

SOUTH SHORE REGIONAL LIBRARY GENERAL MEETING, March 23, 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
Ms. Cynthia Bruhm
Councillor Stacey Colwell
Councillor Jenni Birtles
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

Regrets from: Councillor Tina Connors and Ms. Wilma Stewart-White

Chair Patrick read a Land Acknowledgement and asked the board if they would agree that we start each meeting with this.

Motion: “THAT the South Shore Regional Library Board accept the Minutes of the January 21, 2022 as circulated.”
BROWN/Greek All in favour. Motion carried.

LBANS REPORT

The next meeting of the LBANS will be April 23 at 10 am in Truro. If anyone wishes to attend on behalf of the board please contact Christina.

THOMAS H. RADDALL/REGION OF QUEENS

The Region of Queens has set aside three million dollars for a new library in Liverpool. A committee made up of the SSPL CEO, a Library staff member, two members of the Board, two Thomas H. Raddall library users and Region of Queens staff will be commissioned to begin this work.

Motion: “THAT David Brown and Tom Sheppard volunteer to be on the new Liverpool Library Committee.”
RACETTE/Brown All in favour. Motion carried.

Councillor Brown left the meeting to attend a Council Special Meeting.

VEHICLE REPORT

Documents were circulated regarding the mobiles. The new mobile had had some Deficiencies that have now been resolved. The older mobile needs repairs which have to be addressed in order for it to remain on the road and be used in upcoming projects.

RECRUITMENT OF CEO/CHIEF LIBRARIAN

Tom Sheppard is the lead on the recruitment committee. Tom thanked Christina for her technical support on this matter. Many highly qualified applicants from across the county have sent in their resumes for consideration and the committee has narrowed the shortlist to five. Interviews will be arranged soon. Michelle thanked Tom for all the work he has done spearheading this committee.

SSPL 50TH Anniversary

We have received \$5,900 grant toward our 50th Anniversary. Work has started on planning activities and events for these special celebrations and a time line of events will be shared soon.

MIGRATION

Jeff reported that all eight regions (excluding Halifax Public Libraries) will migrate to a shared catalogue. This project is called "Same Page" and will result in a much more streamlined service enabling patrons to borrow items from around the province by themselves and to use the same one library card in all eight regions.

RETIREMENT

The Board was informed that two long term staff members will be retiring in the near future. Sandra Whitman, Technical Services (35 years) and Lynn Robart, Executive Assistant (40 years).

DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held May 18, 2022 at the LCLC or via Zoom.

ADJOURNMENT

Stacey Colwell adjourned the meeting.