

**EASTERN COUNTIES REGIONAL LIBRARY
INFORMATION MEETING: THURSDAY, September 26, 2024**

PRESENT: Clair Rankin (Chair), Cllr. Claude Poirier, Mayor Ron Chisholm, Cllr. Blaine MacQuarrie, Cllr. Courtney Mailman, Cllr. Janet Peitzsche, Lois Ann Dort (Zoom)

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

REGRETS: Wanda MacDonald

1. Welcome – Land Acknowledgement

Clair called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. and read the Land Acknowledgement. Introductions of Board members and guests were carried out.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Motion 67: Poirier/Chisholm. Approved. That the agenda be approved.

3. Minutes of the August 22, 2024 meeting

Motion 68: Chisholm/Mailman. Approved. That the minutes of the August 22, 2024 meeting be approved as corrected.

4. Board visioning session with consultants from ATN Strategies

Jillian Ramsay and Stephen Coyle conducted a visioning session with the Board for the Strategic Planning and Community Engagement project. The goal of the session was to capture feedback for vision and mission statements.

5. Financial update

a) Income statement

There were no questions on the income statement covering to the end of July.

b) Financial report

There were no questions on the financial report covering to the end of July.

c) Grants overview

Laura reviewed the current status of grants given to ECRL. Some highlights from the grants overview related to items on the CEO report.

6. CEO report

Laura presented highlights from the CEO report.

a) LFRC scenarios – in camera

Motion 69: Poirier/Chisholm. Approved. That we move in camera.

Motion 70: Chisholm/MacQuarrie. Approved. That we move out of camera.

7. Annual report – feedback and approval process

There was no feedback or corrections to the Annual report as presented.

Motion 71: Peitzsche/Chisholm. Approved. To approve the annual report.

8. Library Reports

Planning for the new Whycocomagh branch is progressing. Laura has been able to meet with Inverness staff. She is putting together costs scenarios for the Municipality budget process. An engineering tech will be engaged to help with the space planning.

The contract for the renovations to St. Peters' new location has been awarded. The funding is still be organized.

All branches will be closed on October 21, 2024 for Staff Development Day.

9. Adjournment

Motion 72: Chisholm. That the meeting be adjourned at 7:05 pm.