

Over the past weeks, the citizens of Regina have become even more aware of the Regina Public Library, the services it provides and the financial situation that is forcing some difficult decisions on the future of the library.

On December 16, 2003, the Board of the Regina Public Library appointed a five member Task Force of Regina citizens to conduct a comprehensive consultation with residents and groups in Regina regarding the sustainable operation of the Regina Public Library (RPL) system and to report its findings to the RPL Board.

Reporting to the Regina Public Library Board, the Task Force will:

Mandate

1. Conduct an independent review of the process leading to the decision to consolidate facilities and reduce staffing levels.
2. Assess the financial and other circumstances which led to the decision to consolidate facilities and reduce staffing levels.
3. Consult with the public and relevant interest groups regarding the financial and related resource decisions facing the Regina public library system.
4. Seek input and ideas from the public and relevant interest groups regarding existing or alternative options in meeting the library needs of Regina.
5. Seek input and ideas from the public and relevant interest groups regarding ways to maintain or enhance current levels of service.
6. Report to the Regina Public Library Board its findings on the future sustainability of the Regina Public Library system.

Process

7. The Task Force will ensure broad consultation in the form of written submissions, email input, letters, petitions, presentations and public meetings.
8. The Task Force will establish its own process and guidelines for public consultation.
9. In conducting its work, the Task Force will:
 - a. have access to relevant internal reports, studies, data and other information.
 - b. have access through the Regina Public Library, to other library resources and associations.
 - c. have access to internal management resources or external research services.

Timelines

10. The Task Force will serve from the date of appointment until the date that the Task Force reports.
11. The Task Force will report to the Regina Public Library Board on or before March 15, 2004.

Other

12. Service on the Task Force is voluntary and members will receive no remuneration.