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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

June 12, 2023

### **Call to Order**

### **Welcome and Introductions**

The Annual General Meeting was held on Monday, June 12, 2023, at 7:00pm at McConnell Library. Chair Eldon MacDonald called the meeting to order and extended a welcome to those in attendance.

Board Members present were: Coun. Eldon MacDonald, Coun. Steve Gillespie, and Kathy MacIntyre representing the Cape Breton Regional Municipality; Coun. Barbara Longva and Terry Murray, representing the County of Victoria; Murdoch Moore and Michelle Smith, representing the Province of Nova Scotia.

### **Regrets:**

Regrets were received from Coun. Glenn Paruch and Douglas MacLennan

Chair MacDonald extended a special welcome to Darren Chiasson of the firm MNP & Associates Chartered Accountants. Self-introductions were made.

### **Minutes of the June 13, 2022, AGM meeting:**

It was moved by Terry Murray, seconded by Michelle Smith, that the minutes of the June 13, 2022, AGM meeting be accepted as distributed. **MOTION CARRIED.**

### **Board Chair's Report:**

#### **General Operations:**

Board Chair, Coun. MacDonald, presented a verbal report outlining the following:

- The CBRL hosted the NSLA conference in October 2022, which was well attended.
- The importance of libraries as community hubs and the value of purpose built spaces to reflect our growing and diverse communities.
- An update on the Baddeck Library and need for a new space.
- The proposed Court House building as an option for a new Sydney Central Library is being surveyed.

### **Regional Librarian's Report:**

Regional Librarian Lisa Mulak presented a verbal report to the Board and attendees on the past year's activities, acknowledging the changing landscape of libraries and the myriad of services offered to residents of CBRM and Victoria County.

Programming highlights of 2022 included:

- Newcomer conversation circles
- Technology training
- Food security programs
- Sewing and Cricut workshops
- STEAM programming

Staying true to our Library roots, Library staff hosted book clubs, storytelling events, and writing workshops. Lisa acknowledged the contributions of CBRL's Storytell-in-Residence, Bill Connall, for his enthusiasm and creativity in his craft and the hours of entertainment provided through his programming.

Lisa reviewed some of the statistical highlights for the year:

- 30,000 engagements through programming and outreach events
- 130,000 digital resources borrowed, accessed or downloaded
- 178,000 people visited CBRL libraries, finding inspiration and entertainment
- Patrons borrowed 275,000 physical items in 2022
- And Nova Scotia Libraries distributed 4.2 million rapid tests

Lisa also acknowledged the successful launch of Same Page, allowing Nova Scotians to seamlessly borrow materials throughout the province, thereby reducing barriers and providing a new library experience.

In closing, Lisa expressed gratitude to library staff and board members, funders, the Province of Nova Scotia, CBRM, Victoria County, and the numerous partners who provided valuable collaborations that were important in delivering library services.

It was moved by Terry Murray, seconded by Kathy MacIntyre, that the Regional Librarian's verbal report be accepted as presented. MOTION CARRIED

### **Auditors' Report 2022-2023:**

Darren Chiasson of the firm MNP & Associates Chartered Accountants., presented the **Auditors' Report 2022-2023**. The audit was conducted in-person at CBRL Headquarters. The Financial Statements have been distributed to all Board members for their review and approval.

Mr. Chiasson presented the highlights of the Independent Auditors' Report and elaborated on the following audited statements: Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Operations, Statement of Changes in Net Assets, Statement of Operations and Internally Restricted Net Assets, and Statement of Cash Flows.

The audit was carried out in accordance with Canadian accounting standards.

On June 5, 2023, the Regional Librarian and Chair Coun. Eldon MacDonald met with Darren Chiasson, of the firm MNP & Associates Chartered Accountants, to review the Draft Financial Statements.

It was moved by Murdoch Moore, seconded by Coun. Steve Gillespie that the Board accept the **Auditors' Report 2022-2023** as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

### **Adjournment:**

It was moved by Coun. Steve Gillespie, seconded by Kathy MacIntyre, that the meeting be adjourned. MOTION CARRIED.

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Mulak, Secretary  
Cape Breton Regional Library Board