

SOUTH SHORE REGIONAL LIBRARY GENERAL MEETING, September 21, 2022
*The South Shore Regional Library Board administers South Shore Public Libraries.
South Shore Public Libraries celebrate reading, discovering, learning and sharing.*

Present: Cindy Bruhm, Vice Chair
Councillor David Brown
Councillor Stacey Colwell
Councillor Tina Connors
Councillor Michelle Greek
Tom Sheppard
Cathy LeBlanc
Ashley Nunn-Smith, Staff
Jeff Mercer, Staff
Christina Pottie, Staff
Alisa Hemeon, Staff/Recorder

Regrets from: Patrick Hirtle, Councillor Jenni Birtles, Diane Racette and Wilma Stewart-White.

Vice Chair Cindy Bruhm, called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

AGENDA

Motion: “THAT the Agenda be amended to add the approval of the first Quarterly spending report as item 3.2.”

COLWELL/Hogan All in favour. Motion carried.

MINUTES:

Motion: “THAT the South Shore Regional Library Board accept the Minutes of the June 22, 2022 meeting as circulated.”

BROWN/Hogan All in favour. Motion carried.

2.1 THOMAS H. RADDALL/REGION OF QUEENS

Councillor David Brown and Jeff Mercer reported that Council did not accept the committee’s site recommendation and have asked the committee to present their “second best choice.” The committee met on July 20 and is having environmental and other assessments completed on several locations in order to determine suitability, costs of renovation and/or construction, and prepare a new recommendation to Council. This has caused delays in the project, as the committee waits for test results to return.

2.2 SSPL 50TH ANNIVERSARY

The documentary film is complete. Ashley highlighted that the film focused on how the library evolved and what it has meant to people over the years. Ashley is currently in the process of presenting the film to various Council meetings. On October 22, 2022, an Anniversary celebration will be held at the Lunenburg library where the video will be debuted to the public.

2.3 OLD BOOKMOBILE

The old Bookmobile was used for the *Drive to Thrive* project during the months of July and August at the Aspotogan Heritage Trust parking lot. This program was grant funded and met with reasonable success. Another project, *Gather and Grow – Literacy on Wheels*, is set to begin this fall using the old Bookmobile as well. Staff attended the Gold River First Nation Powwow on Sunday, September 11 with the new Bookmobile as an introduction to the community and launch of this federally-funded program.

2.4 LBANS

Christina reported that the president of LBANS resigned in July 2022. The next regular meeting will be in Sydney on October 14 followed by the AGM on October 16, 2022. During that time, a new Strategic Plan are to be presented and new officers elected.

2.5 OTHER

Ashley and Jeff are reviewing applicants for the MHPL Branch Coordinator and Clerk/Bookmobile driver.

Cathy LeBlanc has a book coming out in October 2022 and it will be launched at the library.

Drag Queen Storytime – Ashley reported that the event went extremely well with over 125 people in attendance. There were no in-person protests and the vast majority of feedback has been positive.

Councillors may be rotating on the Board depending on municipal Council meetings in October and naming of their appointees.

3.1 RESPECTFUL WORKPLACE POLICY

A 6-person committee was formed comprising of two Board members, two Staff Association members, Jeff and Ashley to review the policy and suggest changes for the Board's approval.

Motion: “THAT the South Shore Regional Library Board approve the updated Respectful Workplace policy as circulated and discussed.”

GREEK/Brown All in favour. Motion carried.

3.2 FIRST QUARTERLY SPENDING REPORT

The first quarterly report was presented at the Finance meeting held prior to the General meeting. Cindy Bruhm and Ashley Nunn-Smith provided a brief overview.

Motion: “THAT the South Shore Regional Library Board approve the first Quarterly Spending report as presented.

BROWN/Colwell All in favour. Motion carried.

DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

The next general meeting is set for Wednesday, October 19, 2022 at 6pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Stacey Colwell adjourned the meeting at 6:36pm.