



Coquitlam Public Library
Community Advisory Group

September 26, 2024

COMMUNITY ADVISORY GROUP MINUTES

[City Centre] | 6:30– 8:00 pm

Hybrid Meeting: Zoom | City Centre Board Room

CAG MEETING

Present: Francesca, Julie, Luis, Natalia, Sandra, Tina, Waed

Guest: Gabbie, Rebekah

Regrets: Andrea, Doreen, Manjeet, Ramesh, Susan

Chair: Tina

Staff: Aman, Jay

- I. Call to order: 6:35 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. Adoption of Agenda – adopted
- IV. Approval of Minutes from the last meeting - Francesca moved, Luis seconded
- V. Welcome potential members to our meeting
- VI. Elect a Vice Chair – Natalia will continue
- VII. Library Updates (Jay/Ryan)
 - Juried Art Exhibit – opened September 26
 - 86 artists entered
 - CAG member became a juror – Sahar
 - Reception on Saturday at 1:00 pm
 - Vote in branch before November 6
 - SRC medal ceremonies
 - 4 ceremonies – PO & CC

- Mayor came to all the ceremonies
- Science Expo
 - 2025 – will be hosting at Douglas College
 - For students grades 4-12
 - Scholarships for senior students, passes for science world for younger students
- Pinetree door is coming soon (anytime)
- Train table at PO
 - Local family donated it
- Talking about getting a lego table at PO
- Lounge at PO well used
- October 9 – new director of services coming – Erin
- New catalogue added to the website
- September 30 – T &R
 - Library will be at Glen Pine for event 11:00-3:00 pm
- Pride story time on Oct 25 at ECC from 10:30-11:30 am
- Poetry performance Nov. 7 from 6:00-7:30 pm
- Brave Space speaker series
 - Oct 16, Oct 30, Nov 13
 - 6:30 – 8:00 pm
- Holiday Hellos – deadline November 25
- Discovery lab
 - Trying 2 new tech toys – Sphero Indi & Yoto
- Accessibility survey – please fill out

VIII. Feedback from members on past events or ideas for new events in early 2025

- Sandra, Luis, Tina went to Makers Making Change
 - Interesting, liked the program
 - Upcoming Oct 10
 - Advertise to high schools
 - Have a session at PO
- Natalia's kids participated with SRC – love the program
- Tina went to the repair café
 - Very popular, not enough volunteers
- Tina – bird walk program
 - Burke Mountain Naturalists – very knowledgeable
- Destination imagination program
 - Tina's daughter went with her friends – not challenging enough
 - Facilitator wasn't engaging
- Backpack giveaway
 - 45 backpacks given out

IX. Update on Application Process – Luis

- Added check boxes

- Changed formatting
 - Easier to read
 - Fillable PDF
 - Add Library Link to branches
 - Motion to move forward – everyone approved
- X. Need Volunteers for Oct 5 – clothing giveaway City Centre
- Fri Oct. 4 – Waed
 - Sat – Natalia, Francesca, Sandra, Luis – meet at 10:00 am set-up, done by 1:00 pm
- XI. Call for volunteers for book sale in November
- Library is discarding books
 - Ryan is looking for volunteers for set up, talking to people
 - One weekend in November
 - Saturday afternoon – Tina, Natalia, Gabbie, Julie, Sandra (am)
- XII. Brainstorm ideas of funding sources for the Tricities Writers Festival 2025
- May 29, 30, 31
 - Sponsorship ideas
 - Local banks, Henderson mall, Coquitlam Centre, City of Coquitlam,
 - United Way (community focused grants)
 - Publishing workshop
 - Editors Canada
- XIII. Status on Library PowerPoint Document
- Marketing made a powerpoint – CAG to record in different languages to share with their networks about CPL
 - Jay – find somewhere to record it
 - Ask Tri-Cities Community TV
- XIV. Where to have next meeting? Poirier or City Centre
- PO
- XV. Ideas
- Indigenous plant walks
 - Info session on neighborhood safety
 - Black excellence month
 - Programs attracting younger generation
- XVI. CAG 2025 goals
- Next meeting agenda

Notes

- CAG included in P&E guide
- VR set
- Library of things
 - Projector, karaoke machine, circuit
- Makers spaces
- Enclosed pods
- Children's area – comfy seating
- White board/glass board
 - Window markers
- Fundraising in moms group



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XVII. Adjournment – 7:56 pm

Next Regular Meeting

- October 24, 2024
Poirier Board Room
Time: 6:30-8:00 pm

- November 28, 2024
City Centre Room
Time: 6:30-8:00 pm