



CAPE BRETON REGIONAL LIBRARY BOARD

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING Budget Review April 2, 2024

Members Present: Coun. Eldon MacDonald, Coun. Steve Gillespie, Douglas MacLennan (via zoom) and Kathy MacIntyre representing the Cape Breton Regional Municipality; Coun. Barbara Longva and Terry Murray, representing the County of Victoria.

Vacant: Province of Nova Scotia Library Board Appointees (2 vacancies)

Regrets: Coun. Glenn Paruch.

Call to Order: The Chair, Coun. Eldon MacDonald called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm.

Budget Review:

Regional Librarian, Lisa Mulak briefed the Board in detail about the revenue and expenditures in the proposed operating budget for 2024/25. The changes reflected wage adjustments including a .50c increase to the hourly wage paid to Library Clerks. Bridge funding was received from the Province.

It was moved by Coun. Barbara Longva and seconded by Terry Murray that effective July 1, 2024 all Library Clerks will be given .50c increase and 2% increase to all the other library staff with exception of the two highest paid positions based on the information and recommendations of the Regional Librarian. **MOTION CARRIED.**

It was moved by Terry Murray seconded by Kathy MacIntyre to accept the operating budget for 2024/25 as presented. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Financial Review:

It was moved by Coun. Steve Gillespie seconded by Terry Murray that based on the recommendation of the Nesbitt Burns Financial Advisor, the dividends from the Enbridge shares be invested in a GIC for one year. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Site Selection Review:

Rob LeBlanc, Fathom prepared a quote for the Board to carry out a site suitability analysis for the New Central Library. The Board members reviewed the proposal in detail and asked Lisa to reach out to Fathom for a second quote that would include an analysis of two additional sites.

Adjournment:

On the motion from The Chair Coun. Eldon MacDonald, the meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted.

Lisa Mulak, Secretary
Cape Breton Regional Library Board.