

PRESENT: Clair Rankin (Chair), Mayor Ron Chisholm, Cllr. Susan Cashin, Cllr. Claude Poirier, Cllr. Blaine MacQuarrie

IN ATTENDANCE: Laura Emery, Chief Librarian/Secretary to the Board; Michelle Greencorn-Director, Communications and Engagement

REGRETS: Wanda MacDonald, Warden James Fuller

1. Welcome – Land Acknowledgement

Clair called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. and read the Land Acknowledgement.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Motion 95: Approved. Poirier/Chisholm, that the agenda be approved.

3. Minutes of the May 15, 2025, meeting

Motion 96: Approved. Chisholm/Cashin, that the minutes of the June 5, 2025, meeting be approved.

4. New business

4a. Food security update: Will send in the request to extend the grant this month, do not expect any issues.

ACTION: ECRL leadership will submit extension request this month.

4b. AGM alternate date: Thursday, June 26 @ 5-7pm. Auditor is available for this date, but not available again until July. Waiting on audited statements, will send out the tentative dates.

ACTION: Will email tentative date for AGM to Board members for confirmation.

5. NSLA Conference communication: We owe NSLA a communication regarding hosting the conference, ECRL leadership strongly advocates against it due to our current capacity. The Board must determine their response and respond this month.

6. Funding Advocacy

- a) Ministerial Correspondence:** ECRL will draft letter; need to mention facility issues, strategic planning process, and how the lack of a funding formula negatively impacts our ability to address these. Asked Board the best way to share info – ECRL leadership will copy municipal councils on emails for transparency. Motions have been made in Guysborough County and are planned for Richmond County at their next meeting.

ACTION: will have letter prepared for our next meeting.

- b) **Council Presentations:** Going well; have presented to the Town of Mulgrave and Port Hawkesbury, with plans for others.

ACTION: ECRL will create letter templates for the Board to use as Council representatives when advocating for library services.

7. Strategic Planning

Motion 97: Approved. Chisholm/Poirier, to move in-camera.

Motion 98: Approved. MacQuarrie/Chisholm, to move back out of in-camera.

- a) **Next Steps:** ECRL will share strategic planning package with municipal partners before releasing publicly. We will then make it publicly available with a press release, a hard copy at all branches, on our website, and through social media advertising. Promote to MLAs, the Minister, etc.

- b) **One-year Strategic Operational Plan:**

Need to include financial information in the Strategic Operational Plan for context and clarity (i.e. grant funds, etc.).

8. Library Reports

ESP – waiting on power connection & electrical outlet installation.

9. Adjournment

Motion 99: Approved. MacQuarrie/Chisholm, to adjourn the meeting at 6:48pm.