

## Smithers Public Library Board Minutes

Wednesday, March 13, 2024, 6:30 p.m., at the Library

Item	Responsible	Action
<b>Call to Order</b> 6:35 p.m.	Christine	<b>Present:</b> Christine Tessier, Jim Pojar, Charmaine O’Coffey, Calvin Elliott, Amy Brockmeyer, Wendy Wright, Sandy MacDonell (phone) <b>Regrets:</b> Shaunna Moore, Nancy Shanmugaveloo
<b>Acknowledgement of Territory</b>	Christine	
<b>Check-in</b>	Christine	What's your favourite movie?
<b>Adopt Agenda</b>	Christine	<b>CE Motion:</b> To adopt the agenda with/out additions. <b>Seconded: JP Carried</b>
<b>Adopt Consent Agenda</b>	Christine	<b>CO Motion:</b> To adopt the minutes of the January 17, 2024 regular meeting, the March 2024 Library Report with/out additions, and the March 2024 financials. <b>Seconded: AB Carried</b>
<b>Correspondence</b>	Christine	Library Board sent letters to MP and MLA requesting a statement during Freedom to Read Week. MP and MLA posted statements of support on social media.
<b>Business Arising from Minutes</b> Town Council Notes  New Library	Calvin  Christine	<p>The childcare partnership between the Town and the YMCA missed the funding proposal window. A new library is high on Council's priority list but finding the right partner could take some time. The warming tent was received very positively and well-used.</p> <p>Christine spoke to the YMCA, who said they were looking at Ranger Park. Christine met with Mayor Atrill, asking whether we had the Town's support and how we can bring the project forward. Central Park will be the Town's next project and Christine asked to be a part of that committee. Christine will make a point of appearing as a delegation to Council occasionally to keep them updated on the library's activities. More outreach is needed to raise awareness of the value of libraries among people who do not use them. The provincial funding that was recently announced for northern municipalities will be divided among many communities and there will not be enough left over for a new library once Smithers's other pressing infrastructure needs are met. Christine suggests that our next steps are to form a committee to begin looking at other ideas, such as a library with housing. The encampment can be relocated to another site if necessary for a new library on the property.</p>
Strategic Priorities	Christine	Reminder: Need to develop a Board diversification strategy before vacancies are advertised. Wendy will hear from other libraries later in March and will email the Board a recruitment matrix before the April Board meeting.

<b>New Business</b>		
Enhancement Grant Budget	Wendy	<b>CO Motion:</b> To reallocate \$1000 per year from the 2024 and 2025 Enhancement Grant budget's Warming Centre line to Databases. <b>Seconded: CE Carried</b>
Library Lease	Wendy	Lease is up for renewal March 31, 2024. Jim and Wendy will review it with Will George from the Town.
Northwest Library Federation	Sandy	The NWLF Board will meet at the end of this month. Sandy will carpool with Wendy to attend the September 20-21 conference in Kitimat. Christine will attend the May 4 Community-led Library Board training in Terrace. Charmaine might as well, depending on the time of the training session.
Friends of the Library	Wendy	January executive meeting report: The executive approved the library's 2024 funding requests in theory but won't have enough money until after the fall book sale.
<b>Adjournment 7:28 p.m.</b>	Christine	
<b>Next Meeting</b>	Christine	Wednesday, April 17, 2024 at the Library <b>6:30 p.m.</b>