

# *Rossland Public Library Board*

## *Meeting Minutes*

October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021

7:00pm

Type of Meeting: Monthly Board Meeting

Meeting Facilitator: Richard Kemick

Invitees: Richard Kemick, Catherine Spence, Roberta Post, Eileen Daniel, Jeff Ross, Mike Ramsay, Abigail Steele, Francine Weigeldt, Maureen Brown, Terry Miller, Stacey Boden.

Regrets: Maureen Brown, Roberta Post, Eileen Daniel

- I. Call to order (1 minute) – 7:01pm
- II. Territorial Acknowledgement (5 minutes) – Abigail.  
Read an excerpt from *21 Things You May Not Know About the Indian Act* from number 7, the ability to sell products. Discussion on the barriers faced by Indigenous Peoples.  
**Next territorial acknowledgement from Catherine Spence.**
- III. Approval of Agenda (2 minutes)  
**Motion to Approve:**  
**M/S: Richard/Catherine**
- IV. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting (2 minutes):  
**Motion to Approve:**  
**M/S: Richard/Catherine**
- V. Consent Agenda (2 minutes):  
**Motion to Approve:**  
**M/S: Richard/Mike.**
  - a. Director's Report
  - b. Executive Report
  - c. Quickbooks Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss Report
- VI. Summary of Operations from Director (10 minutes)  
Discussion about donation received and if it was from a local patron. The donation was received from a visitor from the Lower Mainland who supports local libraries and has family in Rossland.

Question about if the CBT Tech Grant application was for programs or for hardware. The application is primarily for hardware (computers, lendable tech, upgrades) and won't require additional staff presence.

Question about the amount spent on the gas bill over the last year (it was quite high) and if the temperature can be set on a schedule? Yes, it can! It's currently set to be warmer during work hours and cooler while the building is closed.

Board Members (and everyone!) are invited to the Halloween Costume Party at the Library on Friday, October 29<sup>th</sup>.

#### VII. Updates from partners (10 minutes)

##### a. City of Rossland (5 minutes)

Terry Miller asked if we would prefer a summary of City Operations or if we have specific items we'd like to know about.

Stacey said that knowing about work being done in and around the Library would be very helpful, as well as any upcoming City events.

Terry spoke about the Bear Smart Program, work on the reservoir, the COVID-19 Restart money given by the provincial government, the creation of the official Community Plan, the Traffic Analysis Report, and whether the Winter Carnival will be happening this year (currently no concrete plans but there are discussions).

##### b. Rossland Museum and Discovery Centre (5 minutes)

Maureen Brown sent her regrets but let Stacey know that there is a Speakers Series event on Saturday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1:30pm. Harry Measure will be speaking at the Miner's Hall about mountain resort communities, origins and future opportunities. More information and sign up is available on the Museum and Discovery Centre website.

#### VIII. New Business (10 minutes)

##### a. Strategic Outcomes and Oversight BCLTA Workshop Report – Francine (5 minutes)

The BCLTA workshop on outputs and outcomes discussed getting staff and public input on what is important for the community. Examining the effects of long-term outcomes asks the question: Are we making a difference in people's lives? How do we measure something like that? Sometimes it is something small, like making someone smile, or having the book they are looking for.

Trustees are encouraged to read the Director's reports and ask questions to encourage more ideas.

The library budget should reflect the priorities, goals and outcomes of the Board. It should be transparent and match outcomes.

It is an ongoing and optimistic learning process.

Total agreement that Babs Kelly is a fantastic BCLTA facilitator.

b. Library Renewal Funds – Stacey (3 minutes)

There are some ideas about how to spend the renewal funds including hiring muralists to create identifiable sections in the Library, new shelving, and more efficient ways of managing the space.

**Stacey will create a budget to present at the November Board meeting.**

c. Toilets (1 minute)

The City was needed once again to snake the toilets. The consensus was that there is a pipe issue somewhere beneath the building that will be very difficult to fix. The plumber assured us that we are doing everything right and this is ongoing maintenance due to the nature of running a public bathroom.

d. New Board Members (5 minutes)

We are saying a sad farewell to Roberta Post who has decided to leave the Board to attend to personal matters.

**Catherine is going to reach out to some community members who previously applied to the board.**

Item 36.6 of the Library Act says that in the event of a vacancy new board members can be voted in.

Richard will join Mike on the Finance Committee.

Catherine will be set up at the Credit Union as a signer. **(Stacey will get in touch with them.)**

IX. Confirm next meeting date: Wednesday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 7:00pm

X. Adjournment

**Motion to Adjourn:**

**M/S: Richard/Mike**

**Adjourned at 7:58pm**

XI. In camera