

**Bowen Island Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting — April 21, 2022
Via Zoom video conferencing
Minutes**

Attendance and Quorum: Jeb Gutelius (Acting Chair), Don Heth (Treasurer arrive 7:15), Peter Matthews, Len Gilday, Kellee Ngan, Windy Dorresteyn, Jennifer Streckmann (ex-officio)

Regrets: Susan Munro (Chair), Melissa Harrison, Sue Ellen Fast, Jen Harvey, Beatrice Anderson, Rachelle Smalldon, Manusha Janakiram

- 1) Call to Order: 7:03
- 2) Land acknowledgment
- 3) Approval of Agenda with revision: approved
- 4) Approval of meeting minutes from February 17, 2021: approved

5) Business arising from the minutes (updated table below)

What	Who	When
Review options for improving board meetings	Jennifer & Susan	ASAP
Review when/how to return to in-person board meetings	Jennifer & Susan	ASAP

Discussion re improving board meetings deferred to Susan’s return. Decision to pause In-person meetings until COVID conditions improve.

- 6) New Business
 - a) Provincial Funding: Bowen Library received a one-time Provincial Grant of \$32,600.24. Library must decide how to spend the money by August. Jennifer will research options.
 - b) Committee Work Assignments – Jennifer presented draft for review.
- 7) Discussion – BCLA review of Intellectual Freedom Statement
 - a) Jennifer explained the BC Library Association’s Statement of Intellectual Freedom is currently pending review by the BCLA board. This survey is an important first step of that review process.
 - b) <https://bclaconnect.ca/intellectual-freedom-survey/>
- 8) Reports
 - a) Librarian—Jennifer presented her monthly report:
 - i) We have switched from the COVID-19 Safety Plan back to the Communicable Disease Plan. Mask wearing for staff is optional. Vaccine verification for programs ended April 8.
 - ii) Canadian Heritage Grant Award of \$15,000 to BIAC, Library, and BIM for June 21st–

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- July 1st programming.
- iii) Friends of the Library large book sale back on in May.
- iv) Tech Tutor visit to Bowen Court very successful with an audience of 16.
- v) Baby Party & Drive-in Movie was very successful with 23 and 32 participants respectively.
- vi) One eRead Canada is underway for the month of April with unlimited checkouts of The Break by Katherena Vermette.
- vii) Tech Tutor private appointments, Bring Your Own Book Bookclub, Teen Advisory Group, Storytime, Black History Month Films, Chessmates, continue
- viii) Upcoming programs are a TAG-led Dungeons and Dragons program, Chessmates, Black History Films, a Documentary on Greta Tunberg for earth day, and a Tuesday morning book club for seniors
- b) Financial: Don reported the budget seemed fine with the caveat that BIM council had yet to approve their (and our) 2022 budget.
- c) InterLINK: Len attended via Zoom the March 29 InterLINK meeting as Peter’s backup. He reported on the interesting discussion about meaningful Territorial Acknowledgments following the InterLINK board’s March 14 session with decolonial facilitator Nahanee Creative. Participants described the session as excellent. These were some takeaways:
 - i) There is no perfect way to do Territorial Acknowledgments.
 - ii) Everyone has the authority to make mistakes
 - iii) We are all at different stages on this journey.
 - iv) The journey will be a long and messy process
 - v) If we are not careful, the journey will not sustain itself.

9) Next meeting date scheduled for May 19, 2022.

10) Adjournment 8:45

Tasks from meeting minutes

What	Who	When
Review, then present to board, options for how to spend provincial grant money	Jennifer	ASAP

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New Business:

- a) Patron Letter: Jennifer presented background to patron's letter. Board supported Susan's letter in response.
- b) Library Surplus Account Update
 - i) Due to an accounting error in the Financial Department the library surplus amount will be revised. More information to come.