

## Library Advisory Board Follow Up

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Good evening Dr. Fox,

It has been brought to my attention that you have publicly posted and plan to have a Victoria Public Library Advisory Board Meeting tomorrow Wednesday April 10<sup>th</sup> at noon. I know that the bylaws state you have the ability to call for special meetings and I know this has been your intent since first emailing staff last week wanting to do so. However, coordination and collaboration with staff is required in order for that to happen. The current bylaws state that, "The Library Director or delegate shall prepare, after consultation with the Chair, a written agenda for Board meetings which summarizes all matters to be presented to the Board. This agenda shall be distributed by the Library Director or delegate to the Board at least three (3) days before any regularly called meeting of the board.". Not only did you not coordinate with Jessica for this meeting but the posting procedures were inconsistent with those the city follows for transparency, consistency and accessibility purposes.

It is clear that you are intentionally bypassing city staff, processes and procedures. I will not stand for this level of disrespect you are showing city staff and the way we conduct business. Consequently, I am not authorizing Jessica to participate in this meeting tomorrow and will direct staff to not have any communication/interactions with you or any library advisory board member for the foreseeable future. Additionally, I will direct staff to not facilitate any upcoming quarterly meetings until I have time to make recommendations to City Council on how to proceed. I plan to recommend bylaw changes to City Council that adequately provide the clarity, structure and direction this board needs.

I am blind copying all library advisory board members so that they are aware of my plan and are aware that the meeting you have called for tomorrow is NOT a City sanctioned meeting.

Thank you,

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