



Halifax Regional Library Board
Regular Meeting

Boardroom - Alderney Gate Public Library
Monday, September 15, 2008 - 12:00 noon

Present: Leo McKenna, Chair
Lorna Crawley
Councillor Gary Meade
Jason Ross
Councillor Dawn Sloane
Kathrine Sullivan

Present from Staff: Judith Hare, CEO
Francisca Goldsmith, Director, Branch Services
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: Councillor Harry McInroy
Councillor Sue Uteck

1. Call to Order / Approval of Agenda

*Moved by Kathrine Sullivan and seconded by Jason Ross that the Agenda be approved.
Motion carried.*

2. Motion to Approve Consent Agenda

Moved by Lorna Crawley and seconded by Kathrine Sullivan that the Consent Agenda, including the minutes from the June 16, 2008 Regular Meeting be approved. Motion carried.

3. Business Arising

None.

4. CEO Report

The CEO reported that the big focus for Management over the summer was the Central Library project. Other items of note are included in the report distributed in the Board package.

The annual Word on the Street book and magazine festival is taking place on September 28th at the Cunard Centre. The Library will have a booth and will be promoting the Dance Planet program as featured in the current Library Guide.

The Library was contacted by Halifax Chebucto MLA, Howard Epstein regarding a \$10,000 grant available through the Nova Scotia Democracy 250 initiative. Mr. Epstein requested that the grant be used for collection. [Note: The grant has since been received by the Library.]

5. Financial Report

.1 Financial Statement ending August 31, 2008 (unaudited)

Al LeBlanc, Director, Finance and Facilities presented the financial statements. All revenues and expenses are on track.

It was noted that the Library has received a \$14,564 increase in its budget to offset fuel costs.

Moved by Councillor Gary Meade and seconded by Lorna Crawley that the unaudited Financial Statement for the period ending August 31, 2008 be approved. Motion carried.

6. New Business

.1 Central Library Project Update

The CEO reported that although Council did approve 2 of the 3 motions regarding the Central Library project, the Library cannot tangibly move forward. It is expected that the group tasked with putting together the financial plan will be meeting the week of September 22; the Library will be represented by the CEO and the Director, Finance and Facilities. It is not anticipated that the plan will be ready by the end of September; an 8-week time frame is expected.

Councillor Sloane noted her disappointment in the outcome at Council.

There are additional concerns that the Library will be kept informed of developments.

.2 Operations Plan / Goals & Objectives 2008-09

The CEO presented the annual document which outlines the work the Library plans to accomplish for the year.

Regarding training, it was noted that the budget limits what the Library can do; additionally, conference attendance comes out of the training budget allotment. The Library cost-shares where opportunities are available and also takes advantage of "train-the-trainer" opportunities.

.3 Provincial Funding Formula

The CEO noted the final report on the funding formula is included in the Consent agenda. It was well received by the Nova Scotia Minister of Education who will take it to Cabinet for approval. HRM has shown concern that Halifax is subject to a different formula than the other regions.

7. Other Business

None.

8. The Board moved into In-Camera Session

Moved by Kathrine Sullivan and seconded by Jason Ross that the Board move into In-Camera Session. Motion carried.

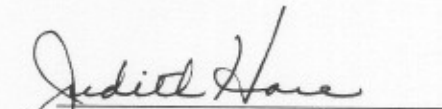
9. Motion to approve Motions from the In Camera Meeting

Moved by Councillor Dawn Sloane and seconded by Councillor Gary Meade that the motions from the In Camera Meeting be approved. Motion carried.

10. Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Gary Meade that the meeting be adjourned.


Chair


Secretary