

READ

Rosemount (Library) Expansion and Development Group

Meeting #22, Monday, November 14, 2016

Draft Notes

Hintonburg Community Centre, 1064 Wellington St. West

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Present: Rick Van Loon, Chair; Emily Addison, vice-chair; Andy Billingsley Civic Hospital CA, Bonnie Campbell WBCA, Barb Clubb, Paulette Dozois; Deirdre Foucauld, Linda Hoad, vice-chair and HCA; Larry Hudon, Carole Lethbridge, Blaine Marchand, Josh Nutt, Hintonburg CA; Jeanette Rule, Marty Plaine (Vice-Chair) Lindsay Setzer, Megan Therrien.

Special guests: Councillor Jeff Leiper, Fiona Mitchell, Councillor's assistant

Regrets: Christine Burke

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1. **Welcome and introductions:** The Chair welcomed all attendees and thanked Linda for again making the room reservation.
2. **Agenda:** the agenda was carried with the addition of the Rosemount video and song items.
3. **Minutes** of October, 2016 were approved. Barb thanked Marty for doing an excellent job as temporary secretary.

4. **Update from Chair and Vice-Chair**

The chair reported that he had attended the Nov 8th meeting of the OPL board where the 2017 budget (both capital and operating) had been tabled and thanked members who had come out to join him. There were no public interventions at this meeting. The chair stated that the next key OPL meeting would be Dec 6th when the board would discuss the budget and then make their recommendations to council. A decision on Rosemount will be part of the discussions and decisions. The board has been presented with two options re Rosemount: renovation/renewal or move and rebuild after if supported by a business case. If they choose the latter it would free up capital money in the short term to address other pressing capital needs, and the business case would be finished by June 2017.

The Chair also called the group's attention to [the OPL Economic Impact Study](#) that has just been released. In brief it shows that for every dollar spent on library services, there is a return of \$5.17 in value to the community. The report is accompanied by an interactive website that helps readers understand the study in more detail. Phase two will explore social impacts, examining the broader impact of library services on the community in Ottawa. Phase two is anticipated to be released in 2018.

Vice Chair Emily Addison also reported on the meeting that she and Richard had had with the OPL CEO Danielle McDonald and her colleague Monique Desormeaux. Possible locations for an expanded Rosemount and the timing for the business case (if approved by the Board) were discussed. It was clear the READ would not have input into the hiring of the consultant for the business case.

Councillor Leiper said that he was pleased with progress on Rosemount to date.

5. **Preparation for READ's contribution to the 2017 OPL budget debates.**

The OPL 2017 budget was tabled with the OPL Board on Nov. 8. It will be debated at the board meeting on December 8th and then forwarded to City Council for approval in mid-December. It was agreed that READ would make just one presentation to the meeting but that it would be good to have someone from the community to also make a presentation possibly someone like Kathleen Wilker. Richard's presentation will make the Rosemount based on our data and statistics and focus on the impact of the library in the community; the library as a community hub and; how Rosemount relates to the results of the library's "Imagine" survey. It will also emphasize that Rosemount has been waiting patiently but that it is now Rosemount's time as well as the lack of children's and teen spaces. Agreed that READ needs as many supporters as possible to attend the Dec 8th meeting.

Action: RVL to prepare and circulate draft of presentation.

Action: Kathleen Wilker will be approached to appear at the Dec 8th OPL Board meeting.

6. **Follow-up from previous meetings.**

a. Confirmation of population stats: The population stats for the Rosemount catchment area differ from those coming from the City of Ottawa. However, the demographer who provided the city stats has left the City and therefore it will be difficult to resolve this difference. For the time being we will use the library number for any analysis the READ does requiring catchment area figures.

b. Update to Community Associations and Groups: All community associations have responded except Champlain Park. Agreed to drop any further attempts to get the parent councils involved at this time.

c. OPL rent for leased branches: There are three library branches for which the library/city pays rent: Blackburn Hamlet; Emerald Plaza and Elmvalle Acres. As READ has not been able to obtain any information from the City or OPL it was agreed that no further action on this item would take place.

6. **Advocacy, outreach and research**

a. Media: Blaine reported that an article had recently gone into News West and that the next one (Nov or Dec) could focus on the economic impact study and how it relates to Rosemount. Richard had been interviewed by Judith Van Berkomp of the Kitchissippi Times but that nothing had appeared.

Action: Paulette will follow-up

b. Rosemount 99th birthday in 2017. Agreed to keep a watching brief on this item.

c. Counting Week: is the week of Nov 14 to 19. All were encouraged to visit the library that week. The count of visitors and questions etc is mandated by the Province of Ontario.

d. Possible relocation sites: A discussion of possibilities ensued.

Action: Emily will compile a list of sites and forward to Ms Desormeaux at OPL.

e. Section 37 funding: we were reminded that approximately \$200k might be available for Rosemount from Section 37 funding

f. Rosemount Video: Agreed that no further action was required at this time.

g. Rosemount Song Contest:

Action: Deirdre will contact the submitters for permission to post their works on the website.

8. **Succession Planning:** The Chair, having served for more than 2 years advised that he would like to step down in the new year.

7. **Dates of next READ meetings:**

Monday, December 12, 2016

Monday, January 9th, 2017: Canada 150!

Other meetings:

Tuesday, Dec 6th: Ottawa Pubic Library Board meeting, 2017 budget will be reviewed, approved and forwarded to City Council

Tuesday, Dec 13th: Ottawa City Council debates 2017 municipal budget including OPL budget.

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Secretary

Attached: Rolling Action List

Agenda #	Topic	Action	Status
November 2016			
5	OPL budget	RVL prepare and circulate draft presentation	
5	OPL Budget	Member of Executive to call Kathleen Wilker	
6a	Kitch Times	Paulette to contact Judith Van Berkomp re article	
6d	Sites	Emily to compile list of sites and send to OPL	
October 2016			
5.b	Consultation follow up	Action: Josh and Emily will work on drafting the letter to groups.	
5.b	Endorsement	Action: Linda will raise the subject with the Westboro CA.	
5.b	Consultation follow up	Action: Josh will distribute the list of community groups to READ members for additions.	
5.e	Consultation follow up: schools	Action: Josh and Deirdre will draft an appropriate update letter, which will include offer from Richard to meet with those who are interested.	
5.e	Student Count	This will be dropped	
5.f	OPL data request	Action: DF and EA will work on refining data received	
5.g	Island Park	Action: L Hoad will follow up on questions and endorsement	
6.c	Data Analysis	Action: Data group and EA and DF will work on data analysis.	
6.c	Data	Action: Councillor Leiper and Fiona Mitchell will forward any statistics they receive	
6.3	Song Contest	Action: DF will send letter of thanks to submissions.	