

**Smithers Public Library Board
Minutes**

Wednesday, November 20, 2024, **6:30 p.m.**, at the Library

Item	Responsible	Action
Call to Order 6:32 p.m.	Christine	Present: Christine Tessier, Jim Pojar, Charmaine O’Coffey, Nancy Shanmugaveloo, Shaunna Moore, Amy Burgess, Wendy Wright Regrets: Sandy MacDonell, Calvin Elliott
Territorial Acknowledgement	Wendy	
Check-in	Christine	If you had one day to live over again, what day would you pick?
Adopt Agenda	Christine	NS Motion: To adopt the draft agenda with the addition of a letter to the new MLA. Seconded: CO Carried
Adopt Consent Agenda	Christine	JP Motion: To adopt the minutes of the October 9, 2024 regular meeting, the October 2024 financials, and the November 2024 Library Report. Seconded: CO Carried
Correspondence	Wendy	Letter inviting new MLA for library tour
Business Arising from Minutes Town Council Notes	Calvin	Deferred
New Library	Christine	We’re not giving up!
Library Lease	Wendy	No response from the Town
2025 Funding Request to the Town & Regional District	Christine	Email Board vote held Nov. 5: JP Motion: To approve the corrected and updated budget summary circulated the afternoon of November 5, 2024 (<i>\$6,418 added to projected payroll expenses to cover overlooked benefit package</i>). Seconded: AB In favour: SM/JP/SMc/AB/NS/CO/CT Carried Christine and Wendy presented the Library’s 2025 funding request at the November 5th Committee of the Whole meeting, informing the Town and Regional District of the additional benefit package expense. The corrected funding request summary is included in tonight’s Board meeting package.
New Business Trustee Terms & Positions	Christine	Nancy has decided not to reapply for another term. The Board thanked her for her service. Sandy, Amy and Charmaine have reapplied. Christine encouraged Board members to voice their interest in other Board committees and positions, including Chair.
Northwest Library Federation (NWLf)	Sandy	Sandy is the new Chair of the NWLF Board.
Friends of the Library	Nancy	The fall book sale netted \$6700, which is \$2000 more than 2023’s sale. 48 volunteers, including a dozen children from The Helping Club, sold 200 boxes of books. RBC provided workers for set up as part of their community support. Everyone’s help was greatly appreciated.
Adjournment 7:12 p.m.	Christine	CT Moved Seconded NS Carried
Next Meeting	Christine	Wednesday, December 18, 2024 at Christine’s home 6:30 p.m.

