

## **SOUTH SHORE REGIONAL LIBRARY GENERAL MEETING, July 3, 2023**

*The South Shore Regional Library Board administers South Shore Public Libraries.  
South Shore Public Libraries celebrate reading, discovering, learning and sharing.*

Present: Patrick Hirtle, Chair  
Cindy Bruhm, Vice Chair  
Councillor Stacey Colwell  
Councillor Tina Connors  
Councillor Vicki Amirault  
Councillor Wendy Oickle  
Diane Racette  
Tom Sheppard  
Ashley Nunn-Smith, Staff  
Jeff Mercer, Staff  
Christina Pottie, Staff  
Jared Papove, Staff  
Alisa Hemeon, Staff/Recorder

Regrets from: Marie Hogan Loker

Patrick Hirtle called the meeting to order at 8:14 pm following the adjournment of the Annual General Meeting.

### **MINUTES:**

Motion: "THAT the South Shore Regional Library Board accept the Minutes of the May 17, 2023 meeting as circulated."

OICKLE/Connors All in favour. Motion carried.

### **2.1 LBANS**

Minutes of May 27, 2023 meeting were previously distributed. Next meeting is September 23, 2023.

### **2.2 THOMAS H. RADDALL LIBRARY/REGION OF QUEENS**

Region of Queens Municipality is trying to find a new location for the Liverpool library. Vicki Amirault reported that the location of the previously named Great Canadian Dollar Store has been occupied by another organization. The Municipality is consulting with their solicitor to determine obligations if the contract with the library is terminated.

### **2.3 EQUITY, DIVERSITY and INCLUSION**

SSPL staff will be taking the course *4 Seasons of Reconciliation* that promotes a renewed relationship between Indigenous Peoples and Canadians through transformative learning about truth and reconciliation.

### **2.4 STAFF ASSOCIATION**

No Report

## 2.5 CEO UPDATES

### i. CORL

Jeff reported that during the last meeting, CORL approved its newly revised terms of reference. The group is also preparing for the next funding formula review process and a sub-committee will be formed in September. Other initiatives include attracting newcomers, emergency responses, and fostering effective relationships with MLAs. The meeting concluded with news that several library regions across the province are expecting budget shortfalls for the upcoming fiscal year due to high inflation rates.

### ii. Peace and Friendship Backpack Launch

On June 16, 2023, SSPL launched the Peace and Friendship Backpack collection. A small audience was in attendance, including Natteal Battiste, Council Member at Acadia First Nation; artist Kailey Simon, who designed the symbol for the backpacks; author Cathy LeBlanc, whose book, Mi'kmaq Moons, is included in the collection; other members of the local First Nation community; and Dyan Bader and Kelli Woo Shue from Nova Scotia Provincial Library. The collection was well received and SSPL will be working hard to promote it for all to use.

### iii. THRL Protest

For several years, SSPL has partnered with South Shore Sexual Health and offered a sexual health education program at the Thomas H. Raddall library. SSPL was aware that protestors may attend and staff were briefed prior to the event, highlighting the importance of staff and public safety. When the protestor arrived at the Liverpool library, staff explained the rules and policies that the individual had to follow. When the protestor refused to comply, the RCMP was called and the individual was removed from the building. Jeff reported that the staff handled the situation very professionally and the presenter was also appreciative of the support received from the library.

### iv. ADP Staff Response

Jeff spoke with staff about the use of ADP to sign in for shifts, asking about any concerns or problems they had with the software. The only issues brought forward involved the learning curve and getting used to the system when it was first introduced, and the phone app not reliably working for some staff so they used the computer app instead.

## 2.6 OTHER

### i. 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Vehicle Report

Alisa read the report as circulated. No questions.

ii. Study Area

SSPL has been approached about providing study areas for students and individuals needing a quiet focused space. SSPL plans to reach out to schools in hopes of accommodating this need.

3. MOTION AND DISCUSSION REQUIRED

None

DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

The next general meeting is tentatively scheduled for August 16, 2023 at 6:00pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Tom Sheppard adjourned the meeting at 8:36 pm.