

SOUTH SHORE REGIONAL LIBRARY BOARD GENERAL MEETING, MARGARET HENNIGAR PUBLIC LIBRARY
JANUARY 19, 2015; 6:00 p.m.

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

Present: Mr. Patrick Hirtle, Chair
Mrs. Cindy Bruhm, Vice Chair
Dr. David Brattston
Councillor Eric Hustvedt
Ms. Sara Lochhead
Ms. Marie Hogan Loker
Councillor Susan MacLeod
Councillor Robert Myra
Ms. Phyllis Price
Councillor Kelly Wilson
Mr. Jeff Mercer
Ms. Christina Pottie
Mr. Troy Myers, Secretary/Treasurer
Ms. Lynn Robart, Recorder

Regrets from: Ms. Wilma Stewart-White, Mr. Mark Taylor, Mr. Alan Wilson, Councillor Jennifer McDonald, Mr. Tom Sheppard and Ms. Brittany Hachey.

MINUTES

Motion: "THAT the South Shore Regional Library Board accepts the minutes as amended for November 19, 2015 as circulated."
HUSTEVDT/Myra All in favour. Motion carried.

LUNENBURG COUNTY LIFESTYLE CENTRE LEASE UPDATE

Councillor Eric Hustvedt excused himself from the room due to conflict of interest.

Chris McNeill, Municipal Affairs Advisor, Province of Nova Scotia facilitated a meeting between LCLC representatives, Town of Bridgewater staff, and SSPL regarding the lease, Patrick and Troy represented us. There has been fair progress in resolving the lease and the outstanding issue is paying back rent of \$24,000. The Board agreed that paying half of the amount owing over a period of time would be appropriate. Patrick also added that the facilitation was a fair process.

Dr. Brattston asked about Authors selling their books on site and whether or not that would be considered peddling as per the lease. That would be an issued between the Town of Bridgewater and the LCLC and we will express our concerns to the Town.

Councillor Eric Hustvedt returned to the meeting at the end of this discussion.

LBANS REPORT

Patrick and Troy recently attended a provincial meeting of all the Chiefs and Chairs regarding the Library Funding Review. The Funding Review Report and recommendations will be circulated to the Board for their input to be discussed at the February meeting. All of the options will see South Shore receiving a modest increase, while Cape Breton will lose funds.

STAFF ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE - no report

LUNENBURG ACADEMY

Jeff Mercer gave a quick overview on the process of the Lunenburg Library moving to the Academy. There have been two public consultations so far, and another two to be held in the Academy that may draw a bigger crowd. They have had approximately twenty people attend so far, including the Mayor. There was been good feedback; a couple common requests have been exterior space and a community room for programming. Jeff also reported that the Library does have a seat on the Finance and Governance committee that will begin meeting in the near future. At that time we will be looking for funds for furniture and fixtures. The Academy will be brought up to code for accessibility. Renderings of the Academy will be sent out to the board.

REVIEW OF STRATEGIC PLAN

Christina Pottie gave a quick update on the progress of the strategic plan. A public survey/questionnaire, which will be available in paper and electronic format, is almost completed. A staff questionnaire asking them for input will be distributed next week. A Board workshop planning session will be held in the early spring, Christina will poll members to find the best time and dates for the majority of board members.

LIVERPOOL BRANCH

The Board was informed that the Region of Queens is looking at a few sites for relocating the Thomas H. Raddall Library. Troy will be visiting Liverpool next week to view the old Town Hall, and possibly the Visitor Information Centre as potential future sites for the Library. Troy already visited the recently vacated courthouse. The Region will have to examine costs of renovations, and engineering limitations of the buildings.

LAWRENCE HILL

A brief report on the Lawrence Hill Event was presented. The event was a huge success and garnered all sorts of positive feedback.

3rd QUARTER SPENDING REPORT 2015-16

The Finance Committee circulated the 3rd Quarter Spending Report for 2015-16. Overall, spending is within budget and no issues are anticipated for the fourth quarter.

Administration Professional Services were overspent as Cathy MacDonald was retained on a stipend for the full fiscal year and a Librarian replacement was not hired.

C@P Funding was much higher than budgeted as Christina Pottie was able to secure more C@P Funding this year.

Motion: "THAT the 3rd Quarter 2015-16 Spending Report be received as presented to the Board as circulated."

HOGAN LOKER/Bruhm All in favour. Motion carried.

MOBILE STOP

Christina reported that she had been in contact with Councillor McDonald and they were following up on this possibility.

DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

The next general meeting will be Tuesday, February 16, 2016 beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Margaret Hennigar Public Library.

ADJOURNMENT

Eric Hustvedt moved the meeting to be adjourned.

Troy Myers, Secretary/Treasurer

Patrick Hirtle, Chair