



CAPE BRETON REGIONAL LIBRARY BOARD

**SPECIAL BOARD MEETING (via ZOOM)
January 31, 2023**

Members Present: Coun. Eldon MacDonald, Coun. Steve Gillespie, Douglas MacLennan and Coun. Glenn Paruch 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: Kathy MacIntyre

Call to Order: The Chair, Coun. Eldon MacDonald called the meeting to order at 6 pm.

Regional Librarian, Lisa Mulak briefed the Board about the meeting held with the Rink Steering Committee on January 24, 2023, concerning the relocation of the Baddeck Library.

The committee identified a 5,500-square-foot space on the second floor, and the Board would be required to contribute a capital investment of 1.25 million. Through discussion, the Board concluded that the second floor was not an option as the Library needs to be accessible and have a prominent presence in the building. There were also concerns about staff security with the Library on the second floor. Furthermore, the Board's role is to fund the operations of the Library through salaries and collections, not capital funds.

It was moved by Coun. Glenn Paruch and seconded by Michelle Smith that a letter be sent to the Rink Steering Committee thanking them for the time in exploring this opportunity and informing them of the Board's decision not to move ahead with the relocation of the Baddeck Library to the new rink.

MOTION CARRIED.

Next Board Meeting: Monday, March 27, 2023

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted.

Lisa Mulak, Secretary
Cape Breton Regional Library Board.