

**READ Rosemount
Meeting #40 Draft Minutes
Monday June 11, 2018
Time: 7-9 pm**

Location: Hintonburg Community Centre, 1064 Wellington W. Lower level.

Present: Josh Nutt (Chair), Barb Clubb, Paulette Dozois, Deirdre Foucauld, Linda Hoad, (Councillor's Assistant), Larry Hudon, Carol Lethbridge, Fiona Mitchell, Martha Plaine, Lindsay Setzer, Richard Van Loon.

Regrets: Emily Addison, Bonnie Campbell, Blaine Marchand.

1. **Welcome:** Josh welcomed the group and offered congratulations to everyone on the occasion of the 40th meeting of the committee.
2. **Agenda:** The agenda was approved as circulated on a motion. LH/MP
3. **Minutes Approval:** The minutes of May 15, 2018 were approved (one spelling error) on a motion. PD/RVL.

4. **Update from Chair**

Chair Nutt reported that Ms Desormeaux, OPL Deputy CEO had reiterated that the Rosemount consultations are still scheduled for Fall of 2018. OPL is currently reviewing proposals that responded to the RFP. She advised that READ could not have a copy of the RFP nor information on the respondents. Chair Nutt went on to say that on the occasion of READ's 40th meeting, and notwithstanding that the Library/City has not agreed to a new facility, we should feel proud that: the renovation budget has been doubled to \$2M, READ's advocacy has shaken up the way the Library Board relates to community groups and, thanks to Councillor Leiper we were instrumental in have an initial community consultation. One member noted that she has been involved with many community groups and consultation and has never experienced such obstinacy on the part of a city department or agency and that usually there is much more "give and take". Another member noted that OPL is not the only board/department that has closed ranks and believes that this tendency has a "top-down" direction. Another member noted that Ontario's new Premier wants to increase the powers of local mayors. And finally it was noted that we have very good statistics to base future work on.

5. **READ Future Role and Mandate**

Chair Nutt referred to the options paper of June 8th and opened the discussion by stating that it is now important for READ Rosemount to make a decision on the way forward. Primarily group members expressed a desire to continue until at least the fall consultations have been concluded. Additional ideas that emerged included:

- working more closely with the FCA (Federation of Community Associations of Ottawa) as they are more suited to address soft infrastructure issues.
Action: make contact with FCA Nutt
- The letters to politicians are ready to go. It was agreed that they should be used wisely and at the right time and linked to larger issues that they can do something about.
- Not appropriate to declare victory at this time; also do not concede defeat.
- Most important READ work is to prepare for and help get community folks out to the fall consultations. We must engage Twitter, FB, website, blogging, newspaper articles (both print and on-line), communication with the CA's in our catchment areas, Councillors' newsletters, working with the new MPP.
- All agreed that READ should continue to advocate for more service, better hours, more

technology for users, even if the facility cannot be significantly expanded. E.g. this would include advocating for more hours such as Friday mornings and Sundays all year round and more openings on statutory holidays to spread out the users over more hours. This demand might coincide with work on service hour equity that the OPL is apparently looking at.

- Continue to ask for a larger facility as the community grows due to increasing intensity. This would be difficult once the renovation happens and the new central library is built.
- READ is in the long game for improved and strengthened library service in our area.

6. Rosemount Consultation: Agreed that Chair Nutt would contact Councillors McKenney and Leiper re their anticipated role in the upcoming consultations.

7. Other business:

- **Newsweek:** KT and NW are in transition and it may not be able to provide READ as much coverage as in the past; alternatives will have to be sought
- **Provincial election:** there is a possibility that the new provincial government will reduce or eliminate annual operating grants to libraries. This should be monitored in the event that READ has to advocate on this issue or assist other groups to advocate. (The Ford brothers tried to reduce operating grant to the Toronto Public Library system in the past).
READ should also make immediate contact with our new MPP Joel Harden, as the NDP did not have a positive position on maintaining grants to libraries.
Action: B. Clubb to research and develop draft letter.
- **Anne Carlyle:** READ has received a communication from this person who is an associate in an industrial design firm in Ottawa (Carlyle Design Associates). It was agreed Chair would invite her to a meeting.
- **Finances:**
Action: Linda Hoad to follow up and present at next meeting.

8. Next Meetings:

It was initially agreed that the next monthly meeting would be tentatively set for August 20..
THIS HAS BEEN CHANGED TO MONDAY, AUGUST 27 and has been posted on the website.

Fall READ meeting dates will be largely determined by the consultation dates. Possible meeting dates are:

- Monday, September 10
- Monday, October 15
- Monday, Nov 12

OPL Meetings as per [OPL website](#): READ attendance

Jan 16	Hudon/Lethbridge	May 8	Dozois	Sept 4	TBD
Feb 13		June 12	TBD	Oct 9	TBD
Mar 13	Hoad	July 10	Hoad/Dozois	Nov 13	TBD
Apr 10	Dozois	Aug 14	M. Plaine	Dec 11	TBD

Submitted by

B. Clubb, Secretary

See Action List following:

READ Rosemount Rolling action plan as of June 11, 2018

Agenda #	Topic	Action	Status
June 11, 2018			
5	Future role	Chair to write to FCA introducing READ and its work	
7	Oth Business	BC to research and draft letter to new MPP for area.	
7	Oth Business	Chair to invite Anne Carlyle (industrial designer to future READ meeting	
7	Oth Business	Treasurer Hoad to present finances at future mtg and arrange for solicitation from CA's in catchment area.	
April 23/May 15			
6b May	Newswest	Blaine to get final schedule for summer and propose topics	
6c.	100 th Ann	Marty to continue planning photo exhibit for discussion in June.	
5 May	READ Role	Josh to draft summary of discussion for June READ mtg	Complete
6 Apr	Election Letter	Josh to redraft	
March 12, 2018			
4d	Update	Long Range City Plan: Plaine and Clubb to coordinate READ Submission	
Feb 15, 2018			
#4	OPL	Chair to write to OPL requesting complete tour of Rosemount including staff areas AND expressing concern regarding community engagement/consultation for the renovations	
#4	Toronto PL	B. Clubb to contact Ann Bailey about TPL approach to renovations and new facilities etc.	
#5a	DC charges	Hoad to research how READ can participate in City review of DC charges as they relate to libraries and RO.	
#5c	100 th anniversary	M. Plaine to draft letters to BIA, Board and Council for review by committee.	
#6e	FOPLA	Chair to reach out to FOPLA with the annual report and statistics and invite them to a future event including a tour of the Rosemount branch. Josh to follow up.	
#7	Finances	Chair to write to CAs requesting \$50 from each of them, along with the annual report and statistics. To be done in the fall.	
Jan 10, 2018			
#4	Mun Elections	Chair (JN)to coordinate information to councilors running again and all new candidates	
#4	Comm Consult	BC to get contact information for Anne Bailey	Replacement identified.
#5	Info Request 1	Formal request for info on Boxfish consulting contract. (PD)	
Nov 13, 2017			
October 16, 2017			
	OPL Consultation	Chair and coordinating committee to keep watching brief on the proposed community consultations related to the renovation of Rosemount	On-going and on each agenda