



MINUTES REGULAR BOARD MEETING

GVPL Central Branch, 735 Broughton Street

Community Meeting Room & MS Teams

April 22, 2025

A hybrid meeting of the Greater Victoria Public Library Board was held on the above date. The following individuals were in attendance:

Board Members:

Trustee A. Appleton
Trustee K. Boehnert
Trustee D. Cavens (Vice-Chair)
Trustee S. Donaldson
Trustee D. Grove
Trustee R. Henderson
Trustee S. Khair (Chair)
Trustee S. Kim
Trustee S. Lansdowne
Trustee G. Lemon
Trustee R. McClure
Trustee M. Morley
Trustee G. Newton
Trustee T. Phelps Bondaroff
Trustee R. Ranjan
Trustee K. Roessingh
Trustee R. Stromberg
Trustee N. White
Trustee M. Wey

Staff:

M. Sawa, CEO/Board Secretary
M. Barnes, Assistant Director, Finance
D. Wood, Executive Director, Library Services
A. Shojaei, Assistant Director, Safety, Security, Facilities and Risk Management
E. Russell, Recording Secretary
R. Baugniet President, CUPE 410

1. 1 CALL TO ORDER

S. Khair called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm.

2. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

S. Khair provided the Indigenous Acknowledgement.

3. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

4. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Request to remove the following from the Consent Agenda:

4.4 CEO Report

This item was moved to New Business.

Moved by Trustee Roessingh seconded by Trustee Cavens,

THAT items 4.1 to 4.3 be approved.

4.1 Approval of Agenda

4.2 Approval of Minutes – March 25, 2025

4.3 Chair Report

MOTION CARRIED

5. CHAIR'S REMARKS

The Chair referred trustees to the Chair Report, attachment 4.3 in the agenda package.

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

6.1. Board Retreat

The venue for the May 10th Board retreat will be the Oak Bay Marina. Pre-reading materials and an agenda will be forthcoming.

6.2. Board Engagement Survey Results

S. Khair reviewed the results of the Board engagement Survey that was completed and invited comments. A discussion ensued regarding the role of citizen representatives on the board. Trustees are encouraged to share further feedback with the Chair and Vice-chair

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

7.1. Finance Committee

S. Khair reported that at the inaugural meeting of the Finance committee on April 15, K. Roessingh was appointed Chair and S. Lansdowne was Vice Chair

S. Lansdowne provided an overview of the Finance committee's first meeting and schedule for 2025.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1. CEO Report

8.1.1. Nellie McClung Express Branch Opening

The Nellie McClung Express Branch opened with a soft launch on March 26. The interim branch has been well-received. A media photo opportunity took place on April 15 with the District of Saanich Mayor Dean Murdock, GVPL Board Chair and Vice Chair.

8.1.2. Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities(AVICC) conference

AVICC's annual conference in Nanaimo was held over the weekend of April 11-13. GVPL co-hosted a trade show display with the Vancouver Island Regional Library (VIRL) to promote public library services on the island. It was well received with several GVPL Councillor representatives in attendance, engaging with staff to increase awareness of the range of services provided by public libraries

The Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) annual conference will be taking place in Victoria this September. It is anticipated that this event will provide the GVPL Board and Councillor representatives with further opportunity to advocate for public libraries in B.C.

9. NEXT MEETING DATE:

May 27, 2025; 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

10. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Roessingh , Seconded by Trustee Grove,

THAT the April 22, 2025 Regular Board Meeting be adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED

Board Chair

Board Secretary