

Present: Celia Cheatley, Leah Honkanen, Stephanie Judy, Trish Feeney, Molly Leathwood – Village Representative, Eva Kelemen (recorder)

Regrets: Margaret Wanke

1. Call to Order: **3:02 pm**
2. Approval of Agenda: **Motion to approve the agenda. Leah/ Molly/ carried.**
3. Approval of Minutes: **Motion to approve the minutes from January 18, 2024. Molly/ Trish/ carried.**
4. Correspondence:
 - a) BCLA (Jan 23) – BC Climate Action Statement Announcement – Eva to forward to the board after the AGM for review.
 - b) GICB (Feb 13) – The Village will make this correspondence public at the February 27 meeting. **Motion to present the following brief statement to Mayor Hewat to provide at the time of the announcement. Stephanie/ Trish/ carried.**

Statement: Due to the high volume of applicants, the new library project was not selected for federal funding through the Green and Inclusive Community Buildings grant program this time. The Kaslo & District Public Library Board views this project as a strategic priority and will continue to move forward. The Board values the community support demonstrated in the last three years and will communicate plans as they unfold.

- c) Kaslo Housing (Feb 20) – Request to meet –Eva to invite housing to March special meeting.
5. Business Arising:
 - a) Email motions: **Ratified**
 - i. Jan 24: **Motion to invest \$30,000 from the NLP project account into a one year term deposit. Celia/ Leah/ carried.**
 - ii. Feb 13: **Motion to approve and present the suggested revisions for 'Library Objectives' and 'section 1.3.b' as presented on the 2024.02.13 Constitution Update document for membership approval at the 2024 AGM. Celia/ Leah/ carried. (attached)**
 - iii. Feb 22: **Motion to approve the Provincial Library Grant Report. Celia/ Molly/ carried.**
 - b) New Library Project (Strategic Plan Priority)
 - i. Fundraising committee: Eva – Through donations, grants and fundraising efforts, the new library project has raised over \$760K from late Sept 2020 to Dec 2023 (3 years & 3 months). This represents a great deal of community support. With the addition of a portion of the Enhancement Grant, this increases to \$845. To date, we have land, plans, a climate assessment report and nearly \$450K to go forward with. Eva will update FR committee about the federal grant

announcement. Fundraising plans in process include: perimeter plaque (ongoing), May Days boot sale, July 1 Carnival.

- c) Meeting: a closed strategic meeting of the library board will be held on March 11 to regroup & explore options.
- d) Board recruitment (Strategic plan priority) : Committee: Molly, Stephanie, Eva (draft documents attached) - tabled
- e) Ministerial approval of lease – Celia provided an update. The Village agreed to all but one suggested revision. After a meeting with our PLB consultant a few more suggestions were forwarded. It was also strongly recommended that we work with a lawyer before seeking ministerial approval of the lease. After the next revision, Eva will find a lawyer.
- f) Appointment to KLBC- tabled until required
- g) Emergency Preparedness- tabled until after AGM

6. Reports:

- a) Financial—(2023 Income Statement draft): Eva presented the Income Statement. The introduction (page 2) may see edits by new owner Anthony Mondia of Moneywell Accounting LTD. The remainder of the document is correct. Once new library project interest, income, and revenue are removed, there is a small surplus of \$543.85. **Motion to accept draft financial statement pages 3-8. Molly/ Trish/ carried. Motion to moved \$543.85 to reserves. Leah/ Steph/ carried. Report accepted as presented.** Eva to meet with Anthony on February 28.
- b) Library Director – (attached) Nelson, Creston, Salmo and Kaslo library directors and chairs met with MLA Brittny Anderson via Zoom on January 30th to talk about progress and challenges at our libraries. Other highlights include updates to the website to showcase program reports from Angela and to enable direct holds to new items via a list in the catalogue. Staff have been learning more about making images accessible on the website and look forward to making more improvements. **Report accepted as presented.**
- c) Program Coordinator –(next report in May) – See 'program reports' button on home page.
- d) Kootenay Library Federation- no report

7. New Business:

- a) AGM- March 18 at 5:00 pm. Celia, Leah, and Margaret have agreed to run for another term. Celia shared a bio of the candidate; Stephanie will nominate. Leah, Molly, and Celia will bring goodies. Eva to set up coffee/ tea.
- b) Booksale – Saturday Market Application – Leah submitted application for late July.

8. Next Meeting: March 18, 2024 short meeting after AGM

9. Adjournment: **Molly 4:47 pm.**