



WEST HANTS REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT FOR THE ANNAPOLIS VALLEY REGIONAL LIBRARY BOARD

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Meeting Date: June 19th, 2025

Meeting Location: Town of Berwick Council Chambers

SUMMARY/UPDATE OF THE COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES:

The AVRL Board met on June 19th for its Annual General Meeting and regular board meeting. Here's a snapshot of the key updates:

Vice Chair Appointment

- I was appointed Vice Chair of the AVRL Board at this meeting. I'm looking forward to continuing to support the work of the library system in this new role.

Budget and Funding

- The Board reviewed the current financial situation. Like other libraries in the province, AVRL is still waiting to hear back from the Province about the library funding formula review.

Summer Programming

- Despite staffing shortages, AVRL was able to access a grant to hire students to support the Summer Reading Challenge and other summer programs for youth. This ensures the library can continue offering activities and programs throughout the summer.

Innovation Lab – Annapolis Royal

- AVRL and the Town of Annapolis Royal have updated their Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Innovation Lab.

Strategic Plan 2025–2028

- The Board approved AVRL's new Strategic Plan. The focus over the next three years will be:
 - Strengthening internal operations and policies
 - Building a positive and supportive workplace culture
 - Preparing to expand services as resources allow
- The plan reflects what AVRL heard from community and staff consultations, while also being realistic about current staffing and financial limitations.

Next Meeting:

The next regular committee meeting will be in September.

ACTION ITEMS:

There are no action items for Council from this meeting.

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