



READ

Rosemount (Library) Expansion And Development Group

Meeting # 9

Final Notes

Monday, October 26, 2015

7:30 to 9:30 pm

Plant Recreation Centre (Somerset and Preston) Booth Room

Present: Richard Van Loon, (Chair), Emily Addison (Vice Chair), Elda Allen, Andy Billingsley (CHNA), Christine Burke (Mechanicsville CA), Bonnie Campbell (WBCA), Barb Clubb (note taker), Deirdre Foucauld, Linda Hoad (HCA, READ Vice/Chair), Blaine Marchand, Joshua Nutt, Jeanette Rule (Champlain Park CA), Lindsay Setzer,
Regrets: Paulette Dozois, Valerie Stam

1. **Welcome and introductions Richard Van Loon.**

The chair welcomed everyone and thanked Deirdre Foucauld for arranging the meeting space at Plant RC this evening.

2. **Approval/revisions to agenda:**

The revised agenda was approved as circulated with the following changes: the 5th item under #7 Advocacy, Clubb was changed to Addison; and 3rd item under #10 Parkdale Food Centre was changed to Somerset West Health Centre

3. **Approval of notes of September 14, 2015**

The chair thanked Jeanette Rule for taking the excellent notes for the September meeting. The following corrections were noted: #5 item 2 (Meeting with Mayor Watson), Canterbury was added to Community Centre and Overbook was replaced with Alta Vista; #5 item 3 (New Central Library) the word salaries was replaced with the words pay equity.

4. **Follow-up to September 14, 2015 meeting**

The Chair thanked Deidre for creating the poster

5. **Report from the Chair Rick Van Loon**

The chair remarked that these were very challenging and interesting times and it was difficult to know how hard, where and when to push the READ agenda. He noted that he had not had an opportunity to meet with OPL CEO Danielle McDonald since the last READ meeting but that he had a good working relationship with her, all meetings up to now had been most cordial and positive and that she has assured him that the Rosemount upgrade was a very high priority with her and the OPL Board. She has advised the chair that the planning for an upgrade in the area of \$2M was proceeding and that she is committed to meeting with READ about the project. The chair thanked Emily Addison for her work on her new ideas for the Rosemount expansion. The Chair noted that he had sent this to Ms McDonald and she had been very receptive to Emily's idea for a second storey cantilevered extension over the

driveway. This has been circulated to all READ Rosemount group members. The chair expressed his concern that \$2M may not be sufficient for the renovations/expansions needed and that perhaps an additional \$1M would be needed.

Action: Chair to continue to seek meeting with OPL CEO McDonald as required

Action: Chair to contact new MP (L, Ottawa Centre) Catherine McKenna to advise her of the READ Rosemount project and group.

The Chair also remarked that he had done some follow-up with Councillor Jeff Leiper and had asked for a meeting in the next few weeks.

Summary of action required in the near future:

- Social media advocacy messages (FB, Website, Twitter)
- Community Associations update
- READ to respond to the OPL 2016 budget documents being released Nov 4 and attend the tabling of same at the OPL Board meeting on Nov 10.
- READ to review the results of earlier Rosemount consultations
- Chair to meeting with Councillor Jeff Leiper
- Chair to contact MP Catherine McKenna and outgoing MP Paul Dewar for orientation/update and thanks respectively

6. Advocacy

- City/OPL 2016 budget. According to the City website there will be no city-wide general budget meetings for the public.
The [OPL budget documents](#) will be released Nov 4/15 and tabled at the Nov 10 OPL board meeting. Public presentations (e.g. READ) can be made at OPL meetings on Nov 10 and Dec 1, 2015.
Action: Linda Hoad to find out if Councillor Leiper is hosting a budget meeting and arrange for READ to be in attendance.
Action: Agreed that a small READ budget team would meet Friday Nov 6 (10:15 am) at the home of the chair to review the documents and prepare the READ responses. Input can be made in three ways as identified by OPL: email the OPL at budgetOPLBPO@bibliottawalibrary.ca ; attend the tabling of the PL budget to learn more about the budget; present thoughts in person at the Dec 1/15 board meeting.
- General:
Action: Emily Addison will explore READ poster opportunities and designs; Emily and Blaine Marchand to follow-up with Bridgehead
Action: Valerie Stam would like to organize a yarn bombing form of community engagement; this should be integrated into the larger strategy and will be further addressed at the Nov 9/15 meeting.
Action: Emily Addison and Barb Clubb will meet with Emilie Hayes to review assistance from Somerset West Health Centre in developing/expanding partnership
Action: Linda Hoad to follow-up on opportunity to have a READ table at the Hintonburg Christmas Craft Fair on Nov 21 (always well attended and excellent quality crafts); Jeanette Rule will send out call for volunteers to staff the table
Action: Blaine Marchand to investigate opportunities to participate in the Festival of Lights in late December including working with the India Express restaurant next door

to Plant.

7. “Addison” Rosemount Development Option: Information on this option had previously been sent to all READ group members by email. The Chair subsequently forwarded it to OPL CEO Danielle McDonald. Emily explained the option more fully noting that it had a possibility of adding an additional 1,000 SF. The chair reiterated that OPL had expressed interest in the option and said that Tamarack might be interested in discussing. It was agreed that it might be best to organize a discussion between READ, Tamarack and Councillor Jeff Leiper in the near future.

During the discussion it was noted that the Rosemount staff had additionally suggested that skylights would be a wonderful addition to the renovations. It was also pointed out that light would be reflected off the Tamarack building going up.

8. Communications

- Twitter: Jeanette reported READ has 137 followers
- FB page: Jeanette reported that it has had 104 likes, that it reaches 48 people and it has had 5 new followers sign up in the last week.
- Website: is being powered by WordPress; now has notices of meetings, and the agendas posted; READ coordinating committee has been revised; more photos of OPL renovations in other branches and pics of the two new self-check machines in the Rosemount branch will be added in the next few days.
Action: All READ members are urged to become followers and sign up on the website for update notifications that will come right to your email inbox.
Action: Emily will ask Rosemount staff if there are any pictures in their archives of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau attending story times as a child, and if it would be possible to locate the READ bookmarks in the library like many other community organizations do.
- **Action:** Check the website *Lost Ottawa* for pictures of Rosemount branch; also they might like to do an article (Marchand).
- **Action:** Chair to talk to Dave Alston about writing an article.
- **Action:** Linda Hoad to develop article for Heritage Ottawa (will work with Blaine on options).
- **Action:** Linda Hoad to approach local artist Andrew King (who has his painting of Rosemount hanging in the branch) to consider writing an article about why we need an improved Rosemount library.
- **Action:** Jeanette and Emily to solicit testimonials for posting on FB and the website.
- **Action:** presentation and discussion of updated Rosemount statistics was deferred to the Nov 9/15 meeting.

9. Finances:

There was a general discussion regarding finances and the need for same. It was concluded that we do need a small amount of money for such things as rent, printing etc. It was further concluded that requesting small donations from the community associations was a good way of engaging them in the READ project. In future it may be necessary for READ to have a fundraiser but not at this time.

Action: Linda Hoad and Treasurer Dozois will develop a little budget and check when the various 13 CA AGMs will be coming up. It might be possible to make a short presentation and include an “ask” at the same time.

- Federal Infrastructure Funding: The need to make contact with new MP Catherine McKenna (and perhaps beyond) to inform her of the City/OPL Rosemount submission was identified.

Action: Agreed to discuss this at the budget team meeting Nov 6/15 and bring forward any recommendations the monthly READ meeting on November 9/15.

10. Other:

- **Tours of OPL Branches.**

Action: B. Clubb to send out date options for a tour of the new Beaverbrook branch; it could also include a tour of the nearby renovated Hazeldean branch if time permitted

- READ participation in the [Ontario Culture Strategy Consultation](#) (Nov 4th in Ottawa). Public libraries are included in the consultation and in definition of culture. This was discussed and concern was expressed that with the local budget submissions being due it would be difficult to attend the meeting (which will be broadcast live on the web) but that a submission was possible. Members are encouraged to go the website and have a look at the full discussion paper. Linda and Barb may be able to attend the Ottawa consultation. For further discussion at the November 9th meeting.

Action: B.Clubb to send 2016 budget and culture links to the Friends of the Ottawa Public Library

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Next READ Meeting

Date: Monday, November 9th, 2015

Time: 7:00 to 9:00 pm

Location: Parkdale Food Centre, 30 Rosemount #2 Lower Level

Approved:

Richard Van Loon
Chair READ Rosemount

Date