



Prince Rupert Public Library Board Meeting MINUTES

Wednesday, March 12, 2025

101 6th Ave. West, Prince Rupert, BC V8J 1Y9

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Chair: B. Turner

Members: N. Adey, City Council
R. Braun, Vice Chair
J. Amante
C. de Ryk
K. Lyon (Zoom)
N. Purewal (Zoom)

Regrets:

R. Butler

Staff:

M. Taylor, Acting Chief Librarian, Secretary of the Board

1. CALL TO ORDER / INTRODUCTIONS

1.1. *The Prince Rupert Library Board acknowledges the traditional and unceded territory of the Ts'msyen on which this meeting takes place.*

1.2 Call to Order at 7:02 p.m.

2. CONSENT AGENDA (ADDITIONS/DELETIONS)

2.1 Adoption of Meeting Minutes

That the Prince Rupert Library Board resolves to adopt the February 19, 2025 Prince Rupert Library Board Meeting minutes as presented.

Adey/Amante
Carried

2.2 Adoption of Financial Report

That the Prince Rupert Library Board resolves to adopt the February 2025 Financial Report as presented.

Adey/Amante
Carried

2.3 Adoption of Circulation Report

That the Prince Rupert Library Board resolves to adopt the February 2025 Circulation report as presented.

Adey/Amante
Carried

3. ONGOING ACTION ITEMS

- 3.1 Discussion on statement from Board addressing community concerns on the future of the library. Edits are in progress, final version to be ratified by the board at next meeting in April. Discussion on how the statement will be disseminated.

4. TRUTH & RECONCILIATION GOALS

- 4.1 M. Taylor discussed the idea of hiring an Indigenous Storyteller in Residence. Planning is still underway. After developing and advertising for the role, it would be ideal to have the residency span September 2025 to early December 2025.

5. STRATEGIC PLANNING GOAL HIGHLIGHT

5.1 *Outreach, Partnerships, Building Connections*

M. Taylor gave overview of the many outreach initiatives the Library has been participating in and those that are upcoming. Other events in house have also involved partnerships with other organizations, all of which foster connection. These

include but are not limited to the Library's recent Seed Exchange, Tenant Advocacy info table, Orca Skull Display, Registration Night at the Rec. Centre, Earth Day event, and Children's Festival. M. Taylor emphasized how strategic plan goals overlap and feed each other, as is intended.

6. POLICY SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE

- 6.1 The committee is working on the first selected policy, which will be ready for board ratification by the next meeting in April.

7. NEW FACILITY COMMITTEE UPDATE

- 7.1 Next meeting for this committee is set for March 20th. The board will be updated at its April 16 meeting.

8. ADDITIONAL ITEMS

- 8.1 Friends of the Library AGM to be held in the Library's Multipurpose Room on March 27, 2025 at 7pm.
- 8.2 Seed Exchange on March 8th was a big success, with 55 attendees.
- 8.3 Discussion around having staff members present at board meetings to highlight their work. Plan will be to have a guest staff presenter every second month/meeting.
- 8.4 M. Taylor provided update on Orca Skull display, email newsletter for patrons, and recent outreach.
- 8.5 New Trustees have been appointed:
Gabriela De Lucca and David Smith
B. Turner provided information on on-boarding.

8.6 J. Amante suggested a more modern option for the Books for Babies program instead of CDs, as feedback shows many recipients don't own CD players. M. Taylor will explore other options.

9. IN-CAMERA SESSION (BOARD ONLY)

9.1 Motion put forward citing policy **1.3.7 b) *personal information of an individual, including an employee of the library***

Adey/deRyk
Carried

10. NEXT MEETING DATE

10.1 The Prince Rupert Library Board will meet on Wednesday, April 16, 2025.

11. ADJOURNMENT

11.1 Adjournment

That the Prince Rupert Library Board adjourns their meeting held on March 12, 2025 the time being 8:00 p.m.