

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
REGINA PUBLIC LIBRARY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
January 28, 2020, 4:30 p.m.  
Central Library Boardroom**

**Present:**

S. Quinlan, Chair  
B. March-Burwell, Vice Chair  
Councillor S. Bryce  
M. Gavigan  
S. Grebinski  
C. Kobayashi  
P. Lerat  
J. Oni (via telephone)

**Also in Attendance:**

J. Barber  
J. Niedermayer

**Regrets:**

Mayor M. Fougere

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**MINUTES**

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**1. Call to Order**

S. Quinlan called to order the 2020 Annual General Meeting of the Regina Public Library Board of Directors. He welcomed Alison Hopkins, Provincial Librarian, to the AGM.

**2. Agenda**

S. Bryce moved to approve the agenda. CARRIED.

**3. Conflict of Interests**

No conflict of interests were declared.

**4. Year in Review - 2019**

S. Quinlan presented a summary of the highlights and successes of 2019 (see attached).

**5. Elections**

S. Quinlan turned the chair over to J. Barber.

5.1 Chair

Nominations were requested for the office of Chair. C. Kobayashi nominated S. Quinlan who accepted the nomination. There were no further nominations.

S. Quinlan was acclaimed as Chair of the Regina Public Library Board.

## 5.2 Vice Chair

Nominations were requested for the office of Vice Chair. C. Kobayashi nominated B. March-Burwell who accepted the nomination. There were no further nominations.

B. March-Burwell was acclaimed as Vice Chair of the Regina Public Library Board.

J. Barber turned the chair over the S. Quinlan.

## 6. 2020 Regular Meeting Schedule

Since before 2003, the Board has met on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month, but that decision is completely within the purview of the Board. The following dates for 2020 were approved at the November 2019 Board meeting:

- January 28
- March 24
- June 23
- September 22
- November 24

## 7. Adjournment

C. Kobayashi moved to adjourn the 2020 Annual General Meeting of the RPL Board of Directors. CARRIED.

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Board Chair

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Secretary to the Board

## 2019 Year-In-Review

Presented by S. Quinlan, Board Chair

2019 was a busy year at Regina Public Library.

- It was our 110<sup>th</sup> birthday last year.
  - We celebrated with a party in the park.
  - We heard a lot of stories about RPL and its impact on people's lives.
  - It was a very successful event and we were pleased to welcome about 800 people at it.
- We continued to advance objectives outlined in our Strategic Plan:
  - We recently contracted the services of an owner's representative to provide research, analysis and recommendations for a renewed Central Library.
  - We researched and developed a new brand promise for the library – one that our employees will work toward as they provide excellent customer service ... and one that will introduce a new logo for the library.
  - We met and consulted with community partners and stakeholders to learn how to increase our value as a key partner in Regina's social and economic development;
  - We expect to announce the future of Central Library in the spring of 2020.
- In late January, we released the RPL Service Plan, 2019-2021, which operationalizes work to advance the goals of our strategic plan.
  - The Service Plan is a "roadmap to improvement" of our offerings: we're making improvements through it, while our core lines of business continue.
  - Much of 2019 was spent preparing and beginning to execute the goals and objectives outlined in the Service Plan.
  - We are already starting to see some excellent return on some of those objectives.
- As for what was going on across our system last year, here is a quick overview...
  - We provided 12,654 new library cards to members of the public. This brings our total number of card holders to just over 91 thousand. That includes family cards that more than one person uses.

- We loaned a combined total of 2.2 million books, DVDs, CDs, toys, musical instruments, and more.
- We continued to celebrate and encourage a love of books and reading through initiatives like the *Level Up!* summer learning program.
- About 300 children participated in our Cops and Readers program, which pairs Grade 3 kids with members of the Regina Police Service to read stories and play games. The program included eight school and library visits and six family literacy nights.
- We participated in 63 community events, including I Love Regina Day, Bazaar, the Farmers' Market, Pride Week, Orange Shirt Day, the Queen City Marathon, and much more.
- We created meaningful opportunities for a deeper understanding of Truth and Reconciliation, through:
  - A new collection of works by Indigenous authors; and
  - Films, exhibitions and programs that raise awareness of the Indigenous experience in Canada and share traditional knowledge.
- We hosted an aid station for the Queen City Marathon which, organizers tell us, had some of the loudest and proudest volunteers on the course; and
- We became a leading force on social media, with an innovative approach that led to 700 per cent jump in traffic on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram. The increased traffic generated glowing news stories and national attention. Our audience numbers have held strong and continue to rise ever since.
- My Board colleagues and I are very proud to be associated with this organization.
- As expressed in our unique vision for Regina, our hope for the community depends on citizens embracing the idea of inclusiveness, discussion and learning as important to the future.
- This is greatly illustrated by our almost 400 volunteers and tutors – true advocates and ambassadors for both RPL and the City of Regina.
- On behalf of the Board, I would like to thank the staff of RPL for taking care of our customers.
- Our front-line staff often go beyond the call of duty to ensure everyone feels welcome.
- I would like to thank Jeff Barber and his team for the support, guidance and advice provided to the Board and for their dedication to ensuring a positive library experience for all.
- Also, thanks to Joan Niedermayer and Kym Jones and all those who provide welcome support to the Board.

- I would like to acknowledge the hard work and commitment by my Board colleagues through their committee service and their representation of RPL in the community.
- I also thank Mayor Fougere and Councillor Bryce for their insight and support.
- In closing, I believe the state of RPL is strong and am confident of its future.