



Halifax Regional Library Board
Regular Meeting

Boardroom - Alderney Gate Public Library
Monday, 28 June, 2010 ~ 12:00 noon

- Present: Leo McKenna, Chair
Councillor Jackie Barkhouse
Lorna Crawley
Councillor Peter Lund
Philip Moscovitch
- Present from Staff: Judith Hare, CEO
Bruce Gorman, Director, Information Technology and Collection Management
Cathy Maddigan, Director, Human Resources
Paula Saulnier, Director, Corporate Research and Development
Shawn West, Director, Finance and Facilities
- Observer: Rosette MacEwen, NSUPE Local 14
- Regrets: Paul Bennett
Roswell James
Susan McLean, Director, Public Services / Deputy CEO
Kate Sullivan
Councillor Sue Uteck, Vice Chair
Councillor Jennifer Watts

Due to a lack of quorum the meeting was held as a discussion.
Motions will be ratified at a later date.

1. Call to Order / Approval of Agenda

Moved by Lorna Crawley and seconded by Councillor Peter Lund that the Agenda be approved. Motion carried.

2. Business Arising

.1 Board Appointment

The Province has appointed Dr. Paul Bennett to the Halifax Regional Library Board effective June 1, 2010 for a three-year term.

Dr. Bennet, former Headmaster of the Halifax Grammar School, is the founding Director of Schoolhouse Consulting and author of numerous books and articles.

He was unable to attend today's meeting.

3. CEO Report

.1 Monthly Report

Senior staff have been kept busy with work on the public consultation phase of the Central Library design process.

Library Auditors KPMG began the annual audit in early June and, as in previous years, there appear to be no issues.

Permission was received from HRM to transfer \$125,000 from surplus to the Central Library reserve as part of the Central Library funding plan. The remaining surplus of \$13,354 will be retained by HRM as general revenue.

A partnership with Frontier College will add a new dimension to the annual Summer Reading Program supporting a number of summer reading tents in communities. Staff and youth volunteers will have an opportunity to learn from Frontier College and extend our reach to day camps and families over a wider area. Library staff are in turn providing training to HRM Recreation in literacy programming.

The Library has expanded its social media profile. The scope of the Twitter account @hfxpublib has been broadened from reference services to Library-wide. A Facebook page has been created for the library and is currently highlighting the Central Library consultation process; the Library's website/social media team will be making recommendations for its longer-term use.

.2 Central Library Update

The first public meeting on June 10th was well-received and preparations are well underway for the next one on July 8th. Board members are encouraged to attend if possible.

Focus groups have been held with parents and cultural groups, with ones for African Nova Scotians, new Canadians and the Mi'kmaq community scheduled for July.

Both media coverage and public interest to-date continues to be very good.

The Library has discussed possible acquisition of a small strip of land between the Dalhousie School of Architecture and the Library. This land has no value in terms of building construction but would allow the Central Library building to have windows facing the Dalhousie campus while meeting by-laws and building codes.

.3 2010 MetLib Conference

The CEO reported on her attendance at the recent International Federation of Library Association's Metropolitan Libraries conference in Zagreb, Croatia. The theme of this year's conference was Enduring Values and Excellence.

Participants discussed issues facing public libraries, including libraries as physical spaces and meeting places, libraries in the online space and creating inclusive communities.

4. Financial Report

.1 Draft Financial Statements ending May 31, 2010

Shawn West, Director, Finance and Facilities reported that there were no outstanding issues with the May statements.

The Library is on target for revenues due to revenues being set at realistic levels in the 2010-11 budget.

Moved by Councillor Peter Lund and seconded by Councillor Jackie Barkhouse that the unaudited draft Financial Statement for the period ending May 31, 2010 be approved. Motion carried.

5. New Business

.1 NSLA / LBANS Annual Conference

The program for the 2010 NSLA/LBANS conference was distributed to the Board. This year's conference is hosted by the South Shore Regional Library and will take place at the White Point Resort.

Members interested in attending the conference are asked to contact Tracey Stone.

.2 LBANS Report

Philip Moscovitch reported on the latest LBANS meeting, which was also attended by the Deputy Minister of Education.

Talk focussed on how libraries can align themselves with provincial priorities. LBANS is looking to meet with various provincial government departments to see how libraries can help meet their needs, with an eye to funding possibilities.

It appears that the current government has no interest in ratifying the funding MOU developed under the previous Conservative government.

.3 Authorization of the Executive Committee to Act

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

Moved by Councillor Peter Lund and seconded by Lorna Crawley that the Halifax Regional Library Board authorize the Executive Committee to act on its behalf as necessary during the summer recess; all decisions to be reported to the Board. Motion carried.

6. Other Business

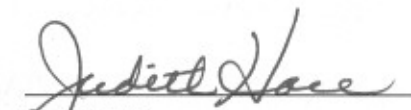
None at this time.

7. In-Camera Session

Due to lack of quorum, the In-Camera agenda was deferred.

8. Adjournment


Chair


Secretary