

MINUTES OF THE SOUTH SHORE REGIONAL LIBRARY BOARD, APRIL 21, 2009; 6:00 P.M,
ADMINISTRATION OFFICE, HEBBVILLE

*The South Shore Regional Library Board administers South Shore Public Libraries.
South Shore Public Libraries celebrate reading, discovering, learning and sharing.*

Present: Mrs. Marie Hogan Loker, Board Chair
Mr. Tom Sheppard, Vice Chair
Mr. David Brattston
Ms. Cynthia Bruhm
Councillor Eric Hustvedt
Ms. Susan MacLeod
Councillor Robert Myra
Mr. Alan Wilson
Mr. Don Zwicker
Ms. Shelley Zwicker
Ms. Cheryl Stenström, Secretary/Treasurer
Ms. Cathy MacDonald
Mr. Jeff Mercer
Mrs. Lynn Robart, Recorder

Regrets from: Councillor John McGee, Ms. Karen Dempsey, Councillor Patrick Hirtle, Councillor Randi Dickie and Mrs. Wilma Stewart-White.

Ms. Nilanjana Das representing the Staff Association.

AGENDA

Motion: "THAT the agenda be approved with additions."
WILSON/Bruhm All in favour. Motion carried.

MINUTES

Motion: "THAT the South Shore Regional Library Board accept the minutes of
March 24, 2009 as circulated with two corrections."
MYRA/Zwicker All in favour. Motion carried.

PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT – APRIL 2009 (circulated with Notice of Meeting)

LBANS REPORT

- The Board was reminded about the Canadian Library Trustees Newsletter (<http://www.cla.ca/AM/Template.cfm?Section=CLTA>). The Board has an institutional membership to CLA.
- Fiona Black, Librarian from Dalhousie University spoke to LBANS.
- Peggy Thompson is the 2009 President of the Ontario Library Association, a teacher-librarian with the Toronto District School Board and a former President of the Ontario School Library Association. She will be guest speaker at the NSLA/LBANS conference in 2009. The Conference theme: The Juggling Act: Finding The Balance
- LBANS will not be meeting anymore this year due to lack of financial funds.

LUNENBURG COUNTY LIFESTYLE CENTER UPDATE

It was reported that the LCLC meets on a regular basis every Wednesday morning. Today they had interviews with the potential Architect/Design firms. On May 6 there will be a joint council meeting of the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg and the Town of Bridgewater with the LCLC Committee.

PROVINCIAL APPOINTEES REPORT (attached)

MOBILE RETROFIT UPDATE

The Board was updated on the progress of the new mobile. Firms have been notified for refitting the vehicle to our specifications, including: bodywork, electrical/wiring, supply of additional components, interior shelving, exterior painting & signage.

COUNCIL VISIT UPDATES

Chair Marie Hogan Loker and Chief Librarian Cheryl Stenström have visited all the Municipal Councils in our Region. Mahone Bay Town Council is making a donation of \$2,500 for the new mobile.

STAFF ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE

Nilanjana Das reported that the Staff Association recently had their annual and general meeting. Currently the Association is evaluating workable models for the organization.

GREENFIELD RESOURCE CENTER COMMITTEE

Notes of the April 7, 2009 Greenfield Resource Center Committee were presented. The Memorandum of Understanding will be circulated to the following: Region of Queens, South Shore School Board, Greenfield Committee and the Nova Scotia Department of Education.

Motion: “THAT the South Shore Regional Library Board endorses and signs the Memorandum of Understanding for the Greenfield Community Resource Centre Library contingent on the other parties’ ratification.

WILSON/Sheppard All in favour. Motion carried.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Finance Committee met recently to discuss the standard of our collection. A recent statistic was released from Provincial Library rating us at the bottom of the scale of having the least amount of new library material, no older than five years in the Province. A number of reasons have contributed to this including having Headquarters in a stand-alone building, running a mobile, serving municipal units who don't contribute extra to library service. The Finance Committee agreed that the 2009-10 budget goals need to reflect the commitment to the collection but could result in some difficult changes for staff. Staff was directed to prepare several scenarios for discussion.

The following motions are recommended by the Finance Committee which met on April 7, 2009 regarding the retrofit of the mobile.

Motion: “THAT the South Shore Regional Library Board accept the price of \$12,200 from Drake Truck Bodies, Vernon, PEI for the body work on the condition that if the price increases more than 10% it needs Board approval.”

ZWCKER/Bruhm All in favour. Motion carried.

Motion: “THAT the South Shore Regional Library Board accept the price of \$80,000 from Tri-Star Industries, Yarmouth, NS for lighting, electrical system & components, furnace and air conditioning, exterior painting & signage, interior shelving & desks on the condition that if the price increases more than 4% it needs Board approval.”

SHEPPARD/Wilson All in favour. Motion carried.

NOMINATION COMMITTEE

Motion: “THAT the South Shore Regional Library Board accept Cynthia Bruhm, who volunteer to be a member of the Nomination Committee.”

BRATTSTON/Myra All in favour. Motion carried.

DATE & TIME OF NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next regular Board Meeting will be Tuesday, May 19, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. at the Administrative Office in Hebbville.

ADJOURNED

Tom Sheppard moved the meeting to be adjourned.

Marie Hogan Loker, Chair

Cheryl Stenström. Treasurer/Secretary

Provincial Appointee Monthly Report

April 2009

- Still no news on 2009-10 budget or response to the recommendations of the Library Funding Task Force.
- Working with the Executive Assistant to Minister Streach to fill provincial appointee vacancies on regional library boards.
- Meeting between LBANS and Minister Streach scheduled for March 26th.
- Pulled together advocacy information about the importance of libraries in hard economic times- see website: <http://www.library.ns.ca/node/1340>
- Wrapping up the Ednet rollout, which has upgraded the internet speed for many public library sites in the province
- Evaluating collections development and cataloguing functions at Provincial Library to get materials to the public faster, and to look at introducing alternate formats such as downloadable audio.
- Leading a multi-type library working group (through Libraries Nova Scotia) to develop a "borrow anywhere/return anywhere" system.
- Leading a small multi-type committee (through Libraries NS) to investigate opportunities for collaborative access to electronic databases.
- Rolling out partnership with Heart and Stroke's Walkabout program. Pedometers will be available for loan from all public library locations in Nova Scotia.
- With the Council of Youth Services librarians, coordinated the development of a brief for the National Strategy on Early Literacy's nation-wide consultation, promoting the role public libraries play in early literacy development. Angela Reynolds, from AVRL, will present the brief on behalf of Nova Scotia Public Libraries on March 12.
- Working with Bank of Canada on Fraud Prevention Month(March). Programs and displays will be presented in many library locations.
- Revising the public internet access policy. The Department of Education provides internet access to regional libraries system and this policy governs that access.