

- Present: Shawn Cleary
Lorna Crawley
Councillor Harry McInroy
Kathrine Sullivan
Councillor Sue Uteck
- Present from Staff: Judith Hare, Chief Executive Officer
Francisca Goldsmith, Director, Branch Services
Bruce Gorman, Director, Information Technology and Collection Management
Al LeBlanc, Director, Finance and Facilities
Susan McLean, Director, Public Services / Deputy CEO
Paula Saulnier, Director, Corporate Research and Development
- Observer: Rosette MacEwen, NSUPE Local 14
- Regrets: Leo McKenna, Chair
Councillor Debbie Hum, Vice-Chair
Jason Ross
Councillor Dawn Sloane
Betty Thomas

*Due to the absence of quorum the meeting was held as a discussion.
All items requiring the approval of the Board were moved to the January meeting.*

1. Call to Order

The CEO asked Councillor Uteck to assume the Chair.

2 Provincial Funding / LBANS Report

The CEO reported that the Union of Nova Scotia municipalities passed a motion at a recent meeting calling for increased public library funding.

Members of the LBANS Executive and Chief Librarians met earlier in the month but were unable to reach a consensus to support a funding campaign.

Shawn Cleary reported that at the last meeting of LBANS, the Minister expressed some confusion as to the needs of public libraries. A letter is required from each regional library stating the amount of funding desired. Halifax Public Libraries' submission, signed by the Chair, will focus on this year's expected shortfall of \$35,000 plus an amount for collections. The letter will be copied to HRM's CAO.

It was also reported that the CEO will represent Halifax Public Libraries on the newly created task force which will examine public library funding.

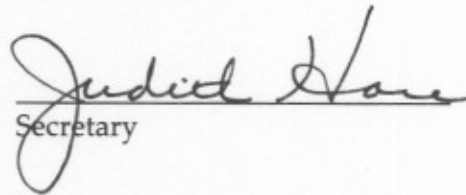
3. **The Board moved into In-Camera Session.**

4. **Adjournment**

Next meeting
Monday, January 21, 2008
12 noon
3rd Floor Boardroom, Alderney Gate Public Library



Chair



Secretary