

Smithers Public Library Board Minutes

Wednesday, October 20, 2021, 7 p.m., at the Library

Item	Responsible	Action
Call to Order 7:03 p.m.	Wally	Present: Wally Bergen, Bruce Hutchinson, Jim Pojar, Sandy MacDonell, Christine Tessier, Charmaine O’Coffey, Dan Mesec, John Buikema, Wendy Wright Regrets: None
Acknowledgement of Territory	Wendy	
Adopt Agenda	Wally	CT Motion: To adopt the agenda with addition of a letter from the Town of Smithers re: our 2022 funding request timeline Seconded: JP Carried
Adopt Consent Agenda	Wally	SM Motion: To adopt the minutes of the May 19, 2021 regular meeting. Seconded: JP Carried
Correspondence		Letter from Town of Smithers re: Bruce Hutchinson’s maximum 8-year term ending Nov. 30, 2021; Letter from Town of Smithers re: 2022 funding request timeline.
Business Arising from Minutes COVID-19 Review	Wally/Wendy	Examined local COVID-19 case rate to determine appropriate library service delivery model. We will continue with our current model.
New Business Holiday Hours Strategic Plan Tent City Treasurer’s Report 2022 Funding Request	Wally/Wendy Wally Wally/Wendy/John Bruce Wally/John	WB Motion: To close on December 24. Seconded: JB Carried Wendy will find a facilitator who is familiar with libraries to lead an in-person planning session in March or April 2022, at the library or perhaps Town Hall. The staff feel that having the Town invite the local homeless population to stay beside the library and providing them with toilet facilities, a social area, cell phones and the library’s Wi-Fi has been a largely positive experience for all involved. Furthermore, library staff’s responses to questions from the public have been helping to positively influence public opinion. BH Motion: To accept the October 2021 Treasurer’s Report. Seconded: JP Carried The Town has sent us the dates of our 2022 funding request submission deadline and presentation to Council. John will liaise with the Town to reschedule those dates, allowing more time for input from the Board.

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Library Report	Wendy	A budget request will be prepared with asks for Munchkin Time wages, two SRC student wages, and more eBooks and eAudiobooks. Our increased hydro costs due to the Tent City will be noted. CO Motion: To accept the October 2021 Director’s Report. Seconded: JB Carried
Northwest Library Federation Report	Christine	Kaitlyn Vecchio is in place as the new NWLF director.
Friends of the Library Report	Wally	The fall book sale has been cancelled due to high local COVID cases. Hopefully the Friends will be able to hold a sale in the spring. There are 450 boxes of donated books stored in Telkwa.
Adjournment 8:27 p.m.	Wally	
<i>In Camera</i> 8:30 p.m.	Wally	
Adjournment 8:50 p.m.	Wally	
Next Meeting	Wally	Wednesday, November 17 at the Library