



KASLO & DISTRICT  
PUBLIC LIBRARY

## Kaslo and District Public Library

November 18, 2020 Annual General Meeting (via Zoom) minutes

Approved April 21, 2021

**Present:** Mayor Suzan Hewat, Barb Szuta, Shelagh Smith, Rob McClure, Karen Pidcock, Dianne Wilton, M.L Thomson, Gail Badry, Leah Honkanen.

**Trustees:** Anne Heard, John Whitehead, Ellen Watters, Celia Cheatley, Margaret Wanke.

**Staff:** Eva Kelemen (secretary), Angela Bennett

**Regrets:** Trustee Charles De Pape, Area D Director Aimee Watson

**Quorum is met**

**Call to order: 7:03 pm**

Anne Heard welcomed everyone and acknowledged that the land we live on is the traditional and unceded territory of the Ktunaxa, Syilx (Okanagan), and Sinixt Nations and that we are privileged to live here.

Anne also thanked Barb Szuta for managing the technical part of the meeting in the background.

1. Approval of Agenda: **Motion to approve the agenda. Karen/ Celia/ carried.** There were no additions.
2. Minutes of AGM March 13, 2019: **Motion to approve the minutes. Barb/ John/ carried.**
3. Business Arising from Minutes: none
4. Chairperson's Report: (attached) Anne introduced the current board and discussed the priorities of the new strategic plan that was developed in 2019. Other highlights from 2019: a new lease was negotiated with the Village, a working group was struck with the Village to plan for a new library (and land purchased in 2020), and staff received a pension RRSP in 2019 for the first time after the board followed through on a recommendation made by Andy Shadrack at the previous AGM. Plans were made to celebrate 100 years of service in 2020. In 2020, however the committee had to alter plans to find safe ways to celebrate (during COVID). Anne acknowledged and thanked the Estate of Hiltrud Stock Rohlmann for 2 bequests that will boost collection development for the next 10 years. Anne thanked staff (Eva and Angela) for excellent work and enthusiasm. **Motion to receive the chairperson's Report. Anne/ Ellen/ carried.**

5. Treasurer's Report: (report and Financial Statements attached) **Motion to adopt the 2019 Financial Statements and to appoint Minichiello & Company as Accountants for 2020. M.L./ Dianne/ carried.** Eva reported for Charles De Pape who could not attend due to injury. **Motion to receive the Treasurer's Report. John/ Shelagh/ carried.** There was a question about why the assets and liabilities are listed together on page 2. They are generally shown together unless there are many accounts and the final sum of each must be equal.
6. Library Director's Report: (attached) Eva gave thanks for an ordinary (i.e. – not pandemic) but successful year and thanked Angela for excellent work and new initiatives that were popular. Summer Reading Club had a record number of applicants and was appreciated by participants thanks to the ideas and energy of Ember Hartland and Margaret Cuell. Volunteers donated over 1,535 hours. The volunteer program was greatly reduced in 2020 due to the pandemic. Since this AGM was held so late in the year, Eva thanked Canada Summer Jobs for flexibility during the pandemic to allow summer staff to work part time and through the year. Maddox Hahne worked from June-Oct and did a wonderful job. Salem Lafortune started Oct 6 and will work to Jan 23. Also in 2020, donations were received in memory of Doris Drayton (who served as secretary/treasurer for 19 years starting in 1953) and Murray Pearson (who is remembered for his kindness, dedication to team sports and mentoring youth). **Motion to receive the Library Director's Report. Celia/ Gail/ carried.**
7. Election: The AGM was delayed due to the lockdown in March for COVID safety. The Board made a motion at a special meeting on March 18 to extend Board terms for Celia, Charles, and Margaret until circumstances would allow to hold those elections at an AGM.  
Of note: Ellen will be completing the maximum of 8 years of service as a trustee at the next AGM planned for March 2021.

Ellen Watters, Anne Heard, and John Whitehead are continuing their terms.  
Charles De Pape, Margaret Wanke, Celia Cheatley are willing to stand again.

Leah Honkanen was nominated by Celia Cheatley and is willing to stand.

Chair called for nominations allowing sufficient time for them.  
There were no more nominations.

**MOTION: that the slate of officers be elected by acclamation. Anne/ Suzan/ carried.**

8. New Business
- a. 100 years celebration (Eva reported)
- Many thanks to our sponsors for helping with the following celebration activities. They include CFNKLS, KSCU, CBT, and the Village of Kaslo.
  - Centennial celebrations include a large birthday card (have your say!), a new logo contest (closes Nov 27); and a ZOOM celebration event with special guests, door prizes, and goody bags. There will be tickets in the goody bags

to draw for prizes during the Zoom. If possible, we will host a walk through event on Dec 18 to display library history and new library design plans.

- b. Building for the next 100 years (Eva reported) –
- A working group including members from the Village and the KDPL board was struck to work towards a new library for Kaslo – we have been meeting regularly for a year now. This arrangement is necessary since the library (a PLA) cannot own land or building under current legislation.
  - These meetings have been in camera so far but will become public in the New Year as we move to become a sub-committee of Council
  - Actions in 2019/20: information /discussion
    - ✓ The Village purchased property for the new library at the corner of Front St. and 5<sup>th</sup> with support from a CBT grant that covered 60% of the cost;
    - ✓ the Village & Library worked together to apply for an infrastructure grant via ICIP;
    - ✓ CBT also contributed 50% of the cost for early conceptual design work & costing for the ICIP grant submission;
    - ✓ The community helped with the ICIP grant by providing 374 expressions of support representing 16.3% of Kaslo & Area D population. This was achieved in 1 week.
    - ✓ 7 letters of support were received for ICIP submission (plus 1 more for future grant requests)
    - ✓ the Village is accepting donations & issuing tax receipts for this project; to date we have received \$43,800 in donations and \$67,500 in pledges towards the new library.
    - ✓ An article about the new library was published in the Nov 5 Valley Voice
    - ✓ The Board is planning for future budget needs to handle an increase in operational costs with a larger facility.
    - ✓ The building committee is actively forming a fundraising committee to continue the work. We are also recruiting volunteers for the fundraising events to follow.

**9. Adjournment: Celia 7:45 pm**