

Present: Leo McKenna, Chair
Lorna Crawley
Councillor Harry McInroy
Councillor Gary Meade
Councillor Dawn Sloane
Kathrine Sullivan

Present from Staff: Judith Hare, CEO
Bruce Gorman, Director, Information Technology and Collection
Management
Al LeBlanc, Director, Finance and Facilities
Cathy Maddigan, Director, Human Resources
Susan McLean, Director, Public Services / Deputy CEO
Paula Saulnier, Director, Corporate Research and Development

Observer: Rosette MacEwen, NSUPE Local 14

Regrets: Shawn Cleary
Francisca Goldsmith, Director, Branch Services
Jason Ross
Betty Thomas
Councillor Sue Uteck

1. Call to Order / Approval of Agenda

The Chair requested that the Agenda be revised to move item 8 - Motion to Move In-Camera prior to item 3 - Business Arising to accommodate the Woodlawn Public Library Report presentation.

Moved by Councillor Dawn Sloane and seconded by Councillor Harry McInroy that the Agenda be approved as amended. Motion carried.

2. Motion to Approve Consent Agenda

Moved by Lorna Crawley and seconded by Councillor Harry McInroy that the Consent Agenda, including the minutes from the May 26, 2008 Regular Meeting be approved. Motion carried.

3. The Board moved into In-Camera Session

Moved by Councillor Dawn Sloane and seconded by Kathrine Sullivan that the Board move into In-Camera Session. Motion carried.

4. Motion to approve Motions from the In Camera Meeting

Moved by Councillor Harry McInroy and seconded by Lorna Crawley that the motions from the In Camera Meeting be approved. Motion carried.

5. Business Arising

None.

6. CEO Report

The CEO noted that the majority of activity in the last month has involved building projects. Other highlights from the last month included Volunteer Appreciation Receptions, digitization projects, and promoting the Overdrive audiobook service.

7. Financial Report

.1 Financial Statement ending May 31, 2008

The financial statement was distributed. Al LeBlanc, Director, Finance and Facilities, noted that there are no anomalies in spending or revenues to-date.

Moved by Councillor Dawn Sloane and seconded by Councillor Harry McInroy that the unaudited Financial Statement for the period ending May 31, 2008 be approved. Motion carried.

8. New Business

.1 Provincial Library Funding Task Force Report

The CEO provided a final update on the Funding Task force.

Concern was raised by some regions regarding funding for French language materials. In response, the Province carved out funds which will be provided to all regions for French language materials. In addition, a 1% increase was provided for salary funding to allow for step increases.

The Board was reminded that this additional funding is virtual until the MOU is formally signed.

Moved by Councillor Dawn Sloane and seconded by Kathrine Sullivan that the Halifax Regional Library Board endorse the recommendations of the Provincial Funding Task Force and approve signing of the Memorandum of Understanding to be signed by the Chair of LBANS on behalf of regional library boards. Motion carried.

.2 Authorization of the Chair

This motion has been passed each June in order to continue the work of the Board when calling of a special meeting is not feasible.

Moved by Councillor Harry McInroy and seconded by Councillor Gary Meade that the Halifax Regional Library Board authorize the Executive Committee to act on its behalf as necessary during the summer recess with all decisions to be reported to the Board. Motion carried.

7. Other Business

None.

8. Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Harry McInroy that the meeting be adjourned.



Chair



Secretary