



Director's Report

Sechelt Public Library

October 31, 2024 – November 27, 2024

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1. Cover Photo

Hmmm... The sign says “Pets are not permitted in the Lobby or Library”

2. Highlights for October 31 – Nov 27, 2024

- Construction Ongoing for south side Phase 1 building restoration
- Beth Dodds retirement on Thursday November 28, 2024
- Canada Post strike implications
- Ceiling fans and outstanding issues with the flood restoration
- Front door repairs
- Telus issues
- Search for Janette’s position replacement
- Canada Summer Jobs application in
- New furniture (partial) in place
- Langara Student Practicum continues
- Kisses Coast Reporter
- 2024 budget projections (to be discussed in person)
- 2025 budget proposal (to be discussed in person)

3. Friends of the Library Book Faires

Book Faires hosted in the Sechelt Library Community Room:

October 18-20 \$760.60 (despite torrential downpours and SSC annual Art Crawl)
November 15-17 \$1020 (at \$1 each!)

Friends of the Library Appreciation Tea:

Coming Up on Thursday, Dec. 5 (Community Room)

4. Staff Retirement – Article in the Coast Reporter

Beth Dodds will be retiring at the end of November 2024 after almost 26 years in Public Service. Rose Toenders, our Technical Services Supervisor, who just had her 34-year anniversary, is also set to retire in 2025.

Here is the article I wrote for the Coast Reporter announcing their upcoming retirements and attempting to attract new talent to our library. It was printed in the November 15, 2024 edition of the Coast Reporter – along with the photograph.

Sechelt Library Honors 60 Years of Service with Two Upcoming Retirements

Imagine the knowledge, wisdom, and dedication that six decades of combined library experience brings to our community. This month, Sechelt Public Library celebrates the careers of two beloved staff members whose contributions have been invaluable.

Beth Dodds, our Public Services and Interlibrary Loan Supervisor, retires at the end of November 2024 after 26 years of dedicated service. Beth's gentle demeanor, patience, and unfailing kindness have endeared her to both patrons and staff. Her calm presence has been a guiding force at the library, providing a welcoming and supportive environment for all.

Rose Toenders, who has managed our acquisitions and shaped our library's collection for 34 remarkable years, is set to retire later in 2025. Rose's encyclopedic knowledge of our collection and her forward-thinking approach have helped propel Sechelt Library into the future, keeping our community's evolving needs at the heart of her work.

In their careers, Beth and Rose have experienced the library's transformation—from stamping due dates on book return cards to integrating digital resources and offering e-books on Libby. They have served multiple generations, meeting the children and grandchildren of their earliest patrons. Beyond the literary component of a library, they've guided patrons through challenges, milestones, and everyday moments with empathy and dedication. The stories they could share would fill volumes!

As we say goodbye to Beth and anticipate Rose's retirement next year, we are excited to welcome new talent to our team. The Sechelt Library offers career opportunities for those with a passion for library science and a commitment to community service. If you're drawn to making a difference through library work and have library education, there may be opportunities upcoming for you.

For now, we cherish this month with Beth as she wraps up a career that has left a lasting impact on the Sunshine Coast. Thank-you Beth!

Leianne Emery
Director, Sechelt Public Library

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Library honours 60 years of service

With two upcoming retirements, Sechelt Public Library director reflects on decades of community contribution

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SUPPLIED PHOTO

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Rose Toenders (left) and Beth Dodds (right)

5. Appointment of DOS Councilor

We are so sorry to be losing Adam Shepherd as the District of Sechelt representative on our Library Board. Adam has made a significant contribution to the Board in both representing the library for our community and in our community as well as in representing the District of Sechelt. With much appreciation – thank you Adam.

The new District of Sechelt councilor to be appointed to our Library Board will be Councilor Alton Toth with the alternate being Councilor Donna Bell. (see below)



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November 21, 2024

Rhiam Piprell, Chair
Sechelt Public Library Association Board
piprellr@gmail.com

Dear Rhiam,

RE: Council Liaison Appointments

At the Regular Council meeting of November 6, 2024, the following member of Council was appointed as liaison for the Sechelt Public Library Association:

Representative: Councillor Alton Toth
Email: toth@sechlet.ca

Representative: Councillor Donna Bell
Email: bell@sechelt.ca

Remove: Councillor Adam Shepherd

Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at kpoulsen@sechelt.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K Poulsen".

Kerianne Poulsen
Corporate Officer

cc: Leianne Emery, Library Director Leianne.Emery@secheltlibrary.ca

6. Canada Post Strike

The Canadian Union of Postal Workers (CUPW) began a national strike on Friday November 15, 2024. As with any strike, the impacts are enormous but a Canada Post strike effects libraries

directly. Besides mail to and from our vendors, movement of library items across the province and through Canada are affected. Interlibrary loans have been suspended until the strike has ended. There are however, items that can move via courier between Sechelt and Gibsons Library as well as libraries within in the Interlink Library Federation (mostly lower mainland) . These items move via commercial and private couriers. Jessica is also hand delivering whatever vendor invoices we can – eg. Claytons, SCRCD, District of Sechelt, etc...

7. Building Remediation – Exterior of DOS / Library Building

Here are the items being addressed in the south side (Phase 1) restoration:

Basic south side restoration will include:

1. Wall rot assessed and repaired (inside and out)
2. New windows installed
3. Siding removed and replaced with new fiber-cement siding (ie. hardie-board)
4. New aluminum awnings on both levels
5. New building trim
6. Refresh of all exterior beams and posts
7. Landscape improvements and beautification of lawn, benches and sitting areas
8. Trim or remove all wisteria
9. Removal of large tree and removal and relocation of rose bushes away from the building

The anticipated new construction schedule is as follows:

Mid-September 2024:

Exterior Foliage Removal:

DOS Parks Department removes foliage from south side of the building. This includes taking down the large tree beside the Coast Reporter bin and cutting down the wisteria to an 8ft trunk height. If the wisteria roots are impacting the foundation, they will be removed altogether. Where possible, all foliage possible to be saved for use in other areas of Sechelt. **COMPLETED**

September 27, 2024 and onwards:

Set up of Exterior Security Fencing:

After the exterior foliage is removed, Signia will set up security fencing from approximately the area of the Coast Reporter Bin all the way down the south side

sidewalk to the west side of the building (near rec centre). The garbage bin and bike rack will be relocated. The gravel path through the lawn area will still be open to the public wishing to walk through. **COMPLETED.**

Site Work Trailer and Construction Waste Bin Placed:

Signia will be placing their office site trailer, construction material waste bin, and scaffolding in the first five parking spaces at the rec centre nearest to the library. **COMPLETED**

Exterior Wall Assessment:

Signia will commence assessments on the building's south side exterior walls. The wall exterior will be removed to assess the extent of the damage and rot to the wall structures. **ONGOING AND VERY LOUD!** These results (**COMING SOON**) will determine the extent of the necessary repairs on the structure and the interior.

November 18, 2024 Blue Tarps Up – at least they are see-through



November 19, 2024 – loud tapping and drilling of the tools to check for structural integrity on the exterior framing



Interior Wall Repair:

Repairing the interior of the south side wall will affect the library - programs, collection accessibility, and space available to the public. Signia will complete all necessary work one section at a time as to minimize impact on the library, staff and patrons. In each section, it will likely be necessary to move some parts of the collection, furniture and other items while work is proceeding. Some sections, like biography, can remain but shelves will be covered in poly. If the collection cannot be moved, it will impact public accessibility for a short period of time. Signia will block each section off with protective poly and barriers.

The basic construction sections will tentatively be 1 teen area, 2 children's areas (between the beams), magazine/public computer and biography. **TIMING TBD**

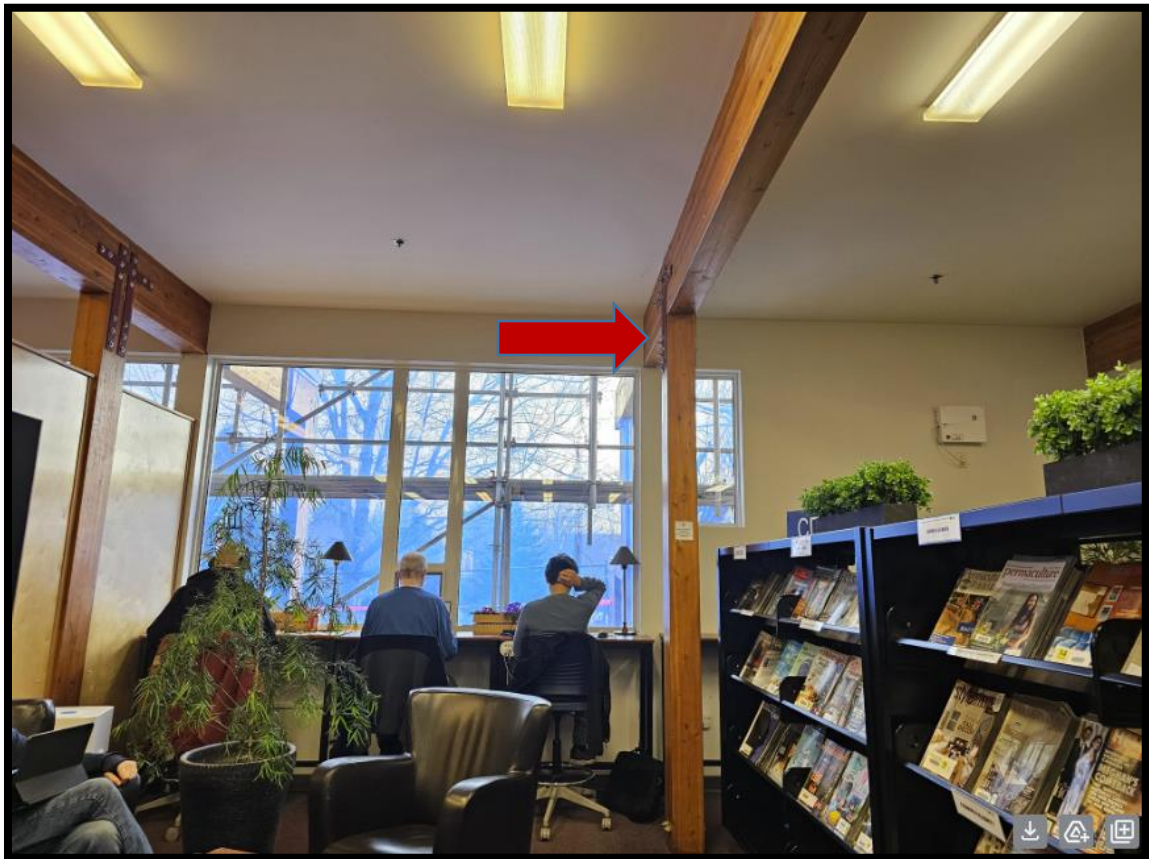
Window Replacement:

All south side windows will be removed and replaced. After the windows arrive (date expected Dec 5 ish), the contractors should be able to replace one or two windows per day. A test window installation will be done first (possible the magazine areas window) so engineering can sign off) **SCHEDULED TO COMMENCE AT THE END OF NOVEMBER 2024**

Interior Beam Replacement (NEW on the schedule for DECEMBER)

It has been determined that an exterior beam will have to be replaced. Unfortunately, this beam also comes into the interior of the library in the magazine and public computer section. This work will entail:

1. Removing drywall from the ceiling in the magazine computer section
2. Assessing the ceiling interior for future temporary supports and other work
3. Temporary patching the ceiling with tarps
4. Removing all the furniture (magazines, public computers, tables chairs, plants etc)
5. Replacing the interior beam
6. Moving everything back



Other Exterior Work:

1. Removal of wooden trellis on both floors and replacement with new aluminum awnings **COMPLETED**
2. Removal of exterior siding and replacement with new pre-painted hardy board **COMPLETED**
3. Removal of brick walls, likely only under the large windows (if necessary) and replacement with fibre-cement siding (ie. hardie-board)
4. Removal and replacement of exterior trim
5. Placement of special trim for mounting seasonal Christmas lights
6. Sanding and restoration (to a natural color) of all reddish colored beams and posts **ONGOING**
7. Restoration of all exterior wooden benches
8. Improvements to the landscape and sitting areas

Note:

All construction power will be routed from the current electric car charging station in the front of the library (not the back). This electric charging station will not be available to the public for the duration of the construction.

8. Insurance Claim - Contents

Ongoing claim reimbursement from the 6 different insurance companies which share the AON policy is slow and painful. About \$15K remains outstanding.

9. November Programming Photos

Puzzle Club



Block Printing





Our crafters, led by Ruth Moore, created one of a kind Christmas cards for the Silverstone staff and residents to use.



Sechelt Library
Laser Tag is
back !

Female engineers in the making...



10. Canada Summer Jobs Program

Our Summer Student application for 2025 has now been completed. We have submitted a federal government application to cover a 10-week employment in summer 2025. As most costs (minimum wage and MERKS) are covered by the federal government, estimated cost to the library itself is about \$1500. This is for 10 weeks of full-time work from our Summer Student in assisting our Children's Programming and Service Coordinator during the hectic Summer Reading Program. We will not know until early 2025 if we are successful in our application.

11. Furniture Project in the Teen area

As a follow up from last month's report, two pieces of metal furniture have been ordered (3 months lead time) and one has been custom built and installed by our carpenter Rob Williams. The custom piece's primary purpose is to give us more room for the graphic novels (which we will eventually be able to do once the two metal pieces arrive). It also gives the teen section a bit more privacy.

Old:



New:



12. Kisses in the Coast Reporter



Iwould like to thank all the wonderful people who work in the medical field here on the Sunshine Coast. From the paramedics who deal with stressful situations every day, to the hospital staff who still treat every person as an individual, and in particular Dr. McCall, who goes beyond her professional duty to make sure her patients are given the best possible care, I am eternally grateful for all you do.

So grateful to Sunshine Coast Appliances for their unwavering expertise and phenomenal customer service. Once again you saved us - this time with a beautiful new stove. Thanksgiving kisses to all RaRu

Kicks to whoever threw trash and empty cans onto the hill of greenery next to Roberts Creek Legion. That's not a garbage pile. Use the Legion's large recycle box that's right there.

A big kiss to the mystery gentleman on Oct. 10 at the BCLC in Gibsons who paid for my order as I ran off to the bank machine when my card malfunctioned! Upon my return to pay for it, the clerk said it was taken care of by a gentleman behind me! I looked around, and saw no one, she could not describe you, nor did she recognize you to tell me who I owed this favour to! So a big kiss and a thank you, for such a wonderful random act of kindness!

Biggest kisses imaginable to the mail carrier this week who looked out for one of our more vulnerable community members. Your extra care, concern and attention does not go unnoticed. We are lucky to have you.

Cheers to the Grade 7 students coming back to Roberts Creek school on the bus after their climb up Soames Hill on Oct. 17. What an absolute pleasure it was to have you talk with me about soccer and volleyball and your last year in elementary school. Thank you for offering me your seat on the bus too. I am so impressed with your social skills and politeness. I wish you great things as you enter high school next year. You are true leaders.

A pot full of honey to Richard Austin for bringing his magical readings to Pooh (Winnie that is!) and all Pooh's friends, to the Sechelt library. Your reading brings them to life!

Deserving their own kisses are the library staff for their welcome creative setting, from the film image of the cozy library, to the welcome tea and cookies. It really had to be seen to be believed!

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