to Deborah Sargent leaving her position. Council is interested in discovering efficiencies by talking to other community groups such as the museum, art gallery, visitors' centre, and library who are interested in sharing a new building. Councillor Gladys Atrill is the lead for this project. Gladys wants a first brainstorming session in November between the groups identified above and town council reps. Future steps are forming a plan, engaging a planning firm, holding a public consultation process, and fundraising. Frank emphasized that the Town has no money for this project. Two Council priorities are a new space for civic uses, and a new plan for Central Park. Council wants to avoid Smithers becoming a highway-centric town.
Business Arising from Minutes Fall Fair Booth NCLF Conference	Lorraine/Wendy Wally/Wendy	Many fairgoers stopped to inquire about plans for a new library. All approved of the concept of a multi-purpose building for practical reasons (cost efficiencies, smaller environmental footprint, and less walking distance between services). Reported on 2015 Fall Conference held in Prince Rupert: Wally proposed a name change from the North Coast Library Federation to the Northwest Library Federation, which was enthusiastically received and will be voted upon. Wendy Wright, Nicky Davis and Kathy Spiro attended training sessions on programming, improving service to First Nations, and Makerspace technology (presented by the Smithers Public Library). Federation staff held a roundtable during the Library Directors' Advisory Group (LDAG)

Friends of the Library Update	Lorraine	<p>meeting. Wally and Wendy W. attended the federation board meeting, where Wally was elected Vice-Chair of the NCLF board. Wally and Wendy also attended a workshop on trustee recruitment.</p> <p>Preparing for the Nov. 13 and 14 Book Sale. The Friends presently have about 300 boxes of materials.</p>
Reports: Librarian's Report	Wendy	Presented report
Treasurer's Report	Margie	<p>Motion: To adopt the Treasurer's Report as presented. Moved: Frank Seconded: Bruce Carried</p>
New Business Funding Opportunity: Rural Dividend	Bruce	Details available in March 2016, runs until 2019. The library is not yet ready to apply. Frank says that the airport would probably be the Town's first priority for this grant.
Little Free Libraries	Wally	Wally will contact the woodworking teachers at Smithers Secondary School.
Trustee Terms	Wally	The board can have up to 8 trustees until 2019. Presently we have 6. Margie and Bruce will contact Leslie Ford re: renewing their terms.
Lyon Declaration	Wally	<p>Motion: That the SPL endorse the Lyon Declaration. Moved: Bruce Seconded: Lorraine Carried</p> <p>Wendy will write a covering letter to the Town of Smithers, Regional District, and Telkwa saying that we've endorsed the Declaration and urging them to follow suit. Wally will review and sign the letter for Wendy to send with the Declaration.</p>
Pew Internet Report	Wally	Discussed
Policy, Values	Bruce/Wendy	Unfinished; to be completed and voted on at next meeting.
2016 Proposed Budget	Wally/Margie	Wally, Corry, Margie and Wendy will meet ASAP, then once or twice again before presenting the draft budget at the November board meeting. Frank says we will not hear the Town's decision until the end of February.
Next Meeting		Wednesday, November 18 at the library
Adjournment		10:45 p.m.