

Trustees Elect Chair, Vice Chair, Executive

The Annual General Meeting of the Vancouver Island Regional Library Board of Trustees was held on Saturday February 5, 2011.

As directed by the Board's By-Law the annual election for the Board's officers was conducted. The Board's Executive Committee consists of 11 members comprising the Chair, Vice-Chair, Past Chair, and eight Members-at-Large. Results were as follows:

- Chair:** Ronna-Rae Leonard (Courtenay)
Vice-Chair: Dave Haywood (North Cowichan)
Past Chair: Bill Holdom (Nanaimo)
Members-at-Large: Barry Avis (Qualicum Beach), Shelley Downey (Port McNeill), Ron Dumont (Sooke), Penny Cote (Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District), Bruce Jolliffe (Comox Valley Regional District), Mel Dorey (Cowichan Valley Regional District), George Holme (Nanaimo Regional District), Brenda Leigh (Strathcona Regional District)

Chair Bill Holdom was thanked for a job well done. His expertise and knowledge of Board policy and practice will be put to good use in his new role as Past Chair.

A complete list of the 2011 VIRL Board of Trustees, including five new members, is contained at the end of this report.

Revised Policy on Delegations/Public Participation Adopted

As part of its systematic review of all Board policies, Trustees adopted the revised policy on Delegations/Public Participation that enables members of the public to meet with the VIRL Board at its regular public meetings.

The revised policy is attached.

Association of Vancouver Island Coastal Communities Resolution

The City of Nanaimo, at the request of VIRL's Executive, has agreed to present a resolution at the April meeting of the Association of Vancouver Island Coastal Communities (AVICC) that "Grants to public libraries be restored to 2009 levels and be adjusted annually thereafter to reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index for British Columbia". The resolution also calls on the Union of British Columbia Municipalities to work with the British Columbia Library Trustees Association to lobby the provincial government on behalf of public libraries.

The Board directed staff to send a letter to all VIRL Board members and participating municipalities to request their support of the resolution at the AVICC conference in April 2011.

Facilities Update

The Board received an update on VIRL facilities that were identified in the Comprehensive Facility Master Plan as high priorities for development.

Small/Rural Branches

Bella Coola: The search continues for a suitable location for the Bella Coola branch library. A Request for Expressions of Interest was issued but no respondents met our immediate requirements.

Cowichan Lake: VIRL continues discussions with the Town of Lake Cowichan and the Cowichan Valley Regional District.

Cumberland: A Request for Proposals has been issued.

The Board has given staff authority to enter into negotiations for improved library services on Quadra Island, Cortes Island and Gabriola Island.

Port Alice: The landlord is upgrading lighting and HVAC in the ceiling. The branch may have to be closed for a short period to complete the work.

Urban Branches

Nanaimo North: The services of an architectural consultant have been engaged, and VIRL will approach the Nanaimo Regional District to facilitate borrowing for a new branch.

Sidney: VIRL staff is reviewing the potential for improved workflow and modernization of the branch.

Qualicum Beach: The landlord is interested in replacing the flooring, which may disrupt service in the branch for a short period. No closure is expected.

Sooke: VIRL continues to await word from the Town of Sooke regarding a potential new facility.

2011 Board Meeting Dates

April 2

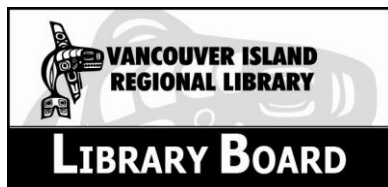
June 11

September 24

November 26

2011 VIRL Board of Trustees

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| Campbell River | Ryan Mennie |
| Comox | Marcia Turner |
| Courtenay | Ronna-Rae Leonard - <i>Chair</i> |
| Cumberland | Kate Greening |
| Duncan | Ray Cadorette |
| Gold River | Kirsty Begon |
| Ladysmith | Bruce Whittington |
| Lake Cowichan | Tim McGonigle |
| Lantzville | Joe Bratkowski |
| Masset | Andrew Merilees |
| Nanaimo | Bill Holdom - <i>Past Chair</i> |
| North Cowichan | Dave Haywood - <i>Vice Chair</i> |
| North Saanich | Craig Mearns - NEW |
| Parksville | Sue Powell |
| Port Alberni | John Douglas |
| Port Alice | Gail Neely |
| Port Clements | Wally Cheer |
| Port Hardy | Scott White - NEW |
| Port McNeill | Shelley Downey - <i>Executive Committee</i> |
| Qualicum Beach | Barry Avis - <i>Executive Committee</i> |
| Queen Charlotte | Gladys Noddin |
| Sayward | Debbie Coates |
| Sidney | Jeannette Hughes |
| Sooke | Ron Dumont - <i>Executive Committee</i> |
| Tahsis | Martin Davis - NEW |
| Tofino | Rose Zilliken |
| Ucluelet | Randy Oliwa - NEW |
| Zeballos | Debra Morin-Brown |
| Alberni-Clayoquot RD | Penny Cote - <i>Executive Committee</i> |
| Capital RD | Mike Hicks |
| Central Coast RD | Brian Lande - NEW |
| Comox Valley RD | Bruce Jolliffe - <i>Executive Committee</i> |
| Cowichan Valley RD | Mel Dorey - <i>Executive Committee</i> |
| Mount Waddington RD | Dave Rushton |
| Nanaimo RD | George Holme - <i>Executive Committee</i> |
| Powell River RD | Merrick Anderson |
| Skeena-Queen Charlotte RD | Evan Putterill |
| Strathcona RD | Brenda Leigh - <i>Executive Committee</i> |



Board Policy

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| Title: | Delegations / Public Participation |
| Approved: | October 2007 |
| Revised: | February 2011 |

Delegations

The Vancouver Island Regional Library recognizes the importance of members of the public being able to express their viewpoints and opinions on library issues. Therefore, the Library Board provides the opportunity for members of the public to meet with the Board directly as “delegations” at regular public meetings of the Board. People can provide input either as individuals, or as a representative of a group.

In order to appear as a delegation, the following conditions must be met:

1. Written requests to speak as a delegation must be submitted, in writing, to the Executive Director at least five (5) business days prior to the date of the Board meeting. The request must include details in full of the issue to be addressed and the name of person or organization to be represented. The Board meeting schedule is available at www.virl.bc.ca.
 2. The Board reserves the right to request additional information regarding a particular issue.
 3. Delegations will be provided with a maximum of 10 minutes to make a presentation to the Board. No more than two persons per delegation may speak to address one issue.
 4. The Board reserves the right to limit the number of delegations per meeting.
 5. Delegations may choose to remain for the balance of the public meeting, but may not speak to other items on the agenda.
 6. The Board, through the Executive Director, will communicate a response.
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Public Participation Period

The purpose of the public participation period is to allow members of the public to provide input or to ask questions, and is not an opportunity for debate with the Board or individual board members.

1. Comments and questions must be addressed to the Chair, not individual board members. Where it is not practical to provide a verbal response, a response will be provided later by letter.
 2. If the Board considers that a matter raised during the public participation period requires action or further discussion, the Board may choose to add the item to the agenda of the board meeting or to refer the item to a future meeting.
 3. Members of the public wishing to speak will form a line and wait until they are recognized by the Chair prior to speaking.
 4. In the interests of allowing all individuals an opportunity to be heard, each individual will be allowed to speak for two minutes at a time. However, an individual may speak again, if time allows and there are no individuals waiting who have not yet had an opportunity to speak.
 5. Individuals must state their name and resident address.
 6. Robert's Rules of Order will apply to the public participation period.
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