



# COMMUNITY ADVISORY GROUP MINUTES

Poirier | 6.30 – 8:00 pm  
Hybrid ZOOM and Boardroom  
February 27, 2025

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Present: Ramesh, Tina, Valerie, Susan, Fatemeh, Manjeet, Julie, Sandra, Janice, Rebekah, Sally, Waed

Staff: Aman, Ann, Erin, Jay

Regrets: Madhavee, Francesca, Doreen, Luis

New Members: Shambhavi, Alysha

Chair: Ramesh

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. Adoption of Agenda

IV. Approval of Minutes from the last meeting - approved

V. Guest Speaker: Ann Johannes, Community Development Liaison

- Home Delivery
- Demonstration of DAISY player

VI. NEW BUSINESS

a. New member introduction

b. Library Updates (Jay)

- Looking for a volunteer for Juried Art Exhibit – Janice
- Writers Festival guide coming soon
- Brave Spaces series coming in June
- Spring break programs – March 17-28
- Poetry Night – April 11
- In Q3 there will be updates to the COQ app



- Change to how we will receive feedback, form online and physical form  
<https://www.coglibrary.ca/how-did-we-do>
  - how could CAG provide more constructive feedback
  - look at the type of feedback we receive and how we can adapt it to programming
- c. Book club update – Julie
  - First meeting, meet & greet
  - 8 attendees
  - Next week is the meeting for the first book
- d. Ideas on fund raising for DAISY – Subcommittee – Julie and Valerie
  - Julie & Valerie did some brainstorming, came up with a lot of ideas
  - Erin & Jay will review list
  - Idea
    - Cross promote at Writer's Festival at the cocktail reception
      - Set up table, mingle, have a goal amount, have some daisy readers at the table, demo
      - If portion of ticket can go towards daisy players
    - Silent auctions
    - Business donate seeds and we resell it, portion going towards daisy players
    - Introduce a program for the daisy players
    - Partner with senior groups/club to get donations
      - Dogwood & Glen Pine
    - Connecting to a garden/flower – consider connecting with a garden centre to give plants at cost for a spring plant sale – proceeds donated to library
- e. Report on Multicultural Advisory Committee from the City of Coquitlam – Tina
  - TCLIP – support immigrants, programs – lost funding
  - LINC – language providers - lost funding
  - Feedback – need to bring ethnic communities together, different immigrants at different experience
    - Human library
  - More bystander training in the library
  - Diversity training, microaggressions
  - De-escalation training
  - Signs in different languages
- f. Ideas on how to get CAG members and community involved with " special days at the library" – Tina
  - IG boring – make posts about different days, example: sibling day, superheroes day



- i Invite the TEEN TAG Chair and Vice Chair to our next meeting and talk about how we can collaborate
  - ii CapU Library Learning Series - collaboration with the post secondary in their region, can we start with Douglas
  - iii April 26 listed in the City of Coquitlam Leisure Booklet that the City is having a Sidewalk Social at Poirier Community Centre. Suggestion to be involved and have a table kiosk.
- g. Discuss and agree on strategy, action plan and time lines for 2025 goals (see survey results with ideas) - GOALS agreed: Promotion, Providing Feedback, and Connection to Community.
- h. Remember to submit the self-evaluations
- V. Adjournment – 8:05 pm

Next Regular Meeting

March 27 2025 at City Centre Branch Board Room 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM