

**Trail and District Public Library**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**October 19, 2022**  
Trail Library Meeting Room  
1505 Bay Ave, Trail BC

**In Attendance:** Jeff Jones - Chair  
Joanne Beestra - Vice Chair  
Maureen Weddell - Secretary  
Colleen Jones  
Mark Wilson  
Jackie Patridge  
Janet Bodnarchuk

**Regrets:** Gilbert Champagne - Treasurer  
Lorne Swayze

Call to Order: 3:05 PM

**1. Adopt Agenda**

with addition to Governance item

**Motion:** 1. Mark Wilson 2. Joanne Beestra **Carried**

**2. Approve Minutes** of September 21, 2022 meeting

**Motion:** 1. Jackie Patridge 2. Mark Wilson **Carried**

**3. Library Month**

Board members shared stories of introducing family or friends to the Library

**4. Library Director's Updates and Report**

- National Truth and Reconciliation Day

--Good turnout, people asked for more children's activities

--Book Club books were distributed in the first hour

- Visit from the Murphy family, Trail Smoke Eaters will be "buddy reading" in the library throughout the fall and holidays

- Details of Staff Wellness benefit information for Board  
As budget allowed this year - one time allocation

- Accessibility and Inclusiveness project, as directed by the province, is proving to be cumbersome and time consuming. more questions than answers at this time

#### KFL Meeting Update

- Cranbrook meeting went well, Trail Library has quite creative staff makes one appreciate our library
- Next meeting Grand Forks in Spring

#### Holiday Dinner for Board

- Janet Bodnarchuk volunteered to find a location in Trail for our Dinner

**Motion to receive report**      1. Mark Wilson 2. Colleen Jones **Carried**

### 5. Correspondence N/A

### 6. Covid Grant Update

Library Director send out detailed breakdown of how the funds were to be used

- E-Books Collection
- Emergency plan
- Alcove

**Motion to receive the report**      1. Maureen Weddell      2. Mark Wilson      **Carried**

### 7. Budget 2023

Library Director Reported Budget process is about to begin. Discussions with Reno suggesting we prepare it with a 4% increase for the coming year.

- Items to consider - Continue with more Indigenous content
- Upcoming Centennial year activities
  - Fees growing for annual audit
  - E-Book transition

New trustee Janet Bodnarchuk expressed interest in joining the Budget and Finance committee

### 8. Indigenous and Evolving Italian Heritage Project - Mark Wilson

- Staff are continuing to work on interviews
- Teck donated funds for indigenous collection
- Teck also interested in funding public indigenous artwork for community
- Add Item for November agenda to revisit discussion of an opening statement for Library meetings

## 9. Trustee Orientation and Development - Joanne Beetstra

Sam Murphey filled in and did the orientation for our newest trustee

## 10. Committee Reports

A. **Finance** - Request that Colleen Jones be removed as a signatory for the Trail and District Public Library.

**Motion** 1. Colleen Jones 2. Mark Wilson **Carried**

September statement has a few outstanding entries and will be presented in full with the October statement.

## B. **Governance** - Joanne Beetstra

Continuing the discussion of Board Evaluation process

Possible questions to ask Council(s) and Stakeholders

1. Does the Board govern the Library in the best interests of the community?
2. Is the board accountable to the councils and communities of Trail and Warfield?
3. Does the Board communicate strategies, challenges and successes to the councils and communities of Trail and Warfield?

For next meeting what questions might be asked of Community members and Library Staff?

Informal round table evaluation of board meeting today

General Comments - trustees feel comfortable to freely discuss and have open conversations with each other

- productive meeting with good information
- good leadership from Library director
  - has developed good community links for library
- thank you for being here and being appreciated as trustees

## 11. Adjournment 4:27PM 1. Mark Wilson