

MINUTES OF THE SOUTH SHORE REGIONAL LIBRARY BOARD,  
SEPTEMBER 16, 2008, 6:00 – HEBBVILLE HEADQUARTERS

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*The South Shore Regional Library Board administers the South Shore Public Libraries.*

*South Shore Public Libraries celebrate reading, discovering, learning and sharing.*

Present: Mrs. Marie Hogan Loker, Chair  
Mr. Tom Sheppard, Vice Chair  
Mr. David Brattston  
Mrs. Cynthia Bruhm  
Councillor Karen Dempsey  
Councillor Heather Anne Getson  
Councillor Susan MacLeod  
Mrs. Wilma Stewart-White  
Mr. Alan Wilson  
Mr. Don Zwicker  
Mrs. Cathy MacDonald, Mobile/Technical Services Librarian  
Mr. Jeff Mercer, Branch/Extension/Systems Librarian  
Ms. Cheryl Stenstrom, Secretary/Treasurer  
Mrs. Lynn Robart, Recorder

Regrets: Councillor Beverlee Brown  
Councillor Robert Myra

Jeff Mercer represented the Staff Association.

#### NEW PROVINCIAL APPOINTEE

Chair Marie Hogan Loker welcomed one of our new Provincial Appointees David Brattston from Lunenburg. Mr. Brattston previously served on our Board from 1988 to 1994. He has a Master of Library Science from Western University and worked as a librarian for four years, and then part-time while obtaining his law degree.

Cheryl added that there is one more Provincial Appointee to come but has yet be appointed. Also, she plans to arrange for a Board orientation for all the Board which will be set up by the Board Development Committee after the Municipal elections.

#### OUTGOING COUNCILLORS

Chair Marie Hogan Loker thanked Councillor Karen Dempsey and Councillor Heather Anne Getson for their support and work they have done on behalf of the library. Both Councillors will not be reoffering in the upcoming Municipal elections.

SEMI-ANNUAL BOOKSALE

The South Shore Regional Library Booksale is coming up this weekend, September 19-21 at the Michelin Booksale. Chair Hogan Loker encourage Board Members to attend this event.

AGENDA

Motion: "THAT the Agenda be approved as circulated with a number additions."

DEMPSEY/WILSON All in favour. Motion carried.

MINUTES

Motion: "THAT the South Shore Regional Library Board accepts the Minutes of August 19, 2008 with one addition."

ZWICKER/DEMPSEY All in favour. Motion carried.

Chair Hogan Loker added to the minutes that LBANS is paying her mileage to the NSLA/LBANS Conference.

BROADBEND FOR NOVA SCOTIA

Kathlene Farrell, Community Liaison Officer and Lorraine Glendenning, Corporate Strategist from Economic Development were in attendance to present an overview of Broadband for rural Nova Scotia and where it is to date. For more information: [www.gov.ns.ca/econ/broadband](http://www.gov.ns.ca/econ/broadband)

PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT

September's Public Relations Report was circulated with notice of meeting. The unveiling of the of Democracy 250 collection development will be on Tuesday, October 21 at 5:00 p.m. at the Bridgewater Library before the next regular Board Meeting. Alan Wilson commended Teresa Workman on the great job of What's New.

1<sup>st</sup> QUARTER VEHICLE REPORT

Motion: "THAT the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Vehicle Report for April – June 2008 was BRUHM/Getson received as circulated with one correction."

PROVINCIAL LIBRARY FUNDING UPDATE

Chief Librarian Cheryl Stenström reported that the final report on the Funding Task Force was been forwarded to the Minister of Education in mid-August and is ready to go to cabinet approval.

NEW FACE LAUNCH

Chair Hogan Loker reminded the Board of the 'New Face Launch' beginning October 1, 2008. We will have a new logo which the Communications team has chosen. There will be more new books in the hands of the borrowers. We will be going to a three week loan and a one week loan for some items. In addition to assistance from some of the branch staff, a Technical Services Library Clerk II was promoted to Library Clerk III to handle more cataloguing in addition to the Interlibrary Loan work load.

THANK YOU CARD

A thank you card was received from Sandra Whitman for a donation the Board made in memory of her mother-in-law Theresa Whitman .

STAFF ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE

Jeff Mercer reported there was no report.

OTHER

- LBANS/NSLA 2008 conference being held Old Orchard Inn, Greenwich, NS, October 3-5 – Don Zwicker, Alan Wilson, Tom Sheppard, Karen Dempsey and Marie Hogan Loker are planning to attend.
- LBANS/NSLA 2009 conference is to be held on the South Shore and Tom Sheppard has volunteer to assist with any planning.
- Staff Changes: Georges deRome from Liverpool has recently moved to Dubai for two years and Patrice d'Entremont from Lunenburg has accepted a new job at in Halifax.
- Dave Nicholas from the Mahone Bay Centre contacted us regarding the Library having a presence in the Mahone Bay Center. Wilma Stewart-White will investigate it further. Cheryl added the Nova Scotia Library Standards deem Mahone Bay too close to existing branches for full branch service.

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- Linda Freeman from Greenfield recently contacted with Cheryl Stenström. As of this date no one has signed off on the Memorandum of Understanding agreement which was slated for approval by all parties the end of June. The Board directed Cheryl to follow up with the School Board.
- LBANS Newsletter August 2008 was circulated to the Board.
- Mr. Brattson question why the Lunenburg Branch hours were changed to closing at 5 p.m. instead of 6. Jeff Mercer reported that an analysis was done using statistics for usage as well as branch and patron anecdotal evidence of busy hours. The hour from 5-6pm fell below a set threshold for usage. The Branch is now open seven days a week.
- New furniture – We were recently contacted by Green Solutions regarding some available used furniture for charities at the old Halifax Herald Building. Sandra Whitman and Lynn Robart visited the site and were able to come back with approximately \$6,300 worth of furniture including a new to us Board table. Board requested Cheryl to write to Green Solutions and thank them.

DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, October 21, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. at the Bridgewater Library, beginning with the unveiling of the collection of Democracy 250.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Cindy Bruhm moved the meeting be adjourned

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Marie Hogan Loker

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Cheryl Stenström, Secretary/Treasurer