
Minutes of the VPL Board Services, Finance & Human Resources Committee Regular Meeting at 6:55 p.m. on Wednesday, June 19, 2024 via Zoom.

Present: Tim Bottomer — Chair
Kevin Lowe
Parveen Mangat
Karen Spears

Absent: Victor Huang
Ziming Yang

Management

Present: Maryn Ashdown — Director, Neighbourhood & Youth Services
Kay Cahill — Director, Information Technology & Collections
Christina de Castell — Chief Librarian & CEO
Julia Morrison — Director, Corporate Services & CFO
Carol Nelson — Director, Planning & Communications
Becki Wong — Acting Director, Human Resources

Guest: Amir Abbey — President, CUPE 391

Recording

Secretary: Chrysalyn Tolentino — Executive Assistant

ADMINISTRATION:

1. Approval and Additions to the Agenda

Moved by Kevin Lowe

THAT the Committee approve the regular meeting agenda as received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Minutes

The Chief Librarian & CEO presented the draft minutes of the Regular Meeting held May 15, 2024 for approval by the Committee.

Moved by Parveen Mangat

THAT the draft minutes of the Regular Meeting held May 15, 2024 be approved as received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

SERVICES

3. Accessibility BC Act 2024 Update

Chief Librarian & CEO de Castell presented the annual report that provides an update on VPL's progress towards compliance with the *Accessible BC Act*, including the creation of accessibility committees. She noted that Dawn Ibey, Director, Central Library & Public Service is a member of the InterLINK Accessibility Steering Committee, while the chair of the Joint InterLINK Accessibility Advisory Committee is Alicia Cheng, Associate Director of Central Library & Public Service. She also provided an overview of some recently completed work and planned initiatives including participating in accessibility audits coordinated through InterLINK.

Board Chair Lowe asked about financial implications of the accessibility activities using the Provincial Enhancement Grant, and whether the activities are sufficiently funded. Chief Librarian & CEO de Castell replied that we have until spring of 2026 to use the Provincial Enhancement Grant and the City provides some capital funding for accessibility upgrades. We have also been successful in applying for grants with the assistance of the VPL Foundation for work in this area.

Committee Chair Bottomer asked if InterLINK compensates committee volunteers from the public and Chief Librarian & CEO de Castell will investigate whether honorariums are offered and forward the information to him.

Moved by Kevin Lowe

THAT the Committee receive the report for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FINANCIALS

4. Capital Mid Term Update

Chief Librarian & CEO de Castell presented a report that includes a list of library related emerging needs that were included in the Library's submission for the City of Vancouver's 2023-2026 Capital Plan Midterm Update, which will be provided to City Council for questions and potential direction on June 26, and for decision in late July.

Moved by Parveen Mangat

THAT the Committee receive this report for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Tim Bottomer, Chair

Christina de Castell, Secretary

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