

Cape Breton Regional Library Board
Highlights of the Board of Trustees Meeting
December 10, 2018

Library Board

Warden Bruce Morrison has been appointed to the Library Board as a representative from Victoria County.

Branches

The Martha Hollett Memorial Library, Sydney Mines, was closed October 29th to November 13th to allow new flooring to be installed and interior painting to be done.

At the November 20th Council Meeting a motion was approved for CBRM to enter into a lease for a new location for the Glace Bay Library. The new premises will be located on Commercial Street.

The Board reviewed options for service delivery throughout Victoria County. The Victoria County Bookmobile is currently off the road due to significant mechanical concerns. A Library Service plan will be put in place over the next several months.

A leak from the sink in the public washroom at McConnell Library resulted in significant damage in the Headquarters office area. The water leaked steadily through the night and came through the ceiling. A restoration company was contracted to carry out the cleanup.

Central Library Building

Chair Kumar-Britten provided an update to Board on the work towards a new central library facility. She noted that a Library Advocacy Group comprised of representatives from Cape Breton Partnership, Cape Breton Regional Chamber of Commerce, Harbour Royale Development Corporation, Sydney Waterfront District, Trifos Design and Victoria County had been formed, and some participants recently visited the new Truro Public Library and Halifax Central Library.

Ms. Kumar-Britten noted she had written a piece on the economic impact of a new Central Library and would forward this to Board Members. Coun. Kendra Coombes stated that the new library would not be a P3 building.

One Book Nova Scotia

One Book Nova Scotia author Kathleen Winter visited the Region on September 26th for a reading at the Baddeck Public Library.

Read to Me!

Starting late January *Read to Me!* bags handed out in hospitals will include a coupon for a free children's book that new parents will receive when they visit a public library. This is an opportunity for library staff to promote the many programmes and services available for young families.

Fundraising

Two plays (*Sense and Sensibility* at McConnell Library in November and *Miracle on 24th Street*, in Baddeck in December) were held as fundraisers. Both were excellent. Library staff members Lindsay Thompson and Cora-Lee Eisses-Smith coordinated the respective productions, and community volunteers did a terrific job in their roles. The Library greatly appreciates the ongoing support with fundraising activities.

Another successful Escape Room was held in November. Library Assistant Katrina Nicholson designed the content. The Escape Rooms have been popular and have challenged each group to solve the puzzle within the time limit.

Friends of the McConnell Library hosted a bake sale during the annual book sale held at the Library on December 8th.