

**EASTERN COUNTIES REGIONAL LIBRARY
INFORMATION MEETING: THURSDAY, August 22, 2024**

PRESENT: Clair Rankin, Clair Rankin (Chair), Cllr. Claude Poirier, Mayor Ron Chisholm, Cllr. Blaine MacQuarrie, Wanda MacDonald, Cllr. Courtney Mailman (via Zoom)

IN ATTENDANCE: Laura Emery, Chief Librarian/Secretary to the Board; Janet Ayles, Deputy CEO, Michelle Greencorn, Community Engagement Manager

REGRETS: Cllr. Janet Peitzsche, Lois Ann Dort

1. Welcome – Land Acknowledgement

Clair called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m. and read the Land Acknowledgement. Clair welcomed Stephen Coyle from ATN Strategies to the meeting. Condolences were extended to Blaine MacQuarrie on the loss of his mother, a former Board Chair for ECRL.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Motion 61: Chisholm/MacDonald. Approved. That the agenda be approved.

3. Minutes of the June 13, 2023 meeting

Motion 62: Poirier/Chisholm. Approved. That the minutes of the June 13, 2024 meeting be approved.

4. Strategic planning & community engagement session

Stephen Coyle, from ATN Strategies conducted a session with the Board to launch ECRL's Strategic Planning and Community Engagement project. The goal of the session was to capture the experience and insight of the outgoing Board.

5. Business arising

a) Correspondence from the Municipality of the County of Inverness – Whycomagh proposal

Laura and Clair met recently with staff from the Municipality of the County of Inverness to discuss the proposed library services in Whycomagh. Laura outlined the particulars of adding an additional service location and the responsibilities of ECRL and the Municipality of the County of Inverness.

MOTION 63: Poirier/Chisholm. Approved. That the Whycomagh Library location proposal be approved with the understanding that staffing and operational costs are covered by the Municipality of the County of Inverness.

6. Financial update

There is no current update. One will be provided at the September Board Meeting.

7. CEO report

Laura provided highlights from the CEO report.

8. Facility grant – tendering documentation proposal

MOTION 64: Chisholm/Poirier. Approved. That we move in camera.

MOTION 65: Poirier/Chisholm. Approved. That we move out of camera.

Motion 64: Chisholm/MacDonald. Approved. That we engage Strait Engineering for the tender and documentation creation for the facility project.

9. Virtual Health grant proposal

Laura outlined an opportunity for ECRL to submit a proposal for a multi-regional grant to fund the costs of providing virtual health assistance to the community.

MOTION 65: MacDonald/Chisholm. Approved. To direct staff to submit a proposal for the Virtual Health grant.

10. Library Reports

The Cyril Ward Memorial Public library Guysborough recently had solar panels installed at their building.

Chéticamp Public Library will be replacing their entry door with an accessible one.

The tender for the new location of St. Peters Public Library has been awarded. The work is scheduled to start in April 2025.

11. Adjournment

MOTION 66: MacQuarrie. That the meeting be adjourned at 7:21 pm.