

Smithers Public Library Board Minutes

Wednesday, June 19, 2024, 6:30 p.m., at the Library

Item	Responsible	Action
Call to Order	Christine	Present: Christine Tessier, Jim Pojar, Calvin Elliott, Charmaine O’Coffey, Shaunna Moore, Amy Burgess, Wendy Wright, Sandy MacDonell (phone) Regrets: Nancy Shanmugaveloo
Territorial Acknowledgement	Wendy	
Check-in	Christine	If you could have any question answered, what would it be? <i>Am I on the right track? What <u>did</u> come first? Will I ever get some writing on the wall for the right direction? Will my grandchild have a happy and rewarding life? What is causing my vertigo? What happens after death? What caused my chronic illness? What kind of world will my children grow up in? Where did our old dog go? Are we the only ones? How can I help my grandchildren while scrupulously staying out of the way? Will there ever be a time when everyone feels equal?</i>
Adopt Agenda	Christine	CO Motion: To adopt the agenda without additions Seconded: CE Carried
Adopt Consent Agenda	Christine	AB Motion: To adopt the minutes of the May 22, 2024 regular meeting, the June 2024 Library Report, and the June 2024 financials. Seconded: JP Carried
Correspondence	Christine	None
Business Arising from Minutes		
Town Council Notes	Calvin	Nothing to report
New Library	Christine	No news. Christine will follow up with the college. The possibility of the library as part of a new indoor recreation facility was mentioned for consideration on page 18 of the Town Parks & Recreation Draft Plan.
Holiday Closures	Wendy	A draft LOU has been prepared for signature. Staff asked Wendy to pass along their appreciation to the Board for their consideration in expanding the holiday closures. It shows that they care about their well-being, and they are very happy with the change. They said the long weekends will go a long way towards making their Saturday shifts less onerous.
New Business		
BCLTA Board as Employer Workshop Part II	Christine	Christine and Wendy attended. The lawyer presented interesting and useful information regarding accommodations for employees with disabilities.
Director's Performance Evaluation	Christine	Christine and Jim will conduct Wendy’s review in July. No word yet. Wendy will inquire.
Library Lease	Jim	BCLTA is offering subsidies for trustee professional development

<p>Northwest Library Federation</p> <p>Friends of the Library</p> <p>Policy Amendments</p>	<p>Sandy</p>	<p>on the condition they share their learning with other trustees; book bags bearing library and NWLF logos may or may not happen; Robin Stevenson’s tour of the federation was well-received; Story Theatre will perform at our libraries this summer; BC Parks’ nature kits project will not proceed with NWLF libraries; Sandy will attend the NWLF conference in Kitimat in September with Christine as his alternate; long-time NWLF Board member Patti Chapman received the Order of Terrace; and the Prince Rupert Public Library Chief Librarian Joe Zelwietro is retiring at the end of July.</p> <p>Friends have been helping with the Campfire Cookout & Singalong and collecting books for the fall book sale. One Friend donated \$100 towards new dishes for the library.</p> <p>Draft disclaimer: The Library provides access to a wide spectrum of information, ideas and perspectives in various formats. Inclusion in our collection, programs or services does not constitute endorsement by the Library.</p> <p>Recommended changes to Appendix H, including the Request for Reconsideration form, are updates to encompass a wide range of formats. The current policies refer to materials and books, but today libraries receive challenges to technology, services, events, programs, displays and more.</p> <p>JP Motion: To approve the draft disclaimer and recommended changes to policies 5.1.0, 5.4.0 and Appendix H including the Request for Reconsideration form. Seconded: CE Carried</p> <p>Wendy will research library protest policies, consult the Centre for Free Expression, and draft a legally vetted protest policy template for Board consideration. The template will be shared with Canadian public libraries.</p>
<p>Adjournment 7:36 p.m.</p>	<p>Christine</p>	
<p>Next Meeting</p>	<p>Christine</p>	<p>Note: No July meeting. Wednesday, August 14, 2024 at the Library 6:30 p.m.</p>