

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Staff Conference

I have had a request from the Staff Training & Development Librarian to set the dates for the staff conferences for the next few years. Booking venues and speakers with some certainty as far in advance as possible is helpful for setting themes and planning the event. The proposed dates are:

Friday October 22, 2010

Friday October 21, 2011

Friday October 19, 2012

The Board approves the closure day for the staff conference and these dates are submitted for approval of the 2010 date and approval in principle of the dates for 2011 and 2012.

Prince of Wales Project

The Prince of Wales branch development project continues to progress as quickly as is possible. Included in your package is the Functional Program for the branch. The Functional Program was developed by RPG (the same firm that is working on the Central Library Functional Program) with a group that included twelve RPL staff members, City of Regina representation, and P3A Architecture. The document has been reviewed by the Prince of Wales branch development Steering Committee. The Plan is presented for Board input and approval as it forms the basis for the overall design of the facility.

The Design Committee is getting under way and includes five RPL staff members, two City of Regina representatives, representatives of each of the sub-trades, and Rob Beug of P3A Architecture. A timeline is now being compiled to direct the work of the regular design meetings and to confirm the timeline that the project can achieve. Once a draft timeline is ready, it will be brought to the Board.

At this point in the process, it is becoming clear that the project may require more of the City of Regina than originally anticipated. After seeing the benefits of the functional programming process, the City has undertaken to complete one for the rest of the Core Ritchie facility. That will take a bit more time than expected. Also, it is now clear that building code changes and requirements will be potentially more onerous than would be preferred. None of these new developments are likely to be significant obstacles but Julie McKenna will take a few minutes at the Board meeting to bring everyone up-to-date.

North Central Shared Facility

At the last Committee of the Whole meeting, it was suggested that the issue of moving forward with the next phase of the North Central Shared Facility project be brought to this meeting. An overview has been prepared and is included separately.