

Minutes of the VPL Board Community Relations, Planning & Development Committee Regular Meeting held on Monday, April 19, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. via conference call.

**Present:** Jennifer Chan  
Kurt Heinrich – Chair  
Raji Mangat  
Harlan Pruden

**Absent:** Rebecca Jules  
Abeer Yusuf

**Management**

**Present:** Christina de Castell – Chief Librarian & CEO  
Kay Cahill – Director, Collections & Technology  
Julie Iannacone – Director, Neighbourhood & Youth Services  
Carol Nelson – Director, Planning & Communications

**Guest:** Kari Scott-Whyte – President, CUPE 391

**Recording Secretary:** Chrysalyn Tolentino – Executive Assistant

**INTRODUCTORY REMARKS**

Committee Chair Heinrich acknowledged that our virtual meeting takes place on the unceded homelands of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh Nations and expressed appreciation for the opportunity to do our work on these beautiful lands.

**ADMINISTRATION:**

**1. Approval of the Agenda**

Moved by Harlan Pruden

*THAT the Committee approve the regular meeting agenda as received.*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2. Minutes**

The Chief Librarian presented the draft minutes of the Regular Meeting March 15, 2021 for approval by the Committee.

Moved by Jennifer Chan

*THAT the draft minutes of Regular Meeting held March 15, 2021 be approved as received.*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **GOVERNANCE**

### **3. Governance Input, Feedback and Relationships**

The Chief Librarian & CEO summarized that the Governance Committee had referred this topic to the Community Relations, Planning and Development Committee and Services, Finance and Human Resources Committee to determine if there are gaps in input for governance decision making. Committee Chair Heinrich noted the questions for discussion. Board Chair Chan commented on her appreciation for detailed survey results. Trustee Pruden suggested reviewing the full list of City of Vancouver advisory committees to see if there are other opportunities to hear feedback from groups. The Chief Librarian & CEO responded that staff would look at the full list and determine if any of the other advisory committees have a link to library services, and noted that it is staff who represent VPL on these committees. Committee Chair Heinrich noted the risks of focusing too much on community engagement on a board, and observed that trustees bring diverse perspectives, which they apply when considering the community feedback shared by staff. Vice Chair Mangat noted that she found the report really helpful in understanding the many ways community feedback is received by staff, and she is impressed with the various ways library staff collect information and build relationships. She observed that in her opinion, community engagement is addressed by staff, and the Board does not need to seek additional involvement..

Moved by Raji Mangat

*THAT the Committee receive the report for information.*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **ADJOURN**

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

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Kurt Heinrich, Chair

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Christina de Castell, Secretary