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SCOTT HARGROVE APPOINTED AS NEXT CEO OF FRASER VALLEY REGIONAL LIBRARY



Abbotsford BC - The Fraser Valley Regional Library (FVRL) Board has named Scott Hargrove as the library's next Chief Executive Officer, effective January 19, 2015. He assumes leadership from current CEO Rob O'Brennan, who will be retiring.

In making the announcement, District of Kent Mayor John Van Laerhoven, FVRL Board Chair, noted that the Board unanimously selected Hargrove based on his track record of leadership and innovation. "Scott has substantial experience in working effectively with the Board as well as the provincial and national library communities. His experience in strategic planning, team building, and collaboration is well suited to guiding the largest public library system in British Columbia into the future."

Hargrove's library career spans 23 years, beginning in 1988 as a page at Greater Victoria Public Library. He later moved on to work various positions at the University of Victoria's McPherson Library. Prior to joining FVRL in 2006 he worked for Burlington Public Library. Over his time at FVRL he has provided leadership in information technology, library collections, and corporate services. Under his leadership FVRL has embraced significant technological advances as well as important management restructuring. He holds an Executive Master of Library and Information Science degree from San Jose State University and a Master of Science in Information Processing (Computer Science) degree from University of York (United Kingdom).

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ABOUT FRASER VALLEY REGIONAL LIBRARY

Fraser Valley Regional Library is the largest public library system in British Columbia, with 25 community libraries serving over 700,000 people in its service area. Established in 1930, it is funded with taxes raised in the community it serves, plus a Government of BC operating grant. The governing Board consists of elected officials representing 15 member municipalities and regional districts. With its mission "to connect people to the world of information and ideas," FVRL plays a prominent role in the communities throughout the Fraser Valley.

FVRL MEMBER LIBRARIES

<i>Abbotsford Community</i>	<i>Agassiz</i>	<i>Aldergrove</i>
<i>Boston Bar</i>	<i>Brookswood</i>	<i>Chilliwack</i>
<i>Clearbrook</i>	<i>Fort Langley</i>	<i>George Mackie</i>
<i>Hope</i>	<i>Ladner Pioneer</i>	<i>City of Langley</i>
<i>Maple Ridge</i>	<i>Mission</i>	<i>Mount Lehman</i>
<i>Muriel Arnason</i>	<i>Murrayville</i>	<i>Pitt Meadows</i>
<i>Sardis</i>	<i>Tsawwassen</i>	<i>Terry Fox</i>
<i>Walnut Grove</i>	<i>White Rock</i>	<i>Yale</i>
<i>Yarrow</i>		

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