



Minutes

Regular Meeting - Port Moody Public Library Board

Thursday, February 19, 2026

7:00 p.m.

Brovold Room

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Port Moody Public Library Board held on Thursday, February 19, 2026 in the Brovold Room.

Present

Jeff Summers, Chair
Jeremy Browne
Lino Coria
Stephanie Lam
Jo-Anne Parneta
Brenda Seraphim
Debbie Shaw
Valerie Simons

Regrets

Diana Dilworth, Council Representative

In Attendance

Marc Saunders, Library Director
Heather Hadley, Deputy Director
Ilene Cadette, Administrative Assistant

Guest

Robert Simons, Port Moody Foundation (left at 7:13 p.m.)

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by L. Coria and seconded

THAT the February 19, 2026 Library Board meeting agenda be approved with the addition of Item 5.5 – Patron Complaint.

Carried

3. Guest Presentation – Port Moody Foundation

Robert Simons, President of the Port Moody Foundation spoke about the work of the Port Moody Foundation and the endowments it holds on behalf of the library.

R. Simons left the meeting.

4. **Consent Agenda**

Moved by J. Parneta and seconded

THAT all items on the consent agenda be approved or received for information as noted:

- 4.1 Minutes of regular Library Board meeting of January 15, 2026 (for approval)
- 4.2 Media Coverage (for information)
- 4.3 Library Activity Overview (for information)
- 4.4 Liability Insurance (for information)
- 4.5 Financial Summary to January 31, 2026 (for information)

Carried

5. **New Business**

Director's Report

- 5.1 Library Director's Report

The Library Director's report was received for information.

Provincial Grants Report

- 5.2 Provincial Grants Report

Moved by D. Shaw and seconded

THAT the Provincial Grants Report 2025 be approved.

Carried

Items to be included in next year's report were discussed.

Enhancement Grant Update

- 5.3 Enhancement Grant Update

A few numbers have been updated as payments were made on current projects.

Council Motion

- 5.4 Motion for Consideration by City Council

Moved by B. Seraphim and seconded

THAT the Port Moody Public Library Board approve the motion, as outlined in the draft Advocacy Memo to Council dated February 24, 2026, and request the Library Board's representative on City Council to bring it forward for consideration at the Lower Mainland Local Government Association (LMLGA);

AND THAT the LMLGA be requested to submit the endorsed motion to the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) to advocate for increased and sustainable provincial funding for public libraries.

Carried

Patron Complaint	5.5 Patron Complaint	A complaint has been received from a member of the public, which was also copied to the Mayor. It refers to the cancellation of a program and a request for private use of a library room for the group to continue meeting. The Director of Library Services will respond to the correspondence and keep the Mayor informed of discussions.
	6. <u>Reports from Board Committees/Representatives</u>	
Board Chair	6.1 Update from Library Board Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Chair has been introducing himself to various political persons in the Port Moody area. • Need more board members to sign up to give a two-minute comment at Council, advocating for the library. • The Library Board photo will be taken before the April 16 meeting at 6:30 p.m.
Policy Review Committee	6.2 Policy Review Committee (did not meet)	This committee will meet after the Fund Development Committee moves forward with its plan which will impact several policies.
Fund Development Committee	6.3 Fund Development Committee	The Fund Development Committee has had preliminary discussions on a work plan. Next meeting will be March 5 at 4 p.m.
InterLINK	6.4 Public Library InterLINK	The next meeting will be on February 25, 2026.
Arts, Culture & Heritage Committee	6.5 Arts, Culture & Heritage Committee	V. Simons gave a verbal update on the work of this committee.
BCLTA	6.6 BC Library Trustees Association	D. Shaw attended the Navigating Board Dilemmas workshop. The next workshop will be held on April 17. The topic is Board Fundamentals which would be good for new trustees or those wanting a refresher.
Roundtable	7. <u>Roundtable</u>	No roundtable was held due to time constraints.

8. **In-Camera (Agenda sent separately)**

Moved by S. Lam and seconded

THAT, as provided in section 17.2.1 and 17.2.2 of the Board Meeting policy, this part of the meeting of the Library Board be closed to the public.

Carried

The meeting moved in-camera at 8:27 p.m.

The meeting moved out of in-camera at 8:47 p.m.

9. **Adjournment**

The regular meeting of the library board was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.