

SOUTH SHORE REGIONAL LIBRARY GENERAL MEETING, JANUARY 21, 2022

*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 David Brown
Councillor Stacey Colwell
Councillor Tina Connors
Councillor Michelle Greek
Ms. Marie Hogan Loker
Ms. Cathy LeBlanc
Ms. Diane Racette
Mr. Tom Sheppard
Ms. Kara Turner
Mr. Jeff Mercer, Acting Chief Librarian
Ms. Christina Pottie, Staff
Ms. Lynn Robart, Recorder
Ms. Holly Sweet, Staff Association

Regrets from: Councillor Jennie Birtles, Ms. Wilma Stewart-White and Mr. Mark Taylor.

Motion: “THAT the South Shore Regional Library Board accept the Minutes of the October 18, 2021 as circulated.”
RACETTE/Hogan Loker All in favour. Motion carried.

LBANS REPORT

Christina gave a synopsis of the December meeting. LBANS is working on a strategic plan, Christina will send the Board the notes from the strategic plan brainstorming session. SSPL needs a member to serve on LBANS.

EQUITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION PLAN

The Equity, Diversity, Inclusion Statement draft was circulated with the Agenda. Christina reported that research for this Statement included other library statements, suggestions from individuals, and the Canadian Library Association statement. The last paragraph includes a call to action for staff, board, and volunteers. Dianne suggested that paragraph two be changed to be more inclusive/less prescriptive. The updated draft statement will be shared at the next meeting with the Bridgewater Anti-Racism Task Force.

STAFF ASSOCIATION – no report.

3RD QUARTER SPENDING REPORT

The 3rd Quarter Spending report was circulated with Notice of Meeting. It was reported at the end of the 3rd Quarter we have a surplus of \$70,000.

Motion: “THAT 3rd Quarter Spending Report was approved by the Board as presented.”

HOGAN LOKER/Bruhm

All in favour. Motion carried.

NEW MOBILE

Councillor Greek asked why the old Bookmobile was being used the last few weeks being instead of the new one. Jeff replied that the Bookmobile is in Halifax having some warranty work done to fix a bad vibration that happens when driving.

CORRESPONDENCE - Staff Association letter

Board went in-camera to discuss letter.

Motion: "THAT the South Shore Regional Library Board move in-camera"
RACETTE/Brown All in favour. Motion carried.

Motion: "THAT the South Shore Regional Library Board move out of in-camera."
GREEK/Bruhm All in favour. Motion carried.

CHIEF/CEO LIBRARIAN RECRUITMENT

It was established that Tom Sheppard will be the lead for hiring CEO/Chief Librarian. Tom will review material used for the last hire twelve years ago and will forward it to Patrick, Marie, Michelle, Kara, Cathy, David and Cindy.

SSPL 50th ANNIVERSARY

It was requested that SSPL 50th Anniversary celebrations be placed on the agenda for future meetings.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be in March.

ADJOURNMENT

Cindy Bruhm moved the meeting adjourned; seconded by David Brown.