

REGULAR MEETING OF THE FRASER VALLEY REGIONAL LIBRARY BOARD

Wednesday, October 26, 2016

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

Attendees from the Board

Mayor John Van Laerhoven, District of Kent (Chair)
Councillor Petrina Arnason, Township of Langley
Councillor Les Barkman, City of Abbotsford
Director Ray Boucher, Fraser Valley Regional District (alternate)
Councillor Bill Dingwall, City of Pitt Meadows
Councillor Laura Dupont, City of Port Coquitlam
Director Maria Harris, Metro Vancouver
Councillor Heather King, Corporation of Delta
Councillor Megan Knight, City of White Rock
Councillor Gayle Martin, City of Langley
Councillor Danny Plecas, District of Mission (alternate)
Councillor Chuck Stam, City of Chilliwack

Regrets

Councillor Corisa Bell, City of Maple Ridge
Councillor Sonja Reyerse, Village of Harrison Hot Springs
Mayor Wilf Vicktor, District of Hope

Attendees from Staff

Scott Hargrove, Chief Executive Officer
Nancy Gomerich, Director of Finance
Jeff Narver, Director of Infrastructure and Resources
Heather Scoular, Director of Customer Experience
Irene Geng, Office of the CEO | Donor Relations
Sandi Burgess, Library Manager–Delta
Emily Duquette, Marketing Coordinator
Nicole Glentworth, Library Manager–Chilliwack & Upper Fraser Valley
Shawna Kristin, Library Manager–Maple Ridge & Pitt Meadows
Dean Kelly, Manager of Support Services
Devan Mitchell, Deputy Manager of Information Technology and Finance
Courtney Novotny, Manager–Mission Library & Outreach Services
Hilary Russell, Library Manager–Abbotsford
Jo-Ann Sleiman, Acting Deputy Library Manager–City of Langley and Port Coquitlam
David Thiessen, Library Manager–Township of Langley and White Rock

CUPE Local 1698

Laurie Dyck
Dennis Neumann

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1.00 CALL TO ORDER

Mayor John Van Laerhoven, 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 Knight, **SECONDED** Councillor Dupont, **THAT** the consent agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

16.10.26/01

Consent Agenda Approved

3.00 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Van Laerhoven proposed that Item 5.03 be the first item discussed under "New Business."

It was **MOVED** Director Boucher, **SECONDED** Councillor Arnason, **THAT** the agenda be approved as adjusted.

CARRIED

16.10.26/02

Agenda Approved

4.00 PRESENTATION

4.01 Reading Link Challenge

Heather Scoular, Director of Customer Experience, introduced FVRL's Events Specialist Christine Conroy and Reading Link Challenge (RLC) Coordinator Jacquelynne Garden. She noted that RLC has been held 14 years and that Ms. Garden coordinates RLC for both FVRL and the provincial RLC initiative. FVRL is the RLC anchor for BC, hosting the RLC website and creating all its marketing materials.

Together Ms. Conroy and Ms. Garden presented an overview of Reading Link Challenge and its many benefits for students, teachers, and parents.

Board members expressed their appreciation with a round of applause and numerous commendations.

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5.00 NEW BUSINESS

5.03 **Gift Acceptance Policy**

Chief Executive Officer Scott Hargrove highlighted chief benefits of having a Gift Acceptance Policy.

It was **MOVED** Councillor Stam, **SECONDED** Councillor Martin, **THAT** the proposed Gift Acceptance Policy be approved.

CARRIED

16.10.26/03

Gift Acceptance Policy Approved

5.01 **2016 Budget Variance Report at September 30, 2016**

Nancy Gomerich, Director of Finance, presented an overview of the 2016 Budget Variance Report, touching on anomalies, challenges, and opportunities.

It was **MOVED** Councillor Dingwall, **SECONDED** Councillor Barkman, **THAT** the 2016 Budget Variance Report at September 30, 2016 be received for information.

CARRIED

16.10.26/04

2016 Budget Variance Report at September 30, 2016 Received

5.02 **Draft 2017 Budget**

Nancy Gomerich, Director of Finance, offered an in-depth analysis of the proposed 2017 budget and responded to Board members' questions.

6.00 **MOVE TO IN CAMERA SESSION**

It was **MOVED** Councillor King, **SECONDED** Councillor Dingwall, **THAT** the Board move to *in camera* session.

CARRIED

16.10.26/05

Move to *In Camera* Session

The regular meeting of the Board reconvened at 11:25 am.

7.00 **OTHER BUSINESS**

Board members agreed by consensus to hold the weighted vote on the proposed 2017 budget at the December 14, 2016 Board meeting.

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8.00 AROUND THE TABLE

Councillor Arnason noted that Muriel Arnason Library had hosted a wonderful Diwali celebration and that Library Manager David Thiessen had given an excellent presentation to Township of Langley Parks and Recreation staff about FVRL and the value of libraries in the community. She anticipates he will be given an opportunity to give a similar presentation to Township council as a whole and that some discussions are beginning about adding another library.

Councillor Plecas expressed enthusiasm about Mission Library's program that encourages kids to read, as well as a number of other initiatives undertaken by the library.

Councillor Dingwall reported that the Pitt Meadows Library earned a spot on the "A list" of buildings in Pitt Meadows recently and that literacy programs continue to be a high focus at the library.

On behalf of Councillor Dupont, Councillor Dingwall reported that Port Coquitlam is proud of its status of highest increase in library usage. He also lauded Port Coquitlam's Reading Link Challenge wins—first in the regional challenge and second in the grand challenge.

Councillor Martin also was pleased with a 7% increase in the City of Langley Library's usage. She also commended Chief Executive Officer Scott Hargrove for his dynamic presentation in September to FVRL member library liaisons, which excited and inspired the City of Langley's Director of Recreation.

Councillor Barkman was pleased with his recent ride-along with FVRL delivery driver on his route to various libraries in the eastern Fraser Valley.

Director Boucher was pleased to be back at the Board table, having formerly served as FVRD's representative and now its alternate.

Mayor Van Laerhoven described the wonderful October 6 Employee Recognition Celebration, and urged Board members to attend the Reading Link Challenge events whenever possible.

9.00 QUESTIONS

There were no questions.

10.00 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the FVRL Board will be:

Wednesday, November 23, 2016 - 9:00 am
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11.00 ADJOURNMENT

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

CARRIED
16.10.26/06
Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 am