

SOUTH SHORE REGIONAL LIBRARY BOARD General Meeting, Margaret Hennigar Public Library,
August 18, 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
Councillor Frank Fawson
Ms. Brittany Hachey
Ms. Marie Hogan Loker
Councillor Susan MacLeod
Councillor Robert Myra
Ms. Wilma Stewart-White
Mr. Jeff Mercer
Ms. Christina Pottie
Mr. Troy Myers, Secretary/Treasurer
Ms. Lynn Robart, Recorder

Regrets from: Dr. David Brattson, Cynthia Bruhm, Councillor Kelly Wilson, Mr. Alan Wilson, Ms. Phyllis Price, Mr. Mark Taylor, Councillor Jennifer McDonald, Ms. Nancy Wilson, and Mr. Tom Sheppard.

Mr, Ken Malcolm represented the Staff Association.

MINUTES

A regret (Patrick Hirtle) and attendance (Ken Malcolm) were omitted from the June minutes.

Motion: "THAT the South Shore Regional Library Board accept the minutes with corrections of the June 15, 2015 as circulated."

HOGAN LOKER/Stewart-White All in favour. Motion carried. "

WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Chair Patrick Hirtle welcomed new Board Member Brittany Hachey. Brittany will serve as a member-at-large.

LUNENBURG COUNTY LIFESTYLE CENTRE LEASE UPDATE

Troy gave a brief update on the LCLC lease from a meeting held on July 6th with Kevin Benjamin, Wayne Foster, and Ken Smith. The Town of Bridgewater shares the same concerns that SSPL has regarding the cost of utilities, so negotiations continue.

LBANS REPORT

The ALM Conference this year will be held in Halifax from September 25-27; early registration deadline is August 20th. This is the first joint conference that includes Libraries, Museums and Archives.

Marie Hogan Loker will be the recipient of the 2015 Honourary LBANS Award.

STAFF ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE

Ken Malcom represented the Staff Association. Ken reported that there has been discussion regarding substitutes becoming members of the Association. This would increase the membership and possibly fill some vacancies on the executive.

Ken also reported on the professionalism that David Trueman, Shelley Roy and Holly Sweet displayed during the recent evacuation of the Thomas H. Raddall Library due to an electrical fire in the building. Job well done!

LUNENBURG ACADEMY

Jeff reported that there has been lots of feedback regarding the Lunenburg library move to the Academy. Overall positive comments. Jeff will be meeting with Scott Burke, Lunenburg Academy Development Coordinator, next week for further updates.

VEHICLE REPORTS

4TH Quarter 2014-15 and 1ST Quarter 2015-16 Vehicle Reports were circulated with Notice of Meeting

MOBILE STOP

Christina gave a brief report on the pilot mobile stop at the DesBrisay Museum. It was reported that the patrons who visited the mobile were generally regular Margaret Hennigar Public Library users. The Board would like some feedback from Councillor McDonald, there were other suggestions of town locations, one of those being the Bridgewater mall. Christina will look into this.

NOVA SCOTIA PUBLIC SERVICE PENSION PLAN

The South Shore Public Libraries request to become a member of the Nova Scotia Public Service Superannuation Plan was approved, active September 1ST.

Motion: "THAT South Shore Regional Library Board join the Nova Scotia Public Service Superannuation Plan effective September 1, 2015."

STEWART-WHITE/Myra All in favour. Motion carried.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Chair Patrick Hirtle called for volunteers to be members of the Finance Committee. Brittany Hachey volunteered.

1ST QUARTER SPENDING 2015-16

The 1ST Quarter Spending Report was circulated to the Board.

Motion: "THAT the South Shore Regional Library Board accepted the 1ST Quarter 2015-16 Spending Report as presented by the Finance Committee."

HOGAN LOKER/MacLeod All in favour. Motion carried.

INVESTMENT

The SSRL Finance Committee recommended the following motion.

Motion: THAT the South Shore Regional Library Board invest the 2014-15 accumulative surplus of \$9,263 into a short term cashable investment with the Bank of Montreal."

HOGAN LOKER/Stewart-White All in favour. Motion carried.

OTHER

- Lawrence Hill will be visiting us on December 12th. Jeff and his team are looking for a venue in Lunenburg to host the author reading. Plan to tie this visit to the Adopt-a-book program; e.g adopt \$100 worth of books and receive a ticket to the reading. More details will follow.
- Alan Wilson's new book *Highland Shepherd: James MacGregor, Father of the Scottish Enlightenment in Nova Scotia* has been released. Stay tuned for an Author Reading near you.
- Councillor MacLeod reported that the Liverpool Court House will be vacant this fall. Troy will visit the facility to see if it will be suitable for library.

DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

The next general meeting will be Tuesday, September 15, 2015 beginning at 6:00 at the Lunenburg Academy.

ADJOURNMENT

Councillor Robert Myra moved the meeting be adjourned.

Troy Myers, Secretary/Treasurer

Patrick Hirtle, Chair