



**KINGS REGIONAL SERVICE COMMISSION**  
**Regional Sport, Recreational and Cultural Infrastructure Committee**  
Kings RSC Board Room  
Wednesday, December 3rd, 2025, 10:30AM

**In attendance:**

John Jarvie (Trustee)  
Gordon Kierstead  
Mark Rideout (via Teams)  
Randy McKnight (via Teams)  
Paul Maguire (via Teams)

**Presenter:**

Rebekah Voormann, Sussex Regional Library

**Staff:**

Hollis Bartlett, CEO (Interim)  
Gerry Legacy, Assistant Director Corporate Services

Meeting started by John Jarvie at 10:31AM

**Approval of the agenda.**

Motion carried by Gordon, Second by Paul

**Presentation:**

**Rebekah Voormann - Sussex Regional Library**

Rebekah presented a historical presentation for the Sussex Regional Library. This presentation had information on their programs and their history. The presentation also had statistics on usage of the facility and breakdown by area.

**Discussion (Questions):**

Several questions were presented by Mark Rideout:

- On usage and area breakdown?
- Did the scope of the statistics include all services and programs, or was it limited strictly to book lending?
- How are they tracked.
- Are the programs limited to the Sussex Regional Library or do they expand throughout the region?

Many of the questions were answered in the presentation.

**Business Arising:**

Review of Sussex Regional Library as a Regional Infrastructure and to assign it as Regional Infrastructure according to the criteria "Definitions" provided by the Cost-sharing for Sport, Recreational and Cultural Infrastructural guidelines.

It was determined that the community members would share responsibility for facility operations and maintenance.

**Discussion (Questions):**

All 5 criteria were reviewed to determine the designation of the Sussex Regional Library as a Regional Infrastructure.

**Criteria #1 – Ease of Access**

The majority supported this first criteria.

**Criteria #2 – Uniqueness of the infrastructure in the region**

Comment(s)    **(Paul)** Only public library in area.  
                     **(Randy)** meetings could be done elsewhere.

Questions       **(Mark)** Why is the Sussex Regional Library the only one considered for cost sharing?  
Answer           **(Hollis)** its uniqueness is due to no other library near or in the area.

**Criteria #3 – Scale and variety of activities that the library may accommodate compared to other similar infrastructure.**

Comment(s)    **(Gordon)** There are no other infrastructure to compare to.  
                     **(Randy)** the lack of data makes it difficult to compare.

**Criteria #4 – Number of groups and association from with in and out of the region that uses the infrastructure.**

Comment(s)    **(Paul)** There are various groups and associations that use the facility for their services.  
                     **(Gordon)** He was asking for the data in relation to the groups and associations. The answer was given by Rebekah that the data is there but not for individuals.  
                     **(Mark)** He commented on the data not being truthful and would like to see the data.  
                     **(Rebekah)** She will get data for the group if needed.

**Criteria #5 – Impact of infrastructure on region, whether it benefits its population.**

Comment(s)    **(Gordon)** The region would feel the loss of the library.  
                     **(Hollis)** If you didn't have the library what effects would it have on the region.  
                     What assets you would want in your area to attract businesses and professionals in the area.  
                     **(Gordon)** approximately 33000 people would feel the effect of losing the library.

Although the group's majority opinion favored designating the Sussex Regional Library as Regional Infrastructure, no formal motion was introduced or voted upon.

**New Business**

A discussion on should it be funded and by which formula for cost-sharing was brought to the table.  
The current cost-sharing formula is 50/50 model.

Recommendation(s) **(Mark)** for the cost sharing formula was to use the school catchment areas in the area.

**(Randy)** suggested using location footprints to determine the cost sharing.

**Determine the Date for the next meeting.**

Wednesday December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 10h00am (via team or in house)

**Motion to adjourn.**

Motion Carried by John second by Gordon

Meeting Adjourned 11:55AM

  
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John Jarvie, Trustee  
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Gerald Legacy, Recording Secretary