

REGULAR MEETING OF THE FRASER VALLEY REGIONAL LIBRARY

Wednesday, November 21, 2018

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

Attendees from the Board

Councillor Bruce Banman, City of Abbotsford
Councillor Sue Attrill, City of Chilliwack
Councillor Dylan Kruger, Corporation of Delta
Councillor Kerstin Schwichtenberg,
District of Kent
Councillor Gayle Martin, City of Langley
Councillor Petrina Arnason, Township of Langley
Councillor Ryan Svendsen, City of Maple Ridge
Director Justin LeBlanc, Metro Vancouver
Councillor Danny Plecas, District of Mission
Councillor Bill Dingwall, City of Pitt Meadows

Regrets

Councillor Gerry Palmer, Village of Harrison Hot
Springs
Councillor Victor Smith, District of Hope
Councillor Nancy McCurrach, City of Port
Coquitlam

Attendees from Staff

Scott Hargrove, Chief Executive Officer
Cathy Renshaw, Director of Organizational
Development
Heather Scoular, Director of Customer Experience
Jeff Narver, Director of Infrastructure & Resources
Nancy Gomerich, Director of Finance
Emily Duquette, Executive Office and Information
Manager (recorder)
Brad Fenrick, Manager of Information Technology
Dean Kelly, Manager of Support Services
Devan Mitchell, Deputy Manager of Information
Technology and Finance
Bryan Pezzi, Acting Communications Officer
Nicole Glentworth, Library Manager—Chilliwack &
Upper Fraser Valley
Jo-Ann Sleiman, Acting Library Manager—Maple
Ridge & Pitt Meadows
Deborah Kendze, Manager—Mission Library &
Outreach Services
Hilary Russell, Library Manager—Abbotsford
Kimberley Constable, Library Manager—City of
Langley and Port Coquitlam
David Theissen, Library Manager—Township of
Langley & White Rock
Courtney Novotny, Library Manager—Delta

CUPE Local 1698

Laurie Dyck
Balbir S. Gill

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1.00 CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Dingwall, Acting Board Chair, called the regular meeting of the Fraser Valley Regional Library Board to order at 9:07 am.

2.00 APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

CARRIED

18.11.21/01

Consent Agenda Approved

3.00 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was **MOVED** Councillor Svendsen, **SECONDED** Director LeBlanc, **THAT** the agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

18.11.21/02

Agenda Approved

4.00 NEW BUSINESS

4.01 Board and Staff Introduction

Board Members and senior library staff made brief introductions for each other.

4.02 Library Act Review

Scott Hargrove, Chief Executive Officer, provided a verbal report to give a brief overview of the Library Act for new Board Members.

It was **MOVED** Councillor Plecas, **SECONDED** Councillor Attrill, **THAT** the report be received.

CARRIED

18.11.21/03

4.03 Introduction to FVRL

Scott Hargrove, Chief Executive Officer, and Mayor Bill Dingwall, Acting Board Chair, provided an introduction to FVRL. Mayor Dingwall noted that the traditional view of the library was around taking a book out, but as you can see now it is much more than that. It is a community place for people to meet, and great, and learn. He also noted how happy he is with how far the library has come over the years.

It was **MOVED** Councillor Banman, **SECONDED** Councillor Arnason, **THAT** the verbal report be received.

CARRIED

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4.04 **2019 Board Meeting Dates**

It was **MOVED** Councillor Plecas, **SECONDED** Councillor Attrill, **THAT** the 2019 Board Meeting Dates be approved.

CARRIED

18.11.21/05

4.05 **Request to Cancel December Meeting**

It was **MOVED** Director LeBlanc, **SECONDED** Councillor Kruger, **THAT** the Wednesday, December 12, 2018 Board Meeting be cancelled due to lack of agenda items.

CARRIED

18.11.21/06

4.06 **Funding Formula Review**

Nancy Gomerich, Director of Finance, provided a review of the FVRL Funding Formula, noting the underlying philosophy of charging Members the direct and real cost of the libraries in their municipalities.

It was **MOVED** Councillor Martin, **SECONDED** Councillor Plecas, **THAT** the Funding Formula Review be received.

CARRIED

18.11.21/07

4.06 **Offer From Previous Board**

Scott Hargrove, Chief Executive Officer, presented an offer from the previous Board Executive to attend a meeting to share their knowledge and experience with the current Board.

It was **MOVED** Councillor Plecas, **SECONDED** Councillor Attrill, **THAT** the offer be accepted for the past Board Executive to attend the February meeting.

CARRIED

18.11.21/08

4.06 **Christmas Chocolate Deliveries**

Scott Hargrove, Chief Executive Officer, reviewed the FVRL tradition of Christmas chocolate deliveries to each library, and for opportunity for Board Members to attend the deliveries.

It was **MOVED** Councillor Martin, **SECONDED** Councillor Arnason, **THAT** the verbal report be received.

CARRIED

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5.00 **OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business

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6.00 AROUND THE TABLE

Councillor Banman is looking forward to being a member of this Board, and is thrilled to see the changes in the library and looking forward to seeing how libraries evolve in the digital world.

Councillor Attrill remarked on the big shoes she has to fill, and is excited to see the latest and greatest from the library.

Councillor Kruger noted he grew up using FVRL in Delta, and used it as a student and a study space. He is looking forward to the year ahead.

Councillor Schwichtenberg has spent a great deal of time in the libraries, and has always made sure the librarian is her best friend.

Councillor Martin is very happy to be back on the Board. She remarked that we have wonderful staff, and it's a lot of fun to work with FVRL. She noted that once a month she gives a presentation to her council on what is happening at the library, and suggested others to also add this to their agendas.

Councillor Arnason said there is a profound need to understand how libraries work, and really appreciates her role in being able to actively promote and advocate for our libraries. She noted that FVRL is led by some of the most advanced individuals and is constantly being immersed in what is new.

Councillor Svendsen has made use of the library throughout school, and now attends with his three year old daughter. He is very excited about the STEAM items, and excited to be on the Board.

Director LeBlanc noted he has a lot to learn about FVRL, but loves libraries, having spent many hours in them while pursuing his degree. He said FVRL seems like a fun system to be a part of and looks forward to learning more about it.

Councillor Plecas shared that it was one of his requests to work on the library Board, as it has been a cornerstone in the community. He sees it as a place people come all the time, and has learned over the years that one of the most critical things you do is read.

Mayor Dingwall noted that this past election is a reflection of the change on the Board. He is encouraged to see younger and more diverse members of council.

7.00 QUESTIONS

There were no questions.

8.00 NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, January 23, 2019 – 9:00 am

Clearbrook Library

32320 George Ferguson Way,
Abbotsford BC V2T 6N4

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9.00 **ADJOURNMENT**

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

CARRIED

18.11.21/10

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:28 am.