
Special Thanks

To the Friends of The Bonfield Public Library for sponsoring many events during this term:

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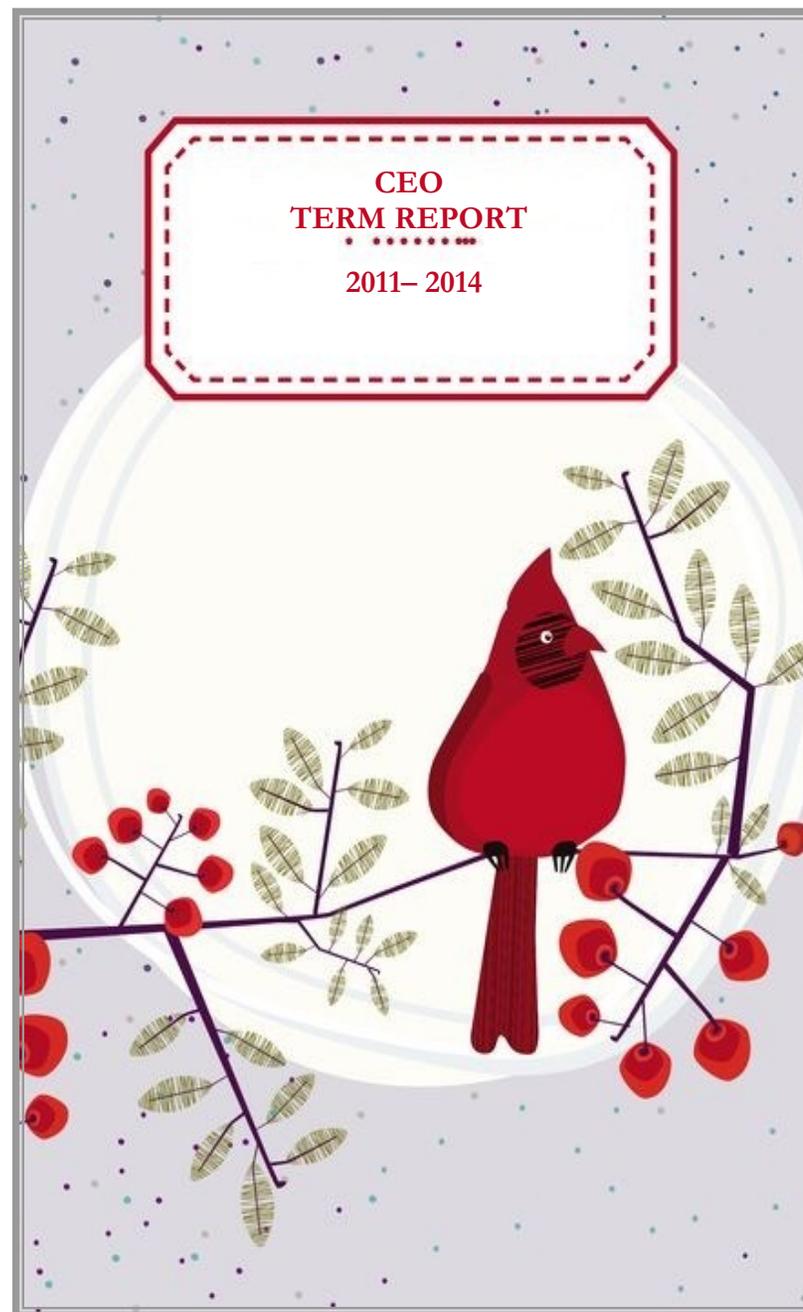
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I wish to also acknowledge the Friends financial contribution during this term toward the outdoor drop off box, television series project, the Kobo eReader project, eBooks, overdrive license, portable projector screen, three (3) 9" deep shelves, early years program, books, DVD's, large print books and the up-coming French large print book pool. Acknowledgement to the Lion's Club for their financial contribution to our overdrive license fee and the English large print book pool. The Golden Age Club for the use of their facilities and the Dinner Bell for their contribution in sponsoring *the Magic & Comedy of Jean Deshaies*.

Recognition to Mr.Vincent Gagné, Greg Boxwell, Jim McCutcheon, Tamela Price-Fry, the fellows from the Bonfield Township Garage, Township Staff, the Bonfield Public Library Staff for their helping hands and to all who advocated for our library, I am much obliged.

Thank you!

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Four years has gone by We accomplished many milestones through this term and for that reason I am very grateful, thank you to all. Our first Board meeting was called on January 31st, 2011 with the election of officers. Present were Greg Boxwell, Robert Rice, Tami Price-Fry, Leslie Larocque, Storme Van Russell, and Jeannette Shields. Greg Boxwell was nominated Chairperson, Leslie Larocque Vice-Chair, Storme Van Russell Secretary/Treasurer.

Through our continuing affiliation with PALS (Public Academic Library Services) We were able to offer our patrons the opportunity to meet with author Jane Urquhart on October 12, 2011 at Nipissing University and through our partnership with the BSRCN (Blue Sky Region Community Network) Luc Marion offered a variety computer workshops to the residents of Bonfield Township in the summer of 2011.

This Board received two *Capacity Building Grants* (\$2,358.00) made available in April of 2011 to up-date our adult English non-fiction book collection by replacing and adding 140 books. The Second *Capacity Building Grant* (\$1,136.00) was utilized in 2013 to purchase a new Apple iPad and Cover and Large Print Books. Service Ontario Grants (\$500.00) was made available annually during this Board's Term to purchase printer cartridges and/or toners.

It was a great seven years (2005-2012) working with OCB-DNSSAB (Ontario Child Benefits-District of Nipissing Social Service Administration Board). We were able to provide a wonderful service for children and/or families in need by providing an after school program. As of March 12, 2012 the library Board approved the restructuring of the library operating hours and the new staff schedule to soften the blow of the loss of this service and to continue to grow and expand to better meet the needs of our community.

1995-2012 Community Access Program (CAP) Initially, Industry Canada focused on rural communities, where Internet access was less available. It aimed to provide Canadians with affordable public access to the Internet and the skills they needed to use it effectively. Letters were mailed out in May, 2012 from the Board to Ministers supporting the continuation of CAP. Funding continues to support our connectivity for which we are grateful.

The annual *TD Summer Reading Club* has been successful in inspiring children to spend more time reading books during the summer months. This annual summer program was developed by the Toronto Public Library in partnership with The Toronto Dominion Bank and Library Archives Canada in which each Public Libraries in Ontario receives incentives (stickers, booklets, posters) to distribute during their summer reading program. During this Board tenure 134 children participated in this annual summer reading program at the Bonfield Public Library.

February, 2012 payment of \$760.00 dollars was issued to "Precise Carpentry & Home Improvement" for the construction and installations of new bookshelves which expanded the young adults book section. July, 2012 the installation of our new \$1,360.69 outdoor drop box was accomplished. A new front door was installed on February 27, 2013 which corrected the problem with locking and securing the premises.

The summer of 2012 we said farewell to Nancy Renwick, Library Assistant and to Cheryl Lemieux. On November 7, 2012 we welcomed Kristina Vincent as our new Library Assistant.

With the closure of the *Employment Resource Centre* in Bonfield, DNSSAB approached the Library with a *memorandum of understanding (M.O.U.)* which was accepted by the Board in October, 2013 in which DNSSAB would reimburse .25cents per photo-copy and/or print that relates to employment searches.

2013-2014 (10 months) we experienced an historical municipal labour dispute. The Library remained open.

During this term, new policies were created or revised to facilitate the management of the Library day to day affairs and to be in compliance with legislations.

It is with great appreciation to receive financial donations from individual members of our community, Mrs. Storme Van Russell - 2011, \$50.00 dollars donation was utilized to augment our children's book section, Mrs. Frances Tanner and Maddison Lawrence \$50.00 dollars donations were inserted into our 2011 library operating budget to offset some of the costs associated in offering the Early Years Program (The Sandman Story Hour) and Mr. & Mrs. "M" - 2014 \$100.00 President Choice Gift Certificate is supporting the library awareness program by offering an innovative campaign *Library Bingo*.

The Bonfield Public Library implemented a couple of creative library awareness programs during this term to bring our services to the forefront. We introduced the *Value of Your Library Calculator* during public library week in 2011 with astonishing results: within 33 hours of service 146 people were served; 273 items were checked out \$4,393 was the final tally at the end of the week which patrons would have paid-out-of pocket if not for their library. *Blind Date with a Book* 50 people participated in this campaign. Most were pretty good sports and were "intrigued" by the selection with which they wound up. A few of them were reading outside of their comfort zones and had less than favourable responses to the titles. Of course, there were the hopeless romantics who fell in love with their books at first sight. For patron appreciation we offered a *Valentine Draw* and most recently *The Great Pumpkin Give-Away*.

We hope to continue in the footsteps of this Board in order to serve our community to the best of our capability.
