



MINUTES OF THE FVRL BOARD

APPROVED (Motion #09.12.16/01)

REGULAR MEETING OF THE FRASER VALLEY REGIONAL LIBRARY BOARD

Wednesday, November 25, 2009 — 9:00 a.m.

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

Attendees from the Board

Mayor Peter Fassbender, City of Langley (Chair)
Director Bill Dickey, Fraser Valley Regional District
Councillor Helen Fathers, City of White Rock
Councillor Simon Gibson, City of Abbotsford
Councillor Ken Huttema, City of Chilliwack
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 Jenny Stevens, District of Mission
Councillor John Van Laerhoven, District of Kent
Councillor Grant Ward, Township of Langley
Councillor Deb Walters, City of Pitt Meadows
Councillor Michael Wright, City of Port Coquitlam

Regrets

Councillor Linda King, Maple Ridge

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)
Pat Dawson, Library Manager—Langley City & Port Coquitlam
Nicole Glentworth, Library Manager—Upper Fraser Valley
Mary Kierans, Manager of Collections
Teresa MacLeod, Manager—Mission Library & Outreach Services
Caro O'Kennedy, Library Manager—Maple Ridge & Pitt Meadows
Rita Penco, Library Manager—Delta
Hilary Russell, Library Manager—Abbotsford
David Thiessen, Library Manager—Langley Township & White Rock

CUPE Local 1698 Representative

Laurie Dyck

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1.00 CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Peter Fassbender, Chair, called the November 25, 2009 regular meeting of the Fraser Valley Regional Library Board to order at 9:03 a.m.

Mayor Fassbender presented a Certificate of Recognition to Councillor Jenny Stevens and expressed FVRL's appreciation for her 7 years of service on the FVRL Board. Understanding the value of continuity, Councillor Stevens had relinquished her seat at the FVRL Board table for 2010 to enable her successor to gain two years' experience on this Board before the next civic election. Councillor Terry Gidda was named to succeed her.

2.00 APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

CARRIED

09.11.28/01

Consent Agenda Approved

3.00 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was **MOVED** Councillor Stevens, **SECONDED** Councillor Walters, **THAT** the agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

09.11.28/02

Agenda Approved

4.00 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

4.01 2010 Budget Planning Update

Mary O'Callaghan described the 2010 budget planning and the involvement of FVRL members' directors of finance in that process.

Mayor Fassbender commented that the budget process is much better than when he first joined FVRL's Board [2004]. He added that his director of finance reported the meetings Mary O'Callaghan held with member directors were excellent, with good consensus around the table.

Councillor Gibson reported that FVRL's budget planning process which involves members' directors of finance was affirmed by Abbotsford Mayor George Peary who, at a recent Fraser Valley Regional District meeting, cited this process as archetypical for the regional district as well.

Director Dickey added that hearing the Abbotsford mayor's affirmation of FVRL's budget process at the FVRD meeting was high praise for FVRL staff and showed that FVRL efforts to improve this process have paid huge dividends.

Mayor Fassbender requested that Board members seek their councils' approval for the proposed budget, which will be voted upon at the January 27, 2010 Board meeting.

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4.02 2010 Board Appointments

Councillors Wright and Huttema, along with Director Dickey and Mayor Fassbender, indicated their plans to serve on FVRL's Board again in 2010.

Councillor Huttema commented that the Public Library InterLINK Board has been frustrated by the lack of continuity among its Board members, and he indicated his willingness to provide that on FVRL's behalf in the coming year.

4.03 Discussion on FVRL Board Extranet

Rob O'Brennan gave a brief overview of the Extranet discussion site that will enable Board members to exchange ideas online.

5.00 IN CAMERA SESSION

5.01 Move to *In Camera* Session

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

CARRIED

09.11.28/03

Move to In Camera Session

5.02 Ratify *In Camera* Decisions

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

CARRIED

09.11.28/04

In Camera Decisions Ratified

6.00 OTHER BUSINESS

Mary O'Callaghan announced that the 2008 Annual Report is now available and pointed out that this year's report features "return on investment" statistics.

7.00 AROUND THE TABLE

Councillor Wright reported on the annual general meeting of the Friends of the Library held at Terry Fox Library.

Councillor Stevens expressed her thanks for 7 enjoyable years on FVRL's Board.

Councillor Ward highlighted Murrayville Library's club activities. Overall usage is high in Langley Township libraries, especially in Fort Langley. Diwali celebrations were well received this year.

Councillor Smith profiled Hope Library, the only organization nominated for Hope's Healthy Heart Community Award. He commended library staff members for their commitment to the community and requested that the Board send them a letter to recognize their contribution.

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Councillor Perry described the 60th anniversary celebrations for Harrison Hot Springs Elementary School, which included a display of books from 60 years ago. He also noted the Village's partnership with the Province to purchase a portable to house a local preschool alongside the school.

Councillor Peterson featured two outreach initiatives—a *Storytime on the Go* brought to Tsawwassen First Nations and a children's book drive organized by the Delta Literacy Steering Committee, which includes Delta libraries, so that books can be distributed along with food hampers over the holidays.

Councillor Huttema reported attending the 20th anniversary celebration of Chilliwack Friends of the Library. Over those 20 years the group had raised \$75,000. He noted that the group was founded in response to government funding problems—still an issue two decades later.

Councillor Gibson disclosed that senior staff in the City of Abbotsford is researching the merits of an independent library compared to membership in FVRL, and preliminary indications are that continuing with FVRL is the better option.

Mayor Fassbender reported that, although the issue is not FVRL's to resolve, he and Rob O'Brennan offered ideas and engaged in good discussion with community leaders in Yale as they grappled with strategies for using a closed-down school that houses the Yale Library. He also was pleased to report that a bomb threat that locked down Langley City Library one morning was dealt with in time for the scheduled Author Reading to proceed as planned.

Mary O'Callaghan showed samples of revenue-generating FVRL teddy bears and coffee mugs, which will be available for sale to library customers in time for Christmas.

8.00

QUESTIONS

There were no questions.

9.00

NEXT MEETINGS

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

Wednesday, December 16, 2009

9:00 am - 12 noon

Administrative Centre

34589 Delair Road, Abbotsford, BC

10.00

ADJOURNMENT

It was **MOVED** Councillor Ward, **SECONDED** Councillor Van Laerhoven, **THAT** the meeting of FVRL Board be adjourned.

CARRIED

09.11.28/05

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.