

Cape Breton Regional Library

Highlights of the Board of Trustees Meeting

April 3, 2013

- The Library Board approved a motion that the Library open an investment account that would allow the Library to accept the donation of shares.
- Through a partnership with the CAP Society of Cape Breton County, McConnell Library will offer an after-school programme, Making Math Fun.
- A re-dedication of the Wilfred Oram Centennial Library, North Sydney, took place on January 24. The plaque on the previous Library building was refurbished and is now on display in the new Library.
- Late January, significant repairs were required to the heating system at McConnell Library as a result of a break in a pipe which had frozen. Close to 1.5 weeks passed before heat was restored to several areas of the building.
- The Library in the Classroom project, in partnership with Mi'kmaw Kina'matnewey, is being considered by other Library Regions throughout the Province.
- Through a partnership with the local chapter of the Canadian Diabetes Association, the Library received a number of books which are now available for borrowing. On April 4, representatives from the CDA were on hand at McConnell Library to provide information about diabetes.
- Goals & Objectives for the 2013-2014 year were approved.
- The Regional Librarian apprised the Board of information she had obtained in regard to the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities employee pension plan. Further information will be obtained in the coming months.
- The Library Board approved a new Programmes Policy, and revised and approved the Statement on Intellectual Freedom Policy.
- Friends of McConnell Library have recently made several donations to the Library, including contributions to the Adopt-a-Book campaign and payment of some software licences for the Gates Computer Lab. The Adopt-a-Book campaign runs until the end of April.
- The *Surfing Seniors* project is now underway in the Gates Computer Lab. A grant received through New Horizons for Seniors has allowed this programme to take place. Response has been very positive.

- The Cape Breton Regional Library is partnering with the Adult Learning Association of Cape Breton County on a unique fundraiser. Funds raised through *Letters for Life* will support literacy initiatives.
- The Region's annual Knit-a-Thon raised more than \$1100 for programmes and over 600 knitted items were donated to local charities.
- Recently introduced children's programmes at the New Waterford Library are proving very popular.
- A workplace safety concern has resulted in the temporary closure of the Donkin Library branch. In the meantime, and until the Board determines if the situation can be resolved, the Cape Breton County Bookmobile will make a regular stop in the community.
- The 2013-2014 operating budget was presented and approved.