

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE FRASER VALLEY REGIONAL LIBRARY BOARD**

**Wednesday, October 26, 2016**

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

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**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