



## THE CITY OF RED DEER LIBRARY BOARD

**6:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 29, 2025**  
**Snell Auditorium**

### Minutes

**Present:** Nicole Camara, Natalie Day Lazenby, Shelley Odishaw, Lauren Pezzella, Brian Quigg (virtual), Laura Thevenaz Zachary Woods, Councillor Dianne Wyntjes

**Regrets:** Maureen McCall, Jerry Moore

**Guests:** Tatiana Tilly, Library and Community Strategic Initiatives Manager

**Staff Support:** Shelley Ross (CEO), Michelle Hollebeke (minutes)

**Welcome and Chair's Remarks** – Shelley Odishaw called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Land acknowledgement:** We acknowledge that the land we meet on today is located at the border of Treaty 6, to the North of the Red Deer River, and Treaty 7, to the South of the Red Deer River. We honour and respect the culture, ceremonies and stories of the many nations who made a home on these lands - including the Cree, Blackfoot, Nakota Sioux, Iroquois, Dene, Ojibway, Saulteaux and Inuit - and that this area is a long-established meeting place of the Métis. We are grateful for the traditional knowledge-keepers: elders past, present and emerging. May we live with respect on this land and in peace and friendship with its people.

**Conflict of Interest Declaration** – none were declared.

#### 1. Approval of Agenda

- a. MOTION:** That the Board approve the agenda as amended to reflect removal item 4.a. with subsequent relettering of items as the Committee postponed the January meeting.

**PEZELLA / THEVENAZ CARRIED**

#### 2. Strategic Discussion and Board Development – Youth Literacy program overview by Tatiana Tilly, Library and Community Strategic Initiatives Manager

- A brief summary of the program was shared along with statistics. Last year showed a marked increase in learners due to demand in the community and an increase referrals from teachers. While waitlists have been common due to demand, sourcing volunteer tutors for teens remains challenging.

#### 3. Approval of Minutes from the November 27, 2024 Board Meeting

- a. MOTION:** That the Board approve the minutes from the November 27, 2024 Organizational meeting and Board meeting as presented.

**THEVENAZ / WOODS CARRIED**

#### 4. Report from Planning and Finance Committee

- a. MOTION:** That the Board approve the 2024 Plan of Service Action Plan - Final Report as presented.

**WOODS / THEVENAZ CARRIED**

**b. MOTION: That the Board approve the 2025 Plan of Service Action Plan – Draft as presented.**

- the Board will postpone approval until the February meeting to discuss potentially adding additional goals.

**c. MOTION: That the Board approve the Public Library Services Branch (PLSB) 2024 Survey as presented.**

**WOODS        /        WYNTJES                    CARRIED**

**5. Report from Personnel and Administration Committee**

- The January Committee meeting was postponed until February.

**6. Report from The Friends of the Red Deer Public Library**

- AGM to be held on Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> - 5:30 p.m. Board members are welcome to attend.

**7. Information Items**

**- Board Out and About –Board member advocacy reports (discussion)**

- The Board praised the Winter Festival events held in December.

**- [November](#) and [December](#) 2024 Monthly Highlights**

**8. Adjournment**    - Zach Woods adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

**Next Board Meeting: February 26, 2025 @ 6:00 p.m.**