

## **VPL BOARD**

### **Community Relations Committee**

### **Regular Meeting Minutes**

### **Monday, June 14, 2021**

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Minutes of the VPL Board Community Relations, Planning & Development Committee Regular Meeting held on Monday, June 14, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. via video call.

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

**Absent:** Rebecca Jules  
Harlan Pruden  
Abeer Yusuf

#### **Management**

**Present:** Christina de Castell – Chief Librarian & CEO  
Kay Cahill – Director, Collections & Technology  
Julie Iannacone – Director, Neighbourhood & Youth Services  
Dawn Ibey – Director, Library Experience  
Julia Morrison – Director, Corporate 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 attendees are participating from the unceded homelands of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh Nations.

#### **ADMINISTRATION:**

##### **1. Approval of the Agenda**

Moved by Jennifer Chan

*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 April 19, 2021 for approval by the Committee.

Moved by Raji Mangat

*THAT the draft minutes of Regular Meeting held April 19, 2021 be approved as received.*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## PLANNING

### 3. Facilities Redevelopment Overview

Julie Iannacone, Director of Neighbourhood & Youth Services, presented a report that provides an annual update on library-related capital projects. Director Iannacone noted that activities had paused during the first several months of COVID and restarted in September 2020, although limitations on opportunities for engagement have been a barrier to moving projects forward in some cases. She noted that the Facilities Master Plan will be presented at the June 23<sup>rd</sup> Library Board meeting and there will be opportunity to discuss the priorities of the Board for branch redevelopment as part of capital planning. Director Iannacone noted that two capital projects that are actively seeking public feedback: Collingwood and Britannia.

Board Chair Chan thanked staff for the report and asked for further information about how kiosks fit into the Library's strategy for engagement in spaces. Staff provided background information on the history of the capital planning process for the East Fraser Lands, noting that the Library had not identified a need for a branch 10-15 years ago, and later learned of changes that would indicate a branch would be needed. Staff identified a kiosk as an affordable solution for limited library service while the Board considers where East Fraser Lands should be placed in prioritization for capital planning. Trustees inquired about usage rates of kiosks at other libraries, and Director Cahill will gather kiosk utilization data prior to the June 23 Library Board meeting.

Trustees discussed changing population levels and the value of this information for the capital planning process, and the Chief Librarian indicated that a population map could be included in pre-reading for the Capital Plan discussion at the Board meeting. Board Chair Chan noted that the Archives Move project is a city-driven project and is not a Library project. The Chief Librarian indicated that the Archives project description would be moved to an appendix to better reflect this. Committee Chair Heinrich sought clarification on how construction cost escalation is managed and mechanisms for ensuring builders meet their obligations as costs escalate. Staff provided information about how this affects various projects, and that rezoning

and permit stages are tied to the delivery of obligations for develop-delivered projects. The Chief Librarian noted that discussion on prioritization of branch redevelopment will take place at the June 23<sup>rd</sup> Library Board meeting.

## **ADJOURN**

Moved by Raji Mangat

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

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Kurt Heinrich, Chair

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Christina de Castell, Secretary

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