



Coquitlam Public Library
Community Advisory Group

COMMUNITY ADVISORY GROUP MINUTES

May 23, 2024 | 6:30-8:00 pm
City Centre Branch | Zoom

CAG Meeting

Present: Manjeet, Doreen, Andrea, Ramesh, Francesca, Sahar, Tina

Chair: Tina

Staff: Jay, Ryan

Regrets: Mayling, Natalia, Sandra, Valerie,

I. Call to order: 6:30 pm

II. Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that Coquitlam Public Library provides service on the unceded traditional territory of the Kwikwetlem First Nation, which lies within the shared territories of the Tsleil- Waututh, Katzie, Musqueam, Qayqayt, Squamish and Sto':lo Nations

III. Approval of Agenda – Manjeet moved, Ramesh seconded

IV. Approval of Minutes from the last meeting – Andrea moved, Sahar seconded

V. Announcement - Fatemeh has withdrawn from the CAG.

VI. Collection of criminal record checks - Note: these are available through the RCMP detachment, library can provide a letter that will waive the fee, and they are good for 5 years. Manjeet has had one done and will submit it electronically. Ramesh has submitted his online.

VII. Guest speaker - Jay and Ryan speaking about library updates

- New logo has been created for the library! There is a lot of significance to the logo.
- Science Expo was very successful and one of the biggest we have hosted, with 45 participants, 27 projects, and over 400 people attended.
 - The \$1500 scholarships were won by siblings.
 - Next year the Science Expo will be bigger, and may be held at Douglas College for the larger venue. Plans include reaching out to more high schools and gifted programs for more entrants, as only 4 high schools participated.
 - The library is looking for donors for the scholarship again next year (\$4000 is the goal)

- Writer's Festival is planned for June 14 & 15
 - Multiple libraries participating, including Port Moody and Terry Fox (POCO). There is a great lineup of authors both online and in person.
 - There will be a writers roundtable, and a cocktail reception.
- Makers Making Change
 - This is an organization that helps people with disabilities to create accessible buttons for toys and controllers. The leader is Justin, and he teaches soldering and 3D printing to attendees.
 - Discussion of how to promote this program to increase attendance - suggestion to contact school guidance counsellors. Also suggested having a weekend session (currently after school, once a month)
- The work on the new entrance along Pinetree has started, and will be opened in a month. There will be bike locks and possibly tables and chairs. This new entrance will be accessible and more visible.

VIII. Feedback from members about events they have participated in April / May

- Ramesh attended the Sleep apnea session. It was very well attended, the expert spent an additional 30 minutes after the session to answer additional questions from attendees.
- Tina attended the Poetry event in April and reports that it was excellent, very professional and interesting.
- Tina also attended the Brave Spaces Speaker Series events and enjoyed both sessions. The opportunity to listen and ask hard questions was very powerful.
 - Suggestion to offer pastries and snacks instead of sandwiches, based on the time of day the event was held.
 - Suggestion to provide recommended reading or movies on the topics discussed.
- The Plant Swap was great! Tina attended, and was inspired with this model for the swap for the clothing swap.

IX. Application process revision update - Vice Chair

Discussion postponed

X. Discussion on Clothing Giveaway Project

- Plan this event for the Fall - A costume and clothing swap for kids & youth, October 5 or 6th right after Family Story Time. We will pair it with a library program, and advertise in the Library program guide. Donations will be welcome.
 - We need a fun name for this clothing swap.
 - Threading Change is a group that sets up clothing exchanges. This group has been contacted but we have not heard back yet.

XI. Feedback on PowerPoint to share with our networks and put in other languages

- Suggestion to add Library Link wording from our website, so it is consistent wording.

- The audience for this document is patrons who speak other languages, the goal is to have CAG members record an overview of the library in other languages, using the slides as a guideline. Tina is able to help with the recording process, using library resources, with the goal of putting these videos on our social media.
 - Government funding might be available for translations, Manjeet will investigate and report back.

XII. Ideas what CAG can to to be more involved

- Using the powerpoint document, create a transcript to be recorded in various languages. Tina is able to help with the recording process, using library resources. The goal is for CAG members to post it on their social media to raise the library profile.
- Suggestion to have videos made in Korean, Mandarin, Spanish, Farsi, Portuguese, Cantonese.

XIII. Meeting adjourned at 8:08pm

Next meeting will be June 27, 2024 @ 6:30 at Poirier Library, with Zoom option