

VPL BOARD
Community Relations Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 17, 2025

Minutes of the VPL Board Community Relations, Planning & Development Committee Regular Meeting held on Monday, March 17, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. via video call.

Present: Courtney Chu
Emily Lapper – Chair
Karen Spears

Absent: Kevin Lowe
Harlan Pruden

Management

Present: Dawn Ibey – Interim Chief Librarian & CEO
Maryn Ashdown – Director, Neighbourhood & Youth Services
Kay Cahill – Director, Information Technology & Collections
Alicia Cheng – Acting Director, Central Library & Public Service
Julia Morrison – Director, Corporate Services & CFO
Carol Nelson – Director, Planning & Communications

Recording

Secretary: Chrysalyn Tolentino – Executive Assistant

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

Committee Chair Lapper acknowledged that our work takes place on the unceded territories of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh Nations. She recognized VPL's dedication to Indigenous rights while also admitting that there is still progress to be made.

ADMINISTRATION:

1. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Courtney Chu

THAT the Committee approve the regular meeting agenda as received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Minutes

The Chief Librarian presented the draft minutes of the Regular Meeting October 24, 2024 for approval by the Committee.

Moved by Karen Spears

THAT the draft minutes of Regular Meeting held October 24, 2024 be approved as received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PLANNING

3. Facilities Redevelopment Overview

Maryn Ashdown, Director of Neighbourhood & Youth Services, provided the following updates:

- **Oakridge Branch:** Scheduled to open in late 2025 or early 2026. The civic centre will receive a name from the Musqueam, to be revealed at a naming ceremony closer to the opening.
- **Marpole Branch:** Expanding into adjacent retail space, doubling its size to 8,000 sq. ft. Completion is expected in mid-2026. The City is planning a permanent Civic Centre in Marpole, with the library likely on the second floor.
- **East Fraser Lands:** An express library model will be located in the lobby of the community centre, expected in 2028 or 2029.
- **Children's Library Renovation:** Construction starts at the end of March or early April, with completion scheduled for Q4 2025 or early Q1 2026.

Moved by Karen Spears

THAT the Committee recommend that the Board receive the report for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

GOVERNANCE

4. 2024 CRPD Terms of Reference

The Interim Chief Librarian & CEO noted that the Terms of Reference are presented annually for the Committee to review the roles and responsibilities and as an opportunity to consider revisions or seek clarifications. The Committee did not identify any areas that required change or clarification. The last time they were revised was in 2022 on clarification on point 6, language tightened to clarify that the committee will address appropriate issues.

Moved by Courtney Chu

THAT the Committee receive the Terms of Reference for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Emily Lapper, Chair

Dawn Ibey, Secretary

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