



Media Release: Friday, January 9, 2015, 4:30 p.m.

Regional Municipality of Waterloo

Library Committee

Agenda

Tuesday, January 13, 2015

1:30 p.m. (Time is approximate, following Committee meetings)

Room 217

150 Frederick Street, Kitchener

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- 1. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest Under “The Municipal Conflict Of Interest Act”**
 - 2. Election of Chair and Vice Chair**
 - 3. Presentation**
 - a) Your Region of Waterloo Library System: Lucille Bish, Director
 - 4. Reports**
 - a) [PDL-LIB-15-01](#), Proposed Library Committee Meeting Dates 1
 - 5. Information/Correspondence**
 - a) [Letter](#) to Mr. Todd Cowan from Michael Coteau, Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport, dated December 4, 2014 3
 - b) [Letter](#) to Mr. Todd Cowan from the Honourable Shelly Glover, Minister of Canadian Heritage and Official Languages, dated December 9, 2014 4

- c) [Letter](#) to Region of Waterloo Public Library from Ms. Jennifer Stirling, Ottawa Public Library, dated December 16, 2014 5

6. Other Business

7. Next Meeting

8. Adjourn



Report: PDL-LIB-15-01

Region of Waterloo
Planning, Development and Legislative Services
Cultural Services

To: Members of the Library Committee

Date: January 13, 2015

File Code: R09-90

Subject: Proposed Library Committee Meeting Dates

Recommendation:

That the Regional Municipality of Waterloo approve the 2015 meeting dates for the Region of Waterloo Library Committee, as noted in report PDL-LIB-15-01, dated January 13, 2015.

Summary:

This report proposes Library Committee meeting dates for 2015, and provides other sources of library information between meetings.

Report:

The Region of Waterloo Library Committee meets four times per year, usually on the same day as other Standing Committees. Library Committee recommends, for approval by Regional Council, reports related to Budget, Library policy, and Advocacy. Reports on other matters, including library operating procedures, organizational change, correspondence, and operations, are generally received for information.

Decisions that affect the entire Regional corporation also have an impact on Library staff. Examples included Human Resources policies, Health and Safety directives, union contracts, and accessibility standards. Reports on these matters typically proceed for approval by Regional Council through other Standing Committees such as Administration and Finance.

The proposed Library Committee meeting dates for 2015 are:

- February 3;
- May 5;
- October 6; and
- December 8.

These proposed dates facilitate bringing forward financial and operating reports in a timely manner. Other meeting dates could be added to deal with special projects.

Communication between Committee Meetings

Staff are available to respond to Councillor inquiries between meetings and welcome calls or emails.

As well, suggestions and comments from Library Committee members to staff may be conveyed to one of the Managers. For branch operations, community outreach, family literacy and children's programming, please contact the Manager of Public Services, Katherine Seredynska. For public Internet, materials selection, catalogue and website, please contact Manager of Information Services, Kelly Bernstein. Suggestions and comments conveyed to a Township Supervisor will be passed on by them to the appropriate Manager for response.

The Region of Waterloo Library website, at www.rwl.library.ca, is an excellent way to stay in touch with library news and events. In addition, an internal staff newsletter is compiled a few times per year and will be circulated to Committee members electronically.

Corporate Strategic Plan:

Establishing planned Library Committee meeting dates supports Strategic Focus #5: Deliver excellent and responsive services that inspire public trust.

Financial Implications:

Nil.

Other Department Consultations/Concurrence:

Nil.

Attachments:

Nil.

Prepared By: Lucille Bish, Director, Cultural Services

Approved By: Rob Horne, Commissioner, Planning, Development and Legislative Services

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December 4, 2014 (by email)

Mr. Todd Cowan
Chair
Region of Waterloo Library Committee
150 Frederick Street, 2nd Floor
Kitchener, ON N2G 4J3

Dear Mr. Cowan:

Thank you for your letter regarding the Region of Waterloo Library's concerns with respect to public library access to e-books and other electronic content. I welcome the opportunity to hear your views.

Our government is committed to supporting equitable and accessible public library service in Ontario. As you know, the growing popularity of digital content presents many challenges and opportunities for both libraries and publishers. My ministry proudly supports both of these sectors to help them adapt and succeed in a rapidly changing technological environment.

We are aware of the concerns that many public libraries have regarding the pricing, terms and availability of electronic publications, and we are exploring the matter.

As you may know, my ministry recently announced the Ontario Libraries Capacity Fund. Under this funding, the development of public library collections, including the acquisition of electronic publications, will be an eligible expense within the IT and Service Capacity component. Through strategic investments like these, we are ensuring that all Ontarians have access to high-quality services and information.

Thank you again for bringing your library's concerns to my attention. I also appreciate your words of support with regards to my appointment as Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport and Minister Responsible for the 2015 Pan Am and Parapan Am Games.

Sincerely,

Michael Coteau
Minister

Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport

Minister of Canadian Heritage
and Official Languages



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Mr. Todd Cowan
Chair, Region of Waterloo Library Committee
Planning, Housing and Community Services
Region of Waterloo Library
2nd Floor, 150 Frederick Street
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Dear Mr. Cowan:

Thank you for your letter of October 29, 2014, regarding the availability of electronic content to public libraries. I appreciate you taking the time to share your organization's concerns with me.

I understand that officials in my Department have spoken with representatives of the Ottawa Public Library and have heard first-hand about issues related to digital content acquisitions. We recognize the challenges these issues present for you and your patrons and we will continue to follow the matter closely given our Government's interest in Canadians' access to Canadian-authored books.

Please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely,

The Honourable Shelly Glover, P.C., M.P.

c.c.: The Honourable Dr. Gary Goodyear, P.C., M.P.
Dr. Harold Albrecht, M.P.

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December 16, 2014

Region of Waterloo Public Library
2017 Nafziger Road
Baden, ON

Dear Todd Cowan, Chair Region of Waterloo Public Library Board and Lucille Bish, CEO Region of Waterloo Public Library:

On behalf of the Ottawa Public Library and its Board, I would like to thank you for your letter supporting the advocacy efforts regarding publishers and their practices surrounding making e-content available to public libraries. It's truly an important issue impacting all libraries.

We will be following up with libraries on a campaign that will include both awareness raising and advocacy efforts across Ontario.

If additional information is required or there are any follow up questions, please feel free to contact me at jennifer.stirling@bibliooottawalibrary.ca or 613-580-2424 x32155.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jennifer Stirling".

Jennifer Stirling

Division Manager, Content and Technology

cc: Jan Harder, Chair Ottawa Public Library Board
Danielle McDonald, CEO Ottawa Public Library