

READ

Rosemount (Library) Expansion and Development Group

Meeting # 7

Final Notes

Monday, June 8, 2015

7:00 pm

Parkdale Food Centre, 30 Rosemount #2 (Lower Level)

Present: Richard Van Loon, (Chair), Andy Billingsley (CHNA), Peggy Berkowitz, Christine Burke (Mechanicsville CA), Peggy Berkowitz, Bonnie Campbell (WBCA), Barb Clubb (a/note taker), Jim Cragg, Paulette Dozois, Deidre Foucauld, Linda Hoad (HCA and READVice/Chair), Blaine Marchand, Jeanette Rule (Champlain Park CA), Lindsay Setzer, Barbara Woodward
Regrets: Megan Therrien

1. **Welcome:** Chair Van Loon opened the meeting welcoming all especially new attendees. He thanked all for bringing supplies for the Parkdale Food Centre (in lieu of rent).
2. **Agenda:** was approved as presented.
3. **Notes of previous meeting May 11, 2015:** were approved with the addition of Barb Woodward to the attendee list. The draft of current minutes and final version of all minutes are posted on the READ Google Drive.
4. **Presentation by Sarah Anson-Cartwright:** Ms Anson-Cartwright from Bookmark the Core (BMC-citizen advocacy group focussed on proposals and location for a new central library) could not make the READ meeting due to a scheduling conflict. She will be invited to the next scheduled meeting.
Action: B. Clubb to Invite Ms Anson-Cartwright to next READ meeting.
5. **Chair's Update:** Chair Van Loon briefly recapped his activities since the May 11 meeting:
 - **May 13:** Chair met with OPL Chair and CEO regarding Tamarack proposal; the need for expansion of space was emphasized and it was noted that if new space in the Tamarack facility did not result in any significant increase in space then it would not likely be worth pursuing.
 - **May 21:** Chair, Emily Addington and Bonnie Campbell met with local MP Paul Dewar to brief him on the READRosemount project.
 - **May 22:** Chair met via teleconference with OPL Chair, CEO and Councillor Jeff Leiper regarding a submission to the Federal government's Sesquicentennial fund. Upon its release, the submission was sent to all READ members electronically.
 - **May 26:** OPL Board approved a \$2M submission to the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program for forwarding on to City Council for its approval; the submission was subsequently approved by City Council to be included on the City's list to go forward to the Federal Government. In total the city submitted a list of projects totalling \$26M; it is expected that Ottawa will receive \$4M. The decisions are expected to be announced later this year with

funding available starting in 2016. The project would add only about 800 square feet to the current Rosemount library branch facility. A concern was expressed that there still needs to be considerable room (external parking) for baby carriages and strollers. It was noted that when Sunnyside was renovated a new “parking lot for strollers” was created indicating that the OPL is sensitive to this need.

Action: Chair to raise need to maintain “parking for strollers” at Rosemount with OPL officials.

- Chair Van Loon noted that if the federal funding is not obtained the door is not completely closed on the Tamarack proposal however there would have to be a great deal of community consultation before any decisions are made.
- Vice-Chair Hoad noted that there is a sewer easement behind the library that is now owned by Tamarack and that perhaps that space would be available if renovations are done.
Action: L. Hoad to check into related bylaws re how much space might be available to go beyond an expansion of only 800 sq ft indicated in the OPL 150 Fund submission.
- On a question from Paulette Dozois, it was confirmed that the Carnegie Foundation no longer funds library buildings in Canada
- Another suggestion (Billingsley) was that a possible expansion would be to have the current facility be the children’s library and any space in the Tamarack facility be the adult library; there was no discussion about linkages, supervision etc.
- **Chair’s Meeting with Mayor Jim Watson (June):** Chair Van Loon said that he (accompanied by Vice-Chair Hoad) would meet the mayor soon and would be looking to the mayor for information and advice as well as taking the opportunity to brief him on the activities of the READ Rosemount group and its major priorities.
- **READ Executive:** Confirmed that Linda Hoad would be READ’s vice-chair and Paulette Dozois agreed to take on the job of Treasurer.
- **OPL Board Members:** Agreed that direct contact did not need to be made with individual OPL board members at this time but if READ members happened to meet them they could fill them on READ activities and encourage them to follow on Facebook and Twitter and go to the READ website when it is up and running.
- **New Central Library:** It was stated that the OPL board would be meeting on June 9th to review a major report with recommendations on the future of a new central library for Ottawa. READ members were encouraged to review the documents and attend the meeting. Agreed that READ believes that Council should approve a new central library as its highest civic priority city-wide. Attached under separate cover is READ’s submission on a new central library following the public consultation March 29. It outlines READ’s concerns regarding size, location, design and public engagement.
Action: READ members are encouraged to attend the meeting, June 9th and make presentations if they feel comfortable doing so.
- **Keeping up summer momentum:** Agreed that no meetings would be scheduled but that if required they would be at the call of the chair. The next scheduled meeting will be Monday, September 14.

6. Advocacy:

- **Community Associations**
 - Civic Hospital Neighbourhood Association: Andy Billingsley represented READ at this meeting. There were about 60 people present and Andy distributed the READ bookmark. Both he and Councillor Leiper reported on Rosemount.

- Iona-Hampton CA: Linda Hoad represented READ where there were about 12 people present. She spoke about READ and there were a number of questions about the possibility of Carnegie Foundation assistance and the status of the library as a heritage building. The group appeared very committed to the library. No decision has been made on a donation.
Action: L. Hoad to follow up possible donation from Iona-Hampton CA.
- **Prose in the Park and Arts in the Park Community Fesitvals:** both (lead organizer Paulette Dozois) were held in the Parkdale park and READ had a table at each. There were lots of people and questions although we don't have a complete list. The events highlighted the need for READ to have (in addition to bookmarks) a READ table covering/cloth, stand-up laminated posters and sandwich boards, buttons, other handouts, a question book and our website up as soon as possible.
- **WestFest:** will be happening June 13 and 14.
Action: Jeanette Rule will check to see if it's possible to get a Westfest table at this late date and volunteered to organize READ folks to staff it.
- **Mechanicsville Days:** will be held June 20th.
Action: Jeanette Rule will check to see if READ can get a Mechanicsville table and if so put out a call for volunteers.
- **Expanding Partnership List:** Emilie Hayes is working on this list.
Action: B. Clubb to contact Emilie regarding potential partnership list and list expansion and prepare for discussion at next READ meeting.
Action: B. Clubb to ask Emilie to touch base with Jennifer Johnson about other potential partners e.g. Ottawa Community Housing facilities in the area.
- **Expanding the READ contact list:** All READ group members are asked to send in names of people who would like to be "Friends of READ" to keep up with developments. All people added to the lists must give their permission prior to being added.
Action: B. Clubb to send notice to all READ participants asking them for names to add to either the "Friends of READ" list or the regular "READ group" list.

7. Communications

- **Twitter and FB:** Jeanette Rule reported that READ had 75 followers on Facebook and 91 follower on Twitter and that there was quite a bit of "chatter going on"
- **Website:** Alayne McGregor was not present to report.
Action: Jeanette to follow-up with Alayne re website.
Note: following the meeting Jeanette's husband Dennis acquired the domaine name < <http://www.readrosemount.ca> > (his contribution to the project) and began experimenting with setting up the website using Wordpress. If you click on this URL you can see the website but it is not "up" on the web yet.
Action: all to send appropriate photos to Jeanette for the FB and Web pages
- **Bookmarks:** are available for use and distribution
Action: Blaine Marchand will distribute bookmarks to Bridgehead location in the area.
- Mailing list and Google Account update (Addison): postponed to next meeting.
- **Media Coverage:** Agreed it is important to keep up a flow of stories and information into the community newspapers during the summer months (those that are publishing); this includes *Newswest*; *EMC* and the *Centretown Buzz*, and to be ready for the early fall editions with new news.
Action: Paulette (Newswest), Bonnie (EMC), Megan (Centretown Buzz) to monitor and advise

chair and vice-chair on media opportunities and requirements during summer

Action: B. Clubb will continue to send copies of articles to all group members and they will be posted on the READ FB page.

8. **Finances:** Linda Hoad reported she is finalizing financial arrangements with SWCHA to provide financial services for READ.

Action: New treasurer Paulette Dozois to work with L. Hoad and report back final details as soon as possible so that we may accept donations (no taxable receipts possible at this time).

DC and Section 37 Funds follow-up: L. Hoad is still trying to secure a breakdown of DC funds within and outside the greenbelt. She is also seeking clarification on whether DC funds are available for library facilities inside the greenbelt and how READ can be involved in the review of Sec 37. She will also secure a copy of the most current DC funds library bylaw and the number of projected new units in the Rosemount catchment area.

Action: L Hoad to report back at next meeting on Development Charges.

9. **Other:**

READ Tour of new/renovated OPL facilities: B. Clubb circulated information on how READ group members could take a virtual tour of the most recently renovated and new branches of the Ottawa Public Library, using the OPL website. It will be revised and circulated to all READ group members. A physical tour will be set up for a Saturday(s) in the Fall.

Action: B. Clubb to send virtual tour information to all READ members AND set up a physical tour of select branches for the Fall 2015.

Group Photo: A group photo was taken.

Next Meeting(s):

- There will be no scheduled meetings during July and August unless required. This will be done at the call of Chair Van Loon.
- The September meeting will be held on Monday, September 14; location TBA.

Approved

Richard Van Loon, Chair

Attachment: June Action List

Attached as separate document: READ Submission to OPL Central Library Consultation April 2015



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Action: location of next meeting and acting note-taker for evening to be confirmed.	