



MINUTES OF THE FVRL BOARD

APPROVED (Motion #09.10.28/01)

REGULAR MEETING OF THE FRASER VALLEY REGIONAL LIBRARY BOARD

Wednesday, September 23, 2009 — 9:00 a.m.

FVRL Administrative Centre
34589 Delair Road, Abbotsford, BC V2S 5Y1

Attendees from the Board

Director Bill Dickey, Fraser Valley Regional District (Chair)
Councillor Helen Fathers, City of White Rock
Councillor Ken Huttema, City of Chilliwack
Councillor Linda King, District of Maple Ridge
Councillor Gayle Martin, Metro Vancouver
Councillor Bob Perry, Village of Harrison Hot Springs
Councillor Anne Peterson, Corporation of Delta
Councillor Ron Smith, District of Hope
Councillor John Van Laerhoven, District of Kent
Councillor Grant Ward, Township of Langley
Councillor Michael Wright, City of Port Coquitlam

Regrets

Mayor Peter Fassbender, City of Langley
Councillor Deb Walters, City of Pitt Meadows
Councillor Simon Gibson, City of Abbotsford

Absent

Councillor Jenny Stevens, District of Mission

Attendees from Staff

Rob O'Brennan, Chief Executive Officer
Mary O'Callaghan, Director of Corporate Services
Irene Geng, Executive Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer (Recorder)

CUPE Local 1698 Representative

Leanne Fruno

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1.00 CALL TO ORDER

Director Dickey, Vice Chair, called the September 23, 2009 regular meeting of the Fraser Valley Regional Library Board to order at 9:00 a.m. He welcomed Rob O'Brennan to his first Board meeting as Chief Executive Officer of Fraser Valley Regional Library. He also expressed the regrets of Mayor Fassbender, Councillor Gibson, and Councillor Walters.

2.00 APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

It was **MOVED** Councillor Huttema, **SECONDED** Councillor Peterson, **THAT** the consent agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

09.09.23/01

Consent Agenda Approved

3.00 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was **MOVED** Councillor Perry, **SECONDED** Councillor Smith, **THAT** the agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

09.09.23/02

Agenda Approved

4.00 NEW BUSINESS

4.01 2010 Budget Planning Update

Mary O'Callaghan, Director of Corporate Services, explained that, because of the delay in receiving 2009 funding from the Province of BC, the 2010 budget process is not as far along as it typically would be. Necessary input from municipalities also has been affected. A meeting with FVRL members' Directors of Finance slated for October 23, 2009 will provide opportunity for FVRL to receive information about community constraints and the 2010 budget, as well as to discuss Multiple Workplace Agreements, which are required by WorkSafe BC. She predicted that some library managers may approach their local governments to purchase additional self-check equipment with Municipal Surplus Reserves to handle the increased circulation their libraries are experiencing. The meeting also will include an opportunity for updating communities on FVRL's pandemic preparedness plans and their integration with local governments' plans. She noted that the Public Sector Accounting Body requirements have implications for how finance departments handle tax revenue recognition for FVRL assessments and, although this Accounting rule discussion has no direct impact upon FVRL, this meeting may give Directors of Finance an opportunity to exchange information on how to deal with it.

Rob O'Brennan informed the Board that, at the last InterLINK Directors meeting, the Public Library Services Branch director advised libraries to budget conservatively next year because they may face another 20% cut in their operating grants.

Councillor King expressed concern about the longer term impact of such cuts upon libraries and asked what strategies libraries should consider in light of such news.

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Rob O'Brennan replied that the situation should improve as the economy improves and that he plans to meet with other regional libraries in the next while to discuss possibilities. He anticipated that FVRL could be halfway through 2010 before the level of provincial funding would be confirmed. At this point, lobbying the government would be premature, but letting the government know we appreciate its support is important.

It was **MOVED** Director Martin, **SECONDED** Councillor King, **THAT** the 2010 Budget Planning Update be received.

CARRIED

09.09.23/03

2010 Budget Planning Update Received

5.00 **IN CAMERA SESSION**

5.01 **Move to *In Camera* Session**

It was **MOVED** Councillor Perry, **SECONDED** Councillor Wright, **THAT** the Board move to *In Camera* session.

CARRIED

09.09.23/04

Move to *In Camera* Session

5.02 **Ratify *In Camera* Decisions**

It was **MOVED** Councillor Wright, **SECONDED** Councillor Huttema, **THAT** the decisions of the *In Camera* session be ratified.

CARRIED

09.09.23/05

In Camera Decisions Ratified

6.00 **OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

7.00 **AROUND THE TABLE**

Councillor Wright enjoyed the Summer Reading Club awards ceremony, and noted that Terry Fox Library celebrated a record number of children and adults participating in the program.

Councillor King commended Maple Ridge Library staff for bringing library programs to the Farmer's Market and to the park.

Councillor Ward was pleased with exceptional participation by Township of Langley residents in library programs and offered kudos to library staff for their efforts.

Councillor Van Laerhoven reported that Agassiz Library is a vibrant, positive place to be and an integral part of the community.

Councillor Smith stated that Hope Library has undergone recent renovations that have made an overwhelming improvement in the facility, and that Library Manager Nicole Glentworth does an excellent job.

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Councillor Perry noted the successful book sale at Agassiz Library, that Harrison Hot Springs resident share with the District of Kent.

Councillor Peterson was impressed that Delta Libraries' Summer Reading Club involved over 2000 children and teens who read over 17,000 books. She also enjoyed Talk Like a Pirate Day activities. She announced that Delta Council passed a motion to replace the HVAC system at George Mackie Library.

Councillor Huttema observed that the new restructuring proposal presented by Rob O'Brennan was evidence that the Board definitely made the right decision in its choice of FVRL's new chief executive officer.

Director Dickey reported that Fraser Valley Regional District Board members recently toured Yale Library, an occasion which provided an opportunity to explain the importance of small libraries to small communities and to see FVRD money being well spent.

CEO Rob O'Brennan informed the Board that he and Delta Libraries Manager Rita Penco just completed a two-year application project to request Category "B" designation status under Heritage Canada provisions of the *Cultural Property Export and Import Act*. If successful, twelve paintings by the late Canadian artist William Allister would become part of FVRL's permanent collection.

8.00

QUESTIONS

There were no questions.

9.00

NEXT MEETINGS

Board Members and their guests are invited to:

Annual FVRL Employee Recognition Celebration

Thursday, September 24, 2009

6:30 pm

Ramada Plaza Abbotsford

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the FVRL Board will be held:

Wednesday, October 28, 2009

9:00 am

FVRL Administrative Centre

34589 Delair Road, Abbotsford, BC

10.00

ADJOURNMENT

It was **MOVED** Councillor Huttema, **SECONDED** Councillor Fathers, **THAT** the meeting of FVRL Board be adjourned.

CARRIED

09.09.23/06

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.