



1. Meetings/Outreach

*January 7 – Budget Meeting
January 9 – Niagara CEOs meeting – Niagara Falls PL
January 12 – Webinar – How to Lobby Politicians
January 14 – Senior Management Meeting
January 14 – Literacy Council Board Meeting
January 14 – Budget Meeting
January 16 – Great Lakes Christian School – Possible Battle of the Books
January 20 – Board Meeting
January 21 – Senior Management
January 21 – Library Tour for new Councillors
January 21 – Employment Help Centre Board Meeting
January 21 – Budget Meeting
January 22 – Adult Book Group
January 23 – Town Meeting re: Culture
January 26 – Collections Team Meeting
January 26 – Budget Meeting
January 28-30 – OLA Conference*

2. Staff

Health and Safety

The Town's Health and Safety Newsletter is circulated to all staff on a monthly basis. The quarterly committee meeting and the monthly inspections have been completed.

Maternity Leave Replacement

K. Vandermeulen will be leaving on maternity leave in March. The library will be recruiting a new casual assistant to cover the leave and work Sundays in February.

3. Fleming Adult Programming

The Seniors Wii Bowling Club met twice in January

The Chess Club and Scrabble Club continue to meet weekly.

The Fleming Branch book group read books on Africa. An interesting mix of fiction and non-fiction were chosen.

4. Community Hub

I would like to highlight an example of how the patrons are using the new Fleming Branch as a Community Hub. On January 31, two boys about twelve years of age came to library and asked to borrow a chess set and board to play a game. The boys were able to come to a welcoming place to participate in an activity of interest.

5. Technical Advisory Committee/Community Complex

The following items are still outstanding: the removal of the frosting above the wireless bar and a grommet hole for the children's department service desk.



6. 2015 Budget Update

A separate report on the \$20,000 budget cut has been prepared.

Sunday openings will be delayed until September. The operating will not be approved until the middle of February. Another staff member to work Sundays needs to be recruited.

7. Regional Library Board Orientation

The public libraries of Niagara are planning joint library board orientation which will take place Saturday April 11 at the Fleming Centre. The new board will receive invitations soon after they are appointed.

Respectfully submitted,

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