

Smithers Public Library Board Minutes

Wednesday, November 15, 2023, 7 p.m., at the Library

Item	Responsible	Action
Call to Order 7:00 p.m.	Christine	Present: Christine Tessier, Shaunna Moore, Nancy Shanmugaveloo, Calvin Elliott, Jim Pojar, Larry Cosman, Wendy Wright Regrets: Charmaine O’Coffey, Sandy MacDonell
Acknowledgement of Territory	Wendy	
Check-in		What kind of music did you listen to as a teenager?
Adopt Agenda	Christine	CE Motion: To adopt the agenda without additions. Seconded: LC Carried
Adopt Consent Agenda	Christine	JP Motion: To adopt the minutes of the October 18, 2023 regular meeting, the November 2023 Library Report and the November 2023 financials. Seconded: SM Carried
Correspondence	Christine	Letter from Town of Smithers announcing reappointment of Councillor Elliott as Library Liaison
Business Arising from Minutes Town Council Notes & Trustee Appointments	Calvin	Amy Burgess has been appointed to the Library Board.
New Library & YMCA	Christine	Christine will get contact information for the YMCA from the Mayor.
New Business 2024 Budget & Funding Request to the Town & Regional District	Calvin/Christine	Christine and Wendy presented the Library’s budget request at the November 7 Finance Committee Meeting. Our budget has now been approved by resolution for inclusion in the Town’s 2024 Financial Plan by Council’s Finance Committee.
Staff pension plan	Christine	Christine and Wendy discussed the staff’s request for a pension plan with CUPE. The CUPE rep will gather more information about municipal pension plans and RRSPs and present it to the staff, Board and Director.

Northwest Library Federation	Wendy	Science World will come to the Smithers Library sometime in 2024, funded by the NWLF. Story Theatre will come in summer 2024, likely during Summer Reading Club, funded by the NWLF.
Friends of the Library	Nancy	The BC Library Federations have purchased one year of staff access to Ryan Dowd Homeless Training webinars beginning on November 1, 2023. and the link will be shared with us soon.
Intellectual Freedom Update	Wendy	Thanks to all 35 volunteers who assisted with the Fall Book Sale. The new venue worked well. 150 boxes of books were sold and raised \$4,700. Rhetoric in the BC Legislature October 4, 2023; resolution passed in Alberta November 4, 2023.
Policy Endorsements & Updates	Jim/Wendy	JP Motion: To endorse the following and include them in the library's policy manual: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • British Columbia Library Association Statement on Intellectual Freedom • Canadian Federation of Library Associations Statement on Intellectual Freedom and Libraries • International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions Statement on Censorship • United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights, Article 18 • United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights, Article 19 • United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, Article 13 (1) • British Columbia Human Rights Code, Articles 7 and 8 Seconded: SM Carried
Strategic Priorities	Christine/Wendy	Board diversification: Need to develop a strategy before vacancies are advertised. TRC Calls to Action audit of Library: Wendy will send background information to all Board members this month and a committee will be formed in January, with the work to be done in spring 2024. Shaunna volunteers for this committee.
Adjournment 8:28 p.m.	Christine	
Next Meeting	Christine	Wednesday, December 20, 2023 at the Library <u>6:30 p.m. *NOTE TIME*</u>