



MINUTES
OF THE FVRL
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

APPROVED
(Board Motion #08.01.23/01)

REGULAR MEETING OF THE FVRL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Wednesday, November 28, 2007 — 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)
Councillor Doug Bing, City of Pitt Meadows
Councillor Ernie Daykin, District of Maple
Ridge
Director Bill Dickey, Fraser Valley Regional
District
Mayor Lorne Fisher, District of Kent
(alternate)
Councillor Jeannie Kanakos, Corporation of
Delta
Councillor Dave Loewen, City of Abbotsford
(alternate)
Councillor Gayle Martin, Metro Vancouver
Councillor Bob Perry, Village of Harrison Hot
Springs
Councillor Jenny Stevens, District of Mission
Mayor Wilfried Vicktor, District of Hope
Councillor Grant Ward, Township of Langley
Councillor Michael Wright, City of Port
Coquitlam

Regrets

Mayor Judy Forster, City of White Rock
Councillor Sharon Gaetz, City of Chilliwack
(alternate)

Attendees from Staff

Rob O'Brennan, Acting Chief Executive
Officer
Pat Dawson, Library Manager—Port
Coquitlam & Langley City
Irene Geng, Executive Assistant to the CEO
(Recorder)
Kate Morley, Manager—Marketing &
Communications
Mary O'Callaghan, Director of Finance
Sher O'Hara, Senior Manager—Collections &
Community Services
Hilary Russell, Acting Library Manager—
Abbotsford
David Thiessen, Library Manager—Upper
Fraser
Lubbert van der Laan, Director of Corporate
Services

CUPE Local 1698 Representative

Laurie Dyck
Leanne Fruno

Guests

Teresa MacLeod, FVRL Literacy Coordinator

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1.00 CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Peter Fassbender, Chair, called the regular meeting of the Fraser Valley Regional Library Board to order at 8:58 am.

Mayor Fassbender welcomed everyone to the last meeting of 2007 and extended special greetings to Councillor Dave Loewen, alternate for the City of Abbotsford, and Councillor Michael Wright, alternate for the City of Port Coquitlam.

2.00 APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

CARRIED

07.11.28/01

Consent Agenda Approved

3.00 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councillor Daykin asked that a request from the District of Maple Ridge for a transfer of funds from the Maple Ridge Library's reserve be added to the agenda

It was **MOVED** Councillor Stevens, **SECONDED** Councillor Bing, **THAT** the agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED

07.11.28/02

Agenda Approved

4.00 PRESENTATION

FVRL Literacy Projects Report

Teresa MacLeod, FVRL's Literacy Coordinator, provided an overview of the programs offered by FVRL staff in response to literacy needs among BC residents, from infants to adults. She featured FVRL's new *All Aboard For Kindergarten* program, designed to help Kindergarten students be ready to read by Grade 1. The kit has been distributed to nine school districts and has been well received by educators. Materials include literacy information and practical tips for parents to encourage their child's success with reading, as well as a poster listing 100 books, identified by FVRL's children's specialists, for children to read during kindergarten. Kindergarteners also receive a lanyard if they get a library card and early indications are that 10% of students receiving the literacy packet have come into libraries for their library cards. She also highlighted FVRL's extensive involvement with schools and community partners in promoting literacy, as well as the \$28,500 in grant funding for several FVRL literacy programs received from CanWest's *Raise-A-Reader* initiative.

Councillor Kanakos identified the *All Aboard For Kindergarten* program as an opportunity for FVRL's Board members to liaise with their school districts and build relationships with councils.

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Mayor Fassbender commended those involved in the design of the *All Aboard For Kindergarten* for the excellence of its graphic design. He also thanked Teresa MacLeod for her report.

5.00 **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

2008 Budget—Weighted Vote

It was **MOVED** Councillor Ward, **SECONDED** Councillor Daykin, **THAT** the proposed 2008 Fraser Valley Regional Library budget that includes a 3% increase in the Library Materials budget be approved.

Weighted Vote

Mayor Fassbender asked each Board member for his/her community's vote. The District of Kent and the City of Pitt Meadows, representing **23** votes, voted against the budget. The remaining 13 communities, representing **641** votes, voted in favour of the 2008 budget as proposed.

CARRIED

07.11.28/03

2008 Budget Approved

Councillor Daykin expressed appreciation to FVRL staff on behalf of the District of Maple Ridge for meshing the timing of the budget with the District's business planning, which made the task much easier.

Mayor Fassbender expressed thanks to Mary O'Callaghan, Director of Finance, and her staff for their efforts, as well as to the municipal finance directors for their input on the budget's presentation and timing.

6.00 **NEW BUSINESS**

6.01 **2006 Annual Report**

It was **MOVED** Councillor Stevens, **SECONDED** Councillor Perry, **THAT** the 2006 FVRL Annual Report be received.

CARRIED

07.11.28/04

2006 Annual Report Received

6.02 **Proposed 2008 Meeting Dates**

It was **MOVED** Councillor Martin, **SECONDED** Councillor Bing, **THAT** the proposed 2008 Board meeting dates be approved.

CARRIED

07.11.28/05

Proposed 2008 Meeting Dates Approved

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6.03 2008 Strategic Plan

It was **MOVED** Councillor Ward, **SECONDED** Councillor Kanakos, **THAT** the 2008 strategic plan be approved.

CARRIED

07.11.28/06

2008 Strategic Plan Approved

Councillor Daykin suggested that the Board keep in mind the need for succession planning.

7.00 OTHER BUSINESS

7.01 Transfer of Maple Ridge Library Reserve Funds

It was **MOVED** Councillor Daykin, **SECONDED** Councillor Kanakos, **THAT** the transfer be approved of funds—approximately \$2,500—from the Maple Ridge Library’s reserve to purchase audio visual equipment that will be used to promote the branch at events around the community.

CARRIED

07.11.28/07

Maple Ridge Reserve Funds Transfer

7.02 InterLINK Budget

Councillor Ward, FVRL’s InterLINK representative, reported that Public Library InterLINK has proposed a budget for 2008 and he recommended that FVRL approve it.

It was **MOVED** Councillor Ward, **SECONDED** Mayor Vicktor, **THAT** the Public Library InterLINK 2008 budget be approved.

CARRIED

07.11.28/08

InterLINK Budget Approved

Rob O'Brennan reported that Public Library InterLINK is in the recruitment process for an administrator and that, once hired, this person will attend a Board meeting and offer a presentation about Public Library InterLINK.

8.00 AROUND THE TABLE

Councillor Kanakos expressed appreciation to FVRL staff and Board members for the enjoyable Board Planning Days. She reported that, at its annual general meeting, Delta’s Friends of the Library passed a motion to obtain a separate tax number for the group’s fundraising initiatives. The new teen area at George Mackie Library also looks great.

Mayor Fisher reported that the District of Kent has hired a new chief administrative officer: Wallace Mah. Councillor Barbara Gard’s resignation for health reasons from Kent Council necessitates a by-election, which will be held on January 5, 2008.

Councillor Ward announced that Township of Langley library manager Grace Makarewicz has accepted a position at Langara College, and he expressed appreciation for her management of Langley’s six branches. He commented that she has been

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cordial, supportive, a pleasure to work with, and leaves a big set of shoes to fill. He wished her well for the future.

Mayor Fassbender added the Board's best wishes for Grace Makarewicz, and expressed appreciation for her service.

Councillor Martin invited Board members to Langley City's *Magic of Christmas* parade on December 1 at 5:30 pm.

Councillor Stevens was pleased to say that artwork is continuing in Mission Library and that BC Hydro donated funding to decorate one of four pillars in the facility. Mission's Friends of the Library donated \$1000 toward a special art project for the Children's Department. Mission's *Candlelight Parade* will be held in the evening on November 30, 2007.

Councillor Bing related that, because construction of a large commercial development is planned adjacent to the library, there are new possibilities for the City to consider and, therefore, the City of Pitt Meadows will decide during 2008 whether to move or to renovate its library.

Councillor Wright expressed his pleasure in returning to the FVRL Board table after being away for a couple of years. He reported that Terry Fox Library is doing well and thanked library manager Pat Dawson for her involvement on a City of Port Coquitlam committee that has literacy as one of its components. He was glad to see that the work of FVRL is continuing.

Councillor Daykin voiced his enthusiasm for the *All Aboard For Kindergarten* as a program that will bear great fruit. He extended an invitation to attend *Maple Ridge's Christmas in the Park* on December 1, noting that he had "a close personal connection" with Santa Claus, who would be attending the event.

Mayor Fassbender reiterated the invitation to Langley City's *Magic of Christmas* celebration. He indicated his pleasure in working with the Board during the course of the year and acknowledged that the challenges are not over, yet the matters brought to the Board table have forced a healthy evaluation of whether or not FVRL is doing the best that is possible. He added that embracing change is healthy and, if managed properly, FVRL should be better for it. If he is reappointed in 2008, he will return with an attitude ready to find a way to do what we want to do to provide services in the most effective way that we can, including programs as well as fiscal management. He thanked the CUPE representatives in attendance and asked that they pass along to their members the Board's appreciation. FVRL is fortunate to have a good working relationship with its union and a staff comprised of a great group of people who are dedicated and work hard to do their jobs. On behalf of the Board he extended thanks to FVRL's managers and senior staff, Rob O'Brennan, Mary O'Callaghan, Lubbert van der Laan, and Irene Geng. He also thanked Board members for their contributions to FVRL, which he described as a healthy organization that will get healthier. Directing his comment to Mayor Clint Hames, formerly Chilliwack's representative on the Board (who was not present), he stated that, if anything has been taken personally, it was never intended that way. He underscored the need for respecting everyone, even when holding opposite views. Directing his comment to the City of Abbotsford, he promised that FVRL would do

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everything it can to support Abbotsford with the information that the City needs for the future and expressed his hope that Abbotsford would remain part of Fraser Valley Regional Library because the benefits outweigh the costs. Then his comments turned to the holiday season and the relationships with the people in our lives—family, friends, everyone around the Board table. He noted some who lost loved ones during the past year and encouraged everyone to keep life in perspective, getting the job done while bearing in mind that no one is promised tomorrow.

Leanne Fruno, CUPE representative, wished the Board a Merry Christmas from CUPE staff.

Laurie Dyck, CUPE president, expressed her personal thanks for the flowers she received from FVRL's Board and staff during her recovery in fall.

Mayor Vicktor conveyed thanks to Mayor Fassbender for his leadership, class, and courage as FVRL's Board chair.

Councillor Stevens added her thanks to Mayor Fassbender for his humor and for creating an atmosphere where the Board actually has fun at the Board table.

8.00 QUESTIONS

There were no questions.

9.00 IN CAMERA SESSION

9.01 *Move to In Camera Session*

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

CARRIED

07.11.28/09

In Camera Session

9.02 *Ratify In Camera Decisions*

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

CARRIED

07.11.28/10

In Camera Decisions Ratified

10.00 NEXT MEETING

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

January 23, 2008

9:00 am-12 noon

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11.00

ADJOURNMENT

It was **MOVED** Mayor Vicktor, **SECONDED** Director Dickey, **THAT** the meeting of FVRL Board be adjourned.

CARRIED
07.11.28/11
Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.