

SOUTH SHORE REGIONAL LIBRARY BOARD GENERAL MEETING, MARGARET HENNIGAR PUBLIC LIBRARY,
MARCH 21, 2017

*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 Tina Connors
Councillor Brian Fralic
Ms. Marie Hogan Loker
Ms. Sara Lochhead
Mr. Tom Sheppard
Councillor John Veinot
Mayor Rachel Bailey
Mr. Scott Burke
Mr. Troy Myers
Mr. Jeff Mercer
Ms. Christina Pottie
Ms. Lynn Robart, Recorder

Regrets from: Mr. Mark Taylor, Ms. Wilma Stewart-White, and Ms. Brittany Hachey, Ms. Phyllis Price, and Councillor Michael Graves.

MINUTES

Motion: "THAT the South Shore Regional Library Board accepts the minutes of
February 21, 2017 General meeting as circulated.
LOCHHEAD/Bruhm All in favour. Motion carried.

LUNENBURG ACADEMY

Scott Burke, Lunenburg Academy Development Coordinator, shared the floor plans of the new Lunenburg Library.

Mayor Rachel Bailey reported to the Board that tender documents will be released at value of approximately a half of million for the Library. The Master plan for the entire building will be 3-5 million. ACOA has awarded \$66,000 toward the library portion of the building. A Fundraising feasibility study is being conducted and a campaign will be starting soon, the Mayor requested support from the Board in this matter.

A tour of the new library area followed.

Chair Patrick Hirtle thanked Mayor Bailey and Mr. Burke for the presentation and update.

LBANS REPORT

Sara Lochhead reported that the LBANS and CORL met on February 25, 2017 to discuss government funding for libraries. There were a number of concerns from each region. Two action items came out of the joint meeting; each region is to compile a list of cuts they have made and will have to make in the new year if funding remains at status quo, and each region is to create outcomes based speaking points and common messages that illustrate how libraries help the province achieving goals put forth in the Ivany report and Culture Action Plan. These two documents will be used to help advocate for more sustainable funding from the province. Plans are in the works for approaching the UNSM for their support for libraries.

The SSRL Board will be hosting the first LBANS led Regional Board Development workshop on Tuesday, April 18, 2017; 6-8 pm in the Multi-Purpose Program Room at the Lunenburg County Lifestyle Center.

The annual NSLA/LBANS Conference will be September 29-Oct 1, 2017 at the Annapolis Basin Conference Centre, hosted by AVRL. The Lunenburg Lit Festival will also take place September 29 & 30.

STAFF ASSOCIATION – no report

OTHER

- ✓ Copies of the Nova Scotia's Culture Action Plan were circulated, it is also available on line (<https://novascotia.ca/culture/>)
- ✓ An inquiry regarding the hiring of a Provincial Librarian. Pictou-Antigonish have asked the question and the response from the Government was that were satisfied with the Acting Provincial Librarian

DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Board Development Workshop will be held on Tuesday, April 18, 2017; 2017; 6-8 pm in the Multi-Purpose Program Room at the Lunenburg County Lifestyle Center.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Sara Lochhead moved the meeting to be adjourned.

Patrick Hirtle, Chair

Troy Myers, Secretary/Treasurer