

**REGINA PUBLIC LIBRARY  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
January 24, 2017  
Central Library Boardroom**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**PRESENT:**

D. Lucke, Chair  
S. Quinlan, Vice-Chair  
E. Brenner  
Councillor S. Bryce  
Mayor M. Fougere  
S. Grebinski  
R. Kapoor  
C. Kobayashi  
B. March-Burwell

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

J. Barber  
J. Niedermayer

**1. Call to Order**

The Annual General Meeting of the Regina Public Library Board was called to order by D. Lucke at 4:35 p.m.

**2. Adoption of Agenda**

S. Bryce moved to adopt the agenda. CARRIED.

**3. Conflict of Interests Declaration**

No conflict of interests were declared.

**4. 2016 Year in Review**

D. Lucke, Board Chair, presented a review of the significant events and milestones in 2016 for the Library.

### The George Bothwell Branch

- The space was created based on feedback from the community. That information was combined with Library Administration's knowledge of library trends and innovation to construct a new kind of library for the community.
- The renovated Branch is inviting, comfortable, and readily adaptable to the community's needs — now and into the future.

### Newcomers

In 2016, RPL issued a public call for literacy volunteers, and we have increased the number of volunteers helping newcomers learn English. Resources have been added in languages such as Urdu and Arabic, ensuring much of our basic information was available in a dozen languages now spoken in Regina.

### Programming

RPL continued to offer a variety of programs covering a range of interests. Business programming was very popular with individuals and with the Regina business community. In 2016, 63 business-related programs were offered that attracted nearly 1500 people. In 2017, RPL will offer programs such as retirement planning, banking in Canada, and first-time home buying. The home-buying program will be offered in English and Mandarin.

### Technology

Exciting new technologies available at the Library include the always-popular 3D printer, a digitization station, a laptop lending station at two of our branches, and two virtual reality gaming systems.

### Film Theatre

The Film theatre collaborated with over 20 local, national and international partnerships to offer events such as the Caligari Project, AfroFest Regina and National Canadian Film Day.

### Dunlop Art Gallery

The Dunlop Art Gallery and the MacKenzie Art Gallery offered a youth program to work with artists to decorate low rider bicycles. The program honoured traditional Indigenous storytelling, knowledge and art-making techniques.

### Looking Forward to 2017

- The library will continue providing these great offerings in 2017.

- The priority next year will be incorporating the new mission, vision and values, and a new strategic plan, into the organization.
- These key frameworks will ensure the Library is consistent and aligned in all it does.
- System-wide service planning will help ensure RPL is aligned with community need. This work will set a course and lay the groundwork for the next three to five years.

### Key Messages

- Regina Public Library provides service to 1.2 million visitors annually.
- There are over 80,000 Wi-Fi user sessions at our branches per month.
- In 2016 RPL offered over 5,600 programs for 85,000 participants.
- RPL has over 400,000 print materials, 30,000 DVDs and 400,000 digital items available, including magazines, journals, reference materials, music, movies and more.
- RPL is a community gathering place, where the joy of reading, discovery and lifelong learning is promoted and encouraged.
- RPL provides responsive, dynamic and forward-thinking community spaces. It will continue to adapt, grow and move forward with the times.
- The people of Regina love their libraries. They understand that libraries are about the joy of reading and that they are more than just books: libraries help define a city's values and its culture.
- Regina Public Library provides a welcoming environment in which to seek knowledge and share information — an access portal for all residents to engage and connect — with each other and with the world.

### Central Library

- The Board continues to consider options for Central Library:
  - The question of how to move forward with Central is a sensitive one because of the regard in which the Regina public holds its libraries.
  - We want to ensure we do what's best for the community and its citizens.
  - The Board is taking the opportunity in 2017 to review all associated materials.

M. Fougere moved to receive and file the Report by the Chair. CARRIED.

## **5. Elections**

### **a. 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.

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.

### **b. Saskatchewan Library Trustees' Association (SLTA) Representative**

Nominations were requested for the election of a member of the Board to represent the Library with the Saskatchewan Library Trustees' Association (SLTA). S. Bryce nominated E. Brenner. There were no further nominations. E. Brenner was acclaimed as RPL's Board representative on the SLTA.

## **6. 2017 Regular Meeting Schedule**

The proposed 2017 regular Board meeting dates corresponded, generally, to key items coming forward through the fiscal year. Since before 2003, the Board has met on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month, but that date is completely within the purview of the Board. The following dates are proposed for the 2017 Board meeting schedule:

- January 24
- March 28
- April 25
- June 27
- September 26
- November 28

B. March-Burwell moved that the Board adopt the 2017 Meeting Schedule, as presented.  
CARRIED.

**7. Adjournment**

R. Kapoor moved to adjourn the 2017 Annual General Meeting. CARRIED.

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Board Chair

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Secretary to the Board