

Roland noted that since the March 22 Special Public Meeting, the Library Board and CEO have expressed concerns to the public that they are being bullied. Roland noted that since March 22 the Board has refused to answer any questions or meet with citizens, and noted that this has enraged the community.

Roland expressed concern for three of the librarians not returning to the L.E. Shore Memorial Library, and noted the restructuring is a mistake.

Roland referenced the results of the recent citizen satisfaction survey and noted that the L.E. Shore Memorial Library received a 98% approval rating. Roland asked the Mayor as Chair of the Board, and the Library Board to reconsider what has been done.

Roland then requested that a Board member make a motion to change the start time of the Library Board meetings to the evening to allow the public an opportunity to attend.

Roland noted that the decision to restructure the L.E. Shore Library and fire nine librarians will be the greatest mistake in the history of The Blue Mountains Library Board.

B.2 Rosemary Gosselin

Re: Community consultation on matters pertaining to public institutions

Rosemary Gosselin spoke thanking Mayor McKean for taking on the role of Mayor and Library Board Chair. Rosemary noted that the Mayor has endorsed the need for public consultation. Rosemary thanked the Board for moving the Library Board meeting to the Town Hall, Council Chamber with more space and where voices can be heard.

Rosemary noted that the Library is a place of relationships with books, events and people. Rosemary noted that the Library is bursting with stories of community relationships facilitated by our exceptional librarians. Rosemary expressed concern for the three librarians who will not be returning, further noting that the community has lost trust.

Rosemary noted that open, timely, democratic community consultation should have occurred. Rosemary expressed concern about decisions made behind closed doors.

Rosemary noted the expansion plans could have been shared with the community at the 20th Anniversary of the L.E. Shore Memorial Library. Rosemary noted that this plan was rejected by two previous boards, and questioned why the public was not aware.

Rosemary then referenced the Town's Strategic Plan, and questioned if the consultant's report is available for public viewing. Rosemary noted that the Strategic Plan announces that the Board intends to retain an architectural firm to develop preliminary drawings for expansion in the fall, and questioned if the public will have an opportunity to view the plans.

Rosemary noted that the public is tired of being taken by surprise, and requested that when a course of action arises that will affect the community, that there should be guidelines for consultation. Rosemary urged the board to swiftly develop these guidelines.

Rosemary noted that the public requires and deserves an open, timely, democratic process of consultation.

C. Reports

C.1 CEO Report dated April, 2016

Moved by: LeJune Pier

Seconded by:

Maurice Pepper

THAT The Blue Mountains Public Library Board receives the CEO Report dated April 2016;

G. Notice of Meeting Dates/Adjournment

The Blue Mountains Library Board Meeting, May 19, 2016 2:00 p.m. Town Hall, Council Chamber

Chair McKean noted that the Library Board will have a tour of the Depot following the May Library Board Meeting.

H. Adjournment

Moved by: R. J. Gamble Seconded by: Lloyd Brown

THAT this Library Board does now adjourn at 2:40 p.m. to meet again May 19, 2016 2:00 p.m., Town Hall, Council Chamber, or at the call of the Chair, Carried.

Chair John McKean

Corrina Giles, Interim Secretary