Attachment 4.2.1

GREATER VICTORIA PUBLIC LIBRARY

MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
GVPL Central Branch, 735 Broughton Street
Community Meeting Room & MS Teams
June 23, 2026

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 (Chair)
Trustee S. Donaldson
Trustee D. Grove
Trustee R. Henderson
Trustee S. Kim
Trustee S. Khair
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 M. Wey
Trustee N. White (Vice- Chair)

Regrets — Trustee R. Stromberg

Staff:

M. Sawa, CEO/Board Secretary
M. Barnes, Director- Finance
M. Collyer, Director Marketing, Communications & Development
D. Fergusson-Hirmer, Executive Director, Corporate Services
J. Gingera, Executive Director, Systems Integration, Risk Management and IT
R. Hadziev, Acting Director, Special Projects
D. Joyce, Executive Director, Library Services
E. Russell, Recording Secretary
A. Shojaei, Director, Safety Security, Facilities, & Risk Management
R. Baugniet, President, CUPE 410

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

D. Cavens called the meeting to order at 12:02 pm.

2. **TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

D. Cavens provided the Indigenous Acknowledgement.

3. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

4. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Trustee T. Phelps Bondaroff; Seconded by Trustee D. Grove

THAT Items 4.1-4.2 be approved; 4.3- 4.4 be received for information

4.1 Approval of Agenda
4.2 Approval of Minutes- May 26, 2026
4.3 Chair Report
4.4 CEO Report
4.5.1 Letter to the BC Select Standing committee on Finance and Government Services

MOTION CARRIED

5. CHAIR'S REMARKS

D. Cavens announced that the annual provincial public library award grant funding letter was released on June 22, the letter advised that the per-capita funding formula has been adjusted for large urban library systems, resulting in an unexpected budget shortfall for those impacted, including GVPL. Efforts are underway by library leaders to advocate the province for a reversal of this decision.

The Chair thanked Rina Hadziev for her support for the rollout and implementation of the 2026 Operations Plan, tied to the current strategic Plan. He also noted that the Planning and Policy Committee will be meeting over the summer to continue work on board policy updates.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

6.1. Planning and Policy Committee- Oral Report

S. Kim advised that the committee met most recently on June 9th, with the focus of the meeting being, approval of revisions to "Policy V.1 Intellectual Freedom Policy", and the introduction of the "Unattended Children in the Library" policy. The workplan for the summer includes reviews of the "Policy V.2 Freedom of Information Policy," and "Policy O.11 Security Video".

6.1.1. Equality, Diversity, Inclusion and Accessibility (EDIA) Statement

S. Kim provided context for the EDIA Statement that was reviewed at the last Planning and Policy Committee meeting.

Trustees reviewed the statement, with the following change proposed: from: "everyone who walks through the doors" to "everyone who comes through our doors."

Moved by Trustee G. Lemon; seconded by Trustee S. Kim

THAT the EDIA Statement be changed from "everyone who walks through the doors" TO "everyone who comes through our doors."

MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Trustee S. Kim ; seconded by Trustee T. Phelps Bondaroff

THAT the Greater Victoria Public Library approves the EDIA Statement as amended

MOTION CARRIED

6.1.2. Policy V.1 Intellectual Freedom Policy

Policy V.1 Intellectual Freedom, was updated to incorporate the recently released BC Library Association Intellectual Freedom statement. Trustees expressed interest in having the topic of Intellectual Freedom brought forward to a future meeting or included in a future board retreat.

Moved by Trustee S. Kim; seconded by Trustee D. Grove

THAT the Greater Victoria Public Library approve revised Policy V.1 Intellectual Freedom MOTION CARRIED

6.1.3. Unattended Children in the Library Policy

Staff were tasked by the committee to develop an "Unattended Children in the Library Policy." A communication plan in concert with an implementation plan is being developed, and "Policy 1.8 Responsibilities of Library Users" is being updated to provide more clarity in the application of the policy for staff.

Moved by Trustee S. Kim ; seconded by Trustee T. Phelps Bondaroff

THAT the Greater Victoria Public Library approve the "Unattended Children in the Library" Policy MOTION CARRIED With one opposition

Moved by Trustee S. Kim; seconded by Trustee T. Phelps Bondaroff

That an update on the rollout of the "Unattended Children in the Library" be provided to the board before the end of this board's term. MOTION CARRIED

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 IslandLink Library Federation – Oral Report

S. Donaldson provided an update from the Annual General Meeting that was hosted by the Powell River Library on May 30, 2026. S. Donaldson who served as chair of the IslandLink Library Federation Board is being succeeded by Tracy Watkins of the Salt Spring Island Library Board. GVPL will host the 2027 Annual General Meeting.

7.1. **PATRON APPEAL**

D. Cavens reviewed an appeal received in June 2026 appealing the decision to not include "Dead Wrong" (Champion and Flanagan) into the GVPL collection. The Board was advised that the Board's appeal process will be reviewed, recommendations will be made and presented to trustees at the October board meeting.

8. IN CAMERA MEETING

Moved by Trustee K. Roessingh; seconded by Trustee S. Khair

THAT the Board of Trustees move in-camera. MOTION CARRIED

9. NEXT MEETING DATE:

September 22, 2026; 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

10. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee M. Wey; seconded by Trustee K. Roessingh.

THAT the June 23, 2026 Regular Board Meeting be adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED

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Board Chair Board Secretary