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THE CITY OF RED DEER LIBRARY BOARD

6:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 26, 2025
Timberlands Branch

Minutes

Present: Nicole Camara, Maureen McCall, Jerry Moore, Lauren Pezzella, Brian Quigg, Laura Thevenaz Zachary Woods, Councillor Dianne Wyntjes

Regrets: Shelley Odishaw, Natalie Day Lazenby

Staff Support: Shelley Ross (CEO)

Welcome and Chair's Remarks – Jerry Moore called the meeting to order at 6:04 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.
- 9. Approval of Agenda
 - a. MOTION: That the Board approve the agenda as presented.

CAMARA / PEZZELLA CARRIED

- 10. Strategic Discussion and Board Development Nicole Camara, MCG Careers
 - Nicole shared highlights of the work the HIRED program does in supporting those experiencing barriers in gaining employment by offering various supports to assist clients through skill development and coaching.
- 11. Approval of Minutes from the January 29, 2025 Board Meeting
 - a. MOTION: That the Board approve the minutes from the January 29, 2025 Board meeting as presented.

PEZZELLA / CAMARA CARRIED

- 12. Report from Planning and Finance Committee
 - a. MOTION: Recommend to the Board that they accept the November 2024 financial statements as presented for information purposes only.

WYNTJES / CAMARA CARRIED

b. MOTION: Recommend to the Board that they accept the *pre-audit* December 2024 financial statements as presented for information purposes only.

WYNTJES / CAMARA CARRIED

c. MOTION: That the Board approve the 2025 Plan of Service Action Plan – amended draft as presented.

PEZZELLA / CAMARA CARRIED

- 13. Report from Personnel and Administration Committee
- 14. Report from The Friends of the Red Deer Public Library
- 15. Information Items
 - Board Out and About -Board member advocacy reports (discussion)
 - January 2024 Monthly Highlights
- **16. Adjournment** Jerry Moore adjourned the meeting at 6:58 p.m.

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