LIBRARY BOARD MEETING
FLIN FLON PUBLIC LIBRARY
ROTARY ROOM — 12.00 NOON LUNCHEON
7th JULY 1995

Attendance: Bob Frazer, Murray Smith, Bill Hanson, Buzz Trevor, Bunny Burke,
Gretta Redahl.

1. Call meeting to order 12:15 p.m.

2. New Business

The Community Technology Action Committee: Kent Lewarne, John Chipman,
Graham Wood and Ken Shoemaker met with the Library Board of Director to
discuss the Community Free Net.

A discussion follow up from the presentation and proposal put forward by
Michael Gillespie, on behalf of Blue Sky Freenet (a community network
operated by volunteers from across Manitoba) on Wednesday June 28th,
held in the Rotary Room.

The details of what I proposed are:

1. Rent a "terminal server port" in Cranberry Portage from MBnet for $100/year;
2. Rent a telephone line at Cranberry Portage from MTS for approx $25/month;
3. Purchase (or borrow) a 14,400-baud modem (~$150) to be located at Cranberry Portage, connected
between items #1 and #2 above. Jack can do the hookup.

That's it.

Once that is done, you can dial into that telephone number (with no toll charge) and access Blue Sky.
This can be done by anyone from anywhere. If you do not publicize the telephone number, the library
system could be the sole access point in your community. However, it makes sense to allow others to
dial into the number when the library is closed.

We will create a menu and home page system for your area on the "core" computer system at Winnipeg. We
will give any users you select the ability to modify, create, delete information on "your" community
network. There is no cost for this. We will administrate the user IDs and passwords for you for the
time being.

People dialing into that phone number will be greeted by a "Welcome to the Flin Flon Community Network"
message. People from around the world will also have access to your home page, so it becomes a "Window
on Flin Flon"!

One single telephone line will allow people in your area to get acquainted with the idea of the
communiy network, but it will become frustrating for users to get busy signals when that one line is in
use. To allow more people to access the system simultaneously from your area, simply repeat setps 1
trhough 3 above as many times as is necessary. MTS can set it up so that the multiple phone lines can
be accessed with a single phone number. Try and get a "fancy" number from MTS, such as 472-0000 or
472-1234.

We would like to contribute to the costs of getting this started in Flin Flon. I don't know the numbers
yet, but I expect that we could pickup the install charges and the monthly rentals for about 90 days.

Please call me if you have any further questions.

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3. MOTION: by Buzz Trevor that we try out the proposed Blue Sky Freenet
connection for a 90 day period, providing it is confirmed that
we can discontinue the connection without penalty at the end
of the 90 day period.

Seconded : by Murray Smith.

CARRIED.

4. MOTION: by Bill Hanson that the meeting be adjourned at 1:00 p.m.