

SOUTH SHORE REGIONAL LIBRARY GENERAL MEETING, May 17, 2021 NOON

*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
Dr. David Brattston
Ms. Cindy Bruhm
Councillor David Brown
Councillor Jenni Birtles
Councillor Michelle Greek
Councillor Stacey Colwell
Ms. Marie Hogan Loker
Mr. Tom Sheppard
Ms. Kara Turner
Ms. Christina Pottie, Staff
Mr. Jeff Mercer, Staff
Mr. Troy Myers, Secretary/Treasurer
Ms. Lynn Robart, Recorder

Regrets from: Councillor Tina Connors, Ms. Wilma Stewart-White, and Mr. Mark Taylor.

Motion: "THAT the South Shore Regional Library Board accept the minutes of the March 22, 2021 as circulated."
Sheppard/Hogan Loker All in favour. Motion carried

LBANS REPORT

Christina reported that LBANS held its Annual General Meeting in February, the next meeting was scheduled to be in-person on Saturday, May 15, 2021, but was cancelled. Christina asked for direction from the Board regarding the future of LBANS. Halifax Public Libraries has withdrawn from the association and the Annapolis Valley Regional Library Board passed a motion to recommend LBANS dissolution. The other boards feel it should continue. South Shore's annual membership dues are \$650. After some discussion the consensus was that LBANS should continue and SSPL will retain membership. Chair Hirtle reminded the Board that SSPL needs a representative to attend LBANS on our behalf.

STAFF ASSOCIATION

Christina reported that staff is pleased with how well curbside pickup is going and are feeling comfortable with safety protocols. During this round of curbside pickup SSPL is offering service Tuesday to Saturday 10 am-4 pm. Circulation seems to be about the same as last year. Councillor Stacey Colwell used the service and is very pleased with it.

DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION (DEI) Staff Training Plan

Troy introduced the DEI Training Plan and Christina presented it.

The Board agreed the plan is well thought out and comprehensive. A few suggestions were offered and will be added. The plan will be presented again at the next meeting. Councillor Brown suggested a member of Acadia First Nations be on the Board, and representation from the BIPOC community was also suggested. Troy will follow up.

A question arose regarding gaps in our collection in relation to diversity. Troy commented that Tattletale Books, who have subject area expertise, have done an independent review of our children's and young adult collection to help us fill gaps. A member asked if diverse art displays had been considered for Library's, Troy replied that many voices and groups have participated in art displays and all would be welcome. Troy also noted we have recently had a student staff member provide Ingenious education programming for children.

VEHICLE REPORT

The fourth quarter vehicle report was circulated with Notice of Meeting. Board was pleased to see that maintenance is low. Board members asked what will happen to the old mobile. Troy said we are working on a plan where the old bus would be parked in various locations for a few days at a time and it be open to the public for a few hours each day. Dr. Brattston requested a map of the mobile library's present service route.

Update on the new mobile. The Board was informed that the new mobile is very close to completion. Christina shared pictures of the outside of the new vehicle. The bus will soon be ready but delivery is contingent on COVID-19 restrictions across the country.

LIBRARY ACCESSIBILITY FRAMEWORK ONLINE MEETINGS

Jeff reported that he has been attending Provincial accessibility meetings on behalf of SSPL. The Province is working toward having all libraries be fully accessible (externally and inside) and they are making presentations that will be available to all regions.

OTHER

Councillor Greek was enquiring if the outdoor activity backpacks were still available to borrow. Jeff replied yes "Be Fit Backpacks" are available at all locations.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be Monday, June 21, 2021. Finance Committee 5:30; Annual Meeting 6:00 p.m. followed via General Meeting and Service Recognition (In person if restrictions allow).

ADJOURNMENT

Tom Sheppard moved the meeting adjourned; Marie Hogan Loker seconded.