Board of Trustees Meeting
March 25, 2023
Minutes - APPROVED

Zoom.us & 6250 Hammond Bay Road, Nanaimo

Present:

Erin Hemmens, Nanaimo, Chair
Fred Robertson, Port Hardy, Vice Chair
Ron Kerr, Campbell River
Nicole Minions, Comox (Alternate)
Carolyne Austin, Cowichan Lake
Will Cole-Hamilton, Courtenay
Troy Therrien, Cumberland
Jim LeMottee, Daajing Giids (Alternate)
Henry Fossen, Gold River
Jeff Virtanen, Ladysmith
Jonathan Lerner, Lantzville
Sheri Disney, Masset
Jack McClintock, North Saanich
Mary Beil, Parksville
Todd Patola, Port Alberni
Russell Murray, Port Alice
Kazamir Falconbridge, Port Clements
Michelle Carson, Port McNeill
Jean Young, Qualicum Beach
Richard Novek, Sidney
Jeff Bateman, Sooke
Cheryl Northcott, Tahsis
Allison Sawyer, Tofino (Alternate)
Jennifer Hoar, Ucluelet
Ronald Deck, Zeballos
Penny Cote, Alberni-Clayoquot RD
Al Wickheim, Capital RD
Jayme Kennedy, Central Coast RD
Daniel Arbour, Comox Valley RD
Andrew Hory, Mount Waddington RD
Vanessa Craig, Nanaimo RD
Evan Putterill, North Coast RD
Andrew Fall, qathet RD
John Rice, Strathcona RD

Regrets:

Jenni Capps, Duncan
Tek Manhas, North Cowichan
Kohen Gilkin, Sayward
Karen Deck, Cowichan Valley RD

Staff:

Ben Hyman, Executive Director
Anne O'Shea, Deputy Executive Director / COO
David Carson, Director of Communications
Eileen Gillette, Director of Public Services & Planning
Amy Dawley, Assistant Director, Service & Building Design
Jennifer Bond, Divisional Manager, Finance
Steve Woods, Divisional Manager, Facilities
Mariah Patterson, Executive Assistant
Saho Lindberg, Administrative Assistant (Recorder)

1. Call to Order 9:34am

With great respect, Vancouver Island Regional Library (VIRL) acknowledges that the Coast Salish, Haida, Heiltsuk, Kwakwaka'wakw, Nuu Chah Nulth, and Nuxalk people have been the stewards of the lands within our service area since time immemorial. We are privileged and grateful to work within these territories, and in relationship with Inuit, Métis, and all other First Nations in the region.

a) Opening Remarks
Chair Erin Hemmens thanked Trustees and staff for their support of The Honourable, Anne Kang, Ministry of Municipal Affairs, Cumberland Branch event announcing $45 million in funding for BC Public Libraries.

b) Roll Call
As above.

c) Declarations of Conflicts of Interest
None.

2. Agenda

a) Items to be removed from Consent Business
Vanessa Craig moved to remove Correspondence Items 9(c) iii and 9(c) iv and these items be added as New Business Item 7(a).

b) Additions or Deletions
Will Cole-Hamilton request to add New Business Item 7(b): Notice of a Motion "Grandfathered".

c) Approval of Agenda
Motion: Moved by Vanessa Craig / seconded by Mary Beil that the *Agenda* be approved by the Board of Trustees. Carried.

3. Minutes

a) January 28, 2023 Board of Trustees AGM Unapproved Meeting Minutes
Motion: Moved by Vanessa Craig / seconded by Fred Robertson that the *January 28, 2023 Board of Trustees AGM Unapproved Meeting Minutes* be approved by the Board of Trustees. Carried.

b) February 24, 2023 Executive Committee Unapproved Meeting Minutes
Motion: Moved by Penny Cote / seconded by Jonathan Lerner that the *February 24, 2023 Executive Committee Unapproved Meeting Minutes* be received by the Board of Trustees. Carried.

4. Delegations

None.

5. Business Arising

a) DRAFT Strategic Plan Framework
Motion: Moved by Vanessa Craig / seconded by Fred Robertson that the *Draft Strategic Plan Framework* be received by the Board of Trustees. Carried.

Motion: Moved by Mary Beil / seconded by Cheryl Northcott that the *Draft Strategic Plan Framework* be approved by the Board of Trustees. Carried.

Anne O'Shea joined the meeting at 9:55am.

b) Procedural By-law Revisions

Motion: Moved by Fred Robertson / seconded by Vanessa Craig that the *Procedural By-Law Revisions* be received by the Board of Trustees. Carried.

c) Construction of New Masset Branch

Motion: Moved by Jonathan Lerner / seconded by Will Cole-Hamilton that the *Construction of New Masset Branch* report be received by the Board of Trustees. Carried.

Sheri Disney joined the meeting at 11:00am.

Motion: Moved by Evan Putterill / seconded by Richard Novek that the Board of Trustees approve plans to initiate construction of the new Masset branch. Carried. Opposed: Penny Cote, Vanessa Craig, John Rice and Al Wickheim.

Ali Sawyer departed the meeting at 11:30am.
Troy Therrien departed the meting at 11:45am.
Meeting recessed at 11:44am.
Meeting reconvened at 11:57am.

d) Facilities Policy and Facilities Master Plan (FMP) Review Update

Motion: Moved by Mary Beil / seconded by Todd Patola that the *draft Facilities Policy and draft Facilities Master Plan (FMP) Review Update* be received by the Board of Trustees. Carried.

Russell Murray and Richard Novek departed the meeting at 12:30pm.
Kazamir Falconbridge departed the meeting at 1:09pm.
Jayme Kennedy departed the meeting at 1:17pm.

e) Executive Director Update (verbal)

Motion: Moved by Todd Patola / seconded by Vanessa Craig that the *Executive Director Update* be received by the Board of Trustees. Carried.

6. Finance

a) Audit Service Plan

Motion: Moved by Jonathan Lerner / seconded by Mary Beil that the *Audit Service Plan* be received by the Board of Trustees. Carried.

b) January 2023 Finance Report

Motion: Moved by Penny Cote / seconded by Cheryl Northcott that the *January 2023 Finance Report* be received by the Board of Trustees. Carried.

c) January 2023 Reserves Report

Motion: Moved by Penny Cote / seconded by Cheryl Northcott that the *January 2023 Reserves Report* be received by the Board of Trustees. Carried.

7. New Business

a) Correspondence Items 9(c) iii Email from Chief Chris Roberts, Wei Wai Kum First Nation, to VIRL Board of Trustees re: Desperate need for a library facility in Downtown Campbell River, January 27, 2023, and 9(c) iv Email from Chair Erin Hemmens, VIRL Board, to Chief Chris Roberts, Wei Wai Kum First Nation re: Desperate need for a library facility in Downtown Campbell River, March 6, 2023 were discussed.

b) Notice of a Motion "Grandfathered"
Notice of the following motion from Will Cole-Hamilton was accepted for debate at the next meeting:

Motion: Whereas the term "grandfathered" has its origins in American state laws that were designed to prevent former slaves and their descendants from voting if their grandfathers were not allowed to vote, and

Whereas many institutions are choosing to replace this term with language that is legally equivalent, but does not have its roots in racial discrimination and injustice;

Be it resolved that VIRL staff review our documents and materials and, wherever possible, replace references to "grandfathered" or a related term with "legal non-conforming" or a related term; and

That staff seek any legal advice deemed necessary to confirm that this updating of terminology does not have any adverse impact on VIRL's existing legal rights and responsibilities.

8. Facilities

None.

9. Consent Business

Motion: Moved by Jonathan Lerner / seconded by Cheryl Northcott that all *Consent Business* be received by the Board of Trustees. Carried.

Jeff Virtanen departed the meeting at 1:35pm.
Evan Putterill departed the meeting at 1:37pm.

10. In Camera 1:38pm

Motion: Moved by Vanessa Craig / seconded by Penny Cote that the Board of Trustees meeting move In Camera. Carried.

Motion: Moved by Penny Cote / seconded by Cheryl Northcott that the Board of Trustees rise and return to the open portion of the meeting. Carried.

11. Adjournment 1:45pm

Motion: Moved by Jonathan Lerner / seconded by Mary Beil that the meeting be adjourned. Carried.

Erin Hemmens
Chair, Board of Trustees
Vancouver Island Regional Library

Ben Hyman
Executive Director
Vancouver Island Regional Library