

**REGINA PUBLIC LIBRARY  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
January 26, 2016  
Central Library Boardroom**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**PRESENT:**

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

**Also in attendance:**

J. Barber  
T. Fraser  
M. McCormick

**REGRETS:**

None

**1. Call to Order**

The Annual General Meeting of the Regina Public Library Board was called to order by D. Lucke at 4:31 p.m.

**2. Adoption of Agenda**

Mayor M. Fougere moved to adopt the agenda. CARRIED.

**3. Conflict of Interests Declaration**

No conflicts are declared.

**4. 2015 Year in Review**

D. Lucke, Board Chair, presented a review of the significant events and milestones in 2015 for the Library.

**George Bothwell Branch**

Renovations began on the George Bothwell Branch, which serves a large and continuously-growing part of the city, and has become too small to accommodate the thousands of patrons who visit it every year. To ensure the needs of the community

were addressed, input from the public was solicited. The new design of the Branch will contain spaces in which the community can congregate, share information, stimulate ideas and learning, and establish connections. Work is expected to begin early in 2016, and be completed before the end of the year.

### **Mâdawêyatitân Centre**

RPL provided leadership in the design and partnerships of the Mâdawêyatitân Centre in North Central Regina. Construction began in April and is expected to be finished in mid-2017. The Albert Branch will be located in the new Centre.

### **New Technology and Maker**

RPL is building and adapting its digital and technical offerings, and continues to provide digital and physical spaces in which the community can connect and share knowledge. Self-check stations continue to be installed in the Branches, allowing the public to self-manage their check-outs and transition RPL services to personally assist patrons with other services offered in the Library.

RPL's wireless network was enhanced in 2015 to provide greater stability and availability of WiFi services for its patrons, and improvements were also made to the RPL network to enhance system performance and accommodate new systems in the future.

Two 3D printers were purchased, one that is available to the public, and one that is used for programming. RPL's 3D printer debuted at the 2015 Maker conference held in December and has proven to be very popular within the Maker movement.

### **Transition to Polaris**

RPL worked alongside the Saskatchewan Information and Library Services (SILS) Consortium to upgrade Saskatchewan's library catalogue system, and in early Fall, the new system, Polaris, was successfully launched.

### **Civic Pension Plan**

RPL staff played a key role in the amendments and introduction of a new civic pension plan. In addition to providing hands-on assistance in the development of the plan's mechanics, Library management successfully informed and explained the new system to the staff.

### **Dunlop Art Gallery's *Material Girls***

The Dunlop Art Gallery (DAG) received National attention with its presentation of *Material Girls* in 2015. The show, developed, curated and hosted by the DAG team, broke attendance records by attracting nearly 10,000 visitors. The show received

National press coverage from the *Globe and Mail* and *Canadian Art* magazine, and after receiving requests for the show to appear elsewhere, *Material Girls* was transitioned into a touring show that will visit galleries across Canada. The tour was awarded a \$20,000 grant from the Saskatchewan Arts Board's *Culture on the Go* program.

### **Evacuees**

Summer 2015 brought with it unprecedented wildfires that spread across the province's north. Hundreds of residents were forced from their homes and into temporary living spaces, such as at Evraz Place in Regina. During the evacuation, RPL set up a mobile library at Evraz, providing literacy programming and entertainment to evacuees who were provided with library materials and public programming every day. RPL staff also worked with SaskTel to hard-wire a computer lab for the evacuees.

### **Literacy Volunteers**

With Syrian refugees now making their way to Canada, we know there will be added requests for help in learning English. RPL put out a call to the public asking for volunteers to help newcomers learn English, and the response was overwhelming. Hundreds of individuals have contacted RPL to offer their help and support for the volunteer tutor program, which will go a long way in addressing the backlog of requests from newcomers seeking assistance.

### **Engaging the Community**

In 2015 RPL worked hard to engage with the community and let people know the services provided by the Library. RPL partnered with the Regina Downtown Business Improvement District and the City of Regina Attractions Committee to maintain a constant presence at events across Regina (e.g. Regina Farmers' Market, Regina Teachers' Convention, Community Fair for Newcomers, Cathedral Village Arts Festival, the Queen City Pride event, *I Love Regina Day*).

RPL held its annual reading contest for children, teens and adults, with almost 5,000 participating children (a 20% increase from 2014). That means almost 5,000 children spent the summer reading, learning, and expanding their minds!

2015 was the first year we offered special services to visually impaired patrons who wanted to participate in the Summer Reading Contest and Club, and for the first time, the Library's Outreach Unit offered Aboriginal programming and was involved in the Centre for Equitable Library Access program, which expanded our collection of resources available to the visually impaired.

And in 2015 we introduced a community access card, to provide access to library materials for members of the public who don't have a home address.

## **Making a Difference**

RPL continues to be committed to its patrons, and to the Regina community. Well over a million visits were paid to our branches last year. The library continues to make a difference to the lives of people in this city. I and other Board members continue to hear about the great things the library is doing. It makes me proud to be part of this organization.

Libraries are changing. We have a wide variety of services we are expected to deliver. But the basic nature of libraries remains the same. We are here to enrich, inform and improve lives. That's something we all need to remember, as we move forward into 2016.

In closing, I want to thank the staff for their hard work over this past year. And I look forward to another successful year at Regina Public Library.

A copy of the presentation will be provided to the Directors. Councillor S. Bryce moved that the Board receive and file the 2015 Year in Review. CARRIED.

### **5. Elections**

#### **a. Chair**

Nominations were requested for the office of Chair. S. Bryce nominated D. Lucke, who accepted the nomination. There were no further nominations. D. Lucke was acclaimed to the position of 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. Quinlan nominated Elmer Brenner. There were no further nominations. E. Brenner was acclaimed as the RPL's Board representative to the SLTA.

### **6. 2016 Regular Meeting Schedule**

The proposed 2016 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. Due to scheduling conflicts, the meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday in March is likely to be a challenge. The following dates are proposed for the 2016 Board meeting schedule:

- January 26
- March 29
- April 26

- June 28
- September 27
- November 22

M. Fougere moved that the Board adopt the 2016 Meeting Schedule, as presented.  
CARRIED.

## **7. Rules of Order**

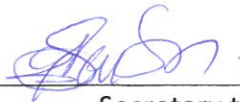
J. Barber explained the historical use of the Rules of Order by the Board and the reasoning for this motion. C. Kobayashi provided information on the discussion held by the Governance Committee and the decision to use a blended approach between the Sturgis and past practice of the Library Board. The Board agreed that the stipulation of Sturgis as part of its policy on the Role of the Board Chair pre-empts the need to confirm the rules of order each year.

## **8. Adjournment**

S. Bryce moved to adjourn the 2016 Annual General Meeting. CARRIED.



Board Chair



Secretary to the Board