

CAPE BRETON REGIONAL LIBRARY

Highlights of the Board of Directors Meeting June 20, 2011

Election of Officers was held. Executive members for 2011-2012 will be Coun. Claire Detheridge (Chair); Dr. Michael Milburn (Vice-Chair) and Ms. Regina Reid (Treasurer).

The Board appointed Mr. Gerry MacKenzie, MGM & Associates, as auditor for the 2011-2012 year.

The Sydney Library Working Committee continues to meet to discuss future directions for work towards an expanded/improved library facility.

A pilot project to provide public library service to First Nations schools will be planned for the next school term, beginning with service to some classes in the Membertou and Eskasoni communities.

Staff member Chris Thomson recently received the Walmart Adopt-a-Library Literacy Award. Staff members Tara MacNeil and Bev McGee were recently awarded a Caring at Work Award.

The Budget for the 2011-2012 year was passed. Funding for the Library was cut by \$23,200 this year, putting additional strain on the Library's ability to provide programmes & services. The Library will use funds from the Book Reserve account to supplement the book budget. The Library Board's Advocacy Committee (Dr. Tom Urbaniak, Dr. Michael Milburn, Coun. Derek Mombourquette, and Regional Librarian Faye MacDougall) will meet to discuss ways to build awareness around Library funding and services.

Breton Books, Cape Breton University Press and the Regional Library partnered to offer an evening of celebration (May 17) as part of the Atlantic Book Awards activities. Authors Frank MacDonald, Daniel Doucet, Sheldon Currie and Wanda Robson were on hand to read from their works.

This year's Summer Reading Programme theme is 'Splash'. Promotional materials and reading logs are being provided by TD Bank of Canada.

Additional programmes were offered at the Dominion, Ingonish, Reserve Mines, Louisbourg and Main-a-Dieu Branches in recent months. These were made possible through a one-year, part-time position. Work in this area will be continued until February.

Claire Detheridge provided an update on Library Boards of Nova Scotia (LBANS) activities. She noted that a joint meeting between the Council of Regional Librarians and LBANS may be called.

A Fundraising/Communications Report was accepted. Included was an overview of fundraising activities over the past year.

A Programme Summary Report outlining recent activities was accepted.

A meeting with Cape Breton Regional Municipality officials was held to discuss options around the Cape Breton Regional Library Board's Employee Pension Plan. Angus Fleming will provide the Regional Librarian with further information about independent financial consultants.

The Library Board passed two new policies: Remuneration of Board Members and an Investment Policy. The Regional Librarian noted that additional policies will be worked on over the coming months.