

## **Executive Committee and Officers of Library Board Elected at 2017 Annual General Meeting**

**NANAIMO, January 31, 2017** – On January 21, 2017, the Vancouver Island Regional Library (VIRL) Board of Trustees held its Annual General Meeting and elected its officers and Executive Committee members for 2017.

Barry Avis, who represents the Town of Qualicum Beach, was elected as Board Chair. Barry has been a member of the VIRL Board since 2015 as well as having served on the Board and as member of the Executive Committee in previous years. Elected as Vice-Chair, Brenda Leigh has also served the Board in previous years as both member of the Executive Committee and as Vice-Chair. Brenda represents the Strathcona Regional District.

Nine members at large were elected to serve on the Board of Trustees Executive Committee:

- Gordon Waterman (Village of Gold River)
- Bill Beldessi (North Coast Regional District)
- Howard Houle (Regional District of Nanaimo)
- Kerrie Reay (District of Sooke)
- Diane Brennan (City of Nanaimo)
- Jason Thompson (Village of Masset)
- Steve Arnett (Town of Ladysmith)
- Ron Kerr (City of Campbell River)
- Tom Duncan (City of Duncan)

Newly appointed members to the Board of Trustees this year include Jason Thompson (Village of Masset), Hugh MacKinnon (Town of Comox), Frank Johnson (Central Coast Regional District), Rod Nichol (Comox Valley Regional District), Heidi Soltau (Regional District of Mount Waddington) and Fred Robertson (District of Port Hardy).

The Vancouver Island Regional Library Board of Trustees, which is comprised of elected representatives from 28 member municipalities and 10 regional districts, administers a budget of over \$20 million.

For more information about the 2017 Board of Trustees, including elected officers, please visit us at <a href="http://virl.bc.ca/about-us/library-board">http://virl.bc.ca/about-us/library-board</a>.

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## **Press Release**

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Vancouver Island Regional Library (VIRL) is the fifth-largest library system in British Columbia. We serve over 430,000 people on Vancouver Island, Haida Gwaii, and Bella Coola on the Central Coast through 39 branch libraries, a virtual branch, and a books-by-mail service. VIRL's holdings number one million and include books, magazines, CDs and DVDs. Administrative offices are located in Nanaimo.

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