



# The Prince George Public Library

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## Board of Trustees Resolution

RESOLUTION PASSED AT A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE PRINCE GEORGE PUBLIC LIBRARY, HELD ON October 12, 2022 VIA Zoom virtual meeting software

**WHEREAS** the Prince George Public Library (“the Library”) is a Municipal Library as defined in the Library Act of British Columbia;

**AND WHEREAS** improving accessibility by working “to remove and reduce all kinds of barriers to access so that everyone in our community is able to fully enjoy and benefit from what the Library offers” is a commitment contained in the Library’s Mission, Vision, and Values statements;

**AND WHEREAS** the Truth & Reconciliation Commission of Canada’s *Calls to Action* include the commitment to “meaningful consultation” and “building respectful relationships” with Indigenous peoples;

**AND WHEREAS** the Lheidli T’enneh are an Indigenous community of people, many of whom reside on reserve land outside but adjacent to the boundaries of Prince George;

**AND WHEREAS** the Library Act requirement for library board members to be a resident or elector of the municipality presents a systemic barrier to meaningful participation in the governance of the public library for Indigenous community members living outside of municipal boundaries;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Prince George Library Board urges the BC Library Trustees Association to work with the BC Public Library Partners to engage with the Public Library Branch, Ministry of Municipal Affairs to eliminate the systemic barrier that prevents Indigenous people living outside of municipal boundaries from serving on a municipal public library board.

  
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Mike Gagel  
Chair, Board of Trustees  
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