



THE CITY OF RED DEER LIBRARY BOARD

6:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 26, 2025
Snell Auditorium

Minutes

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

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

Welcome and Chair's Remarks - Shelley Odishaw called the meeting to order at 5:58 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.

17. Approval of Agenda

a. MOTION: That the Board approve the agenda as amended to add Board survey sub-committee discussion to Item #21.

MOORE / WYNTJES CARRIED

18. Approval of Minutes from the February 26, 2025 Board Meeting

a. MOTION: That the Board approve the minutes from the February 26, 2025 Board meeting as amended to reflect that Board Member Laura Thevenaz was not present at the February meeting.

MCCALL / PEZZELLA CARRIED

19. 2024 RDPL Audit Presentation – Nikki Hansum and Kris Poulsen, RSM

a. MOTION: That the Board accept the 2024 Financial Statements and Auditor's Report as presented.

MOORE / WOODS CARRIED

20. Report from Planning and Finance Committee

- Monthly statement approval postponed to April meeting due to the audit.
- Per Board Policy 2.3.8, a motion was called to apply excess of revenue to the Financial Stabilization Reserve.

a. MOTION: That \$127,714, which represents excess of revenue over expenses, move to the Financial Stabilization Reserve.

MOORE / PEZZELLA CARRIED

21. Report from Personnel and Administration Committee

- Proposed Board Retreat June 28, 2025 – a tour of several EPL libraries is being planned.
- Board survey subcommittee members Lauren Pezzella, Laura Thevenaz and Nicole Camara to meet in April to develop a Board self-evaluation survey.

22. Report from The Friends of the Red Deer Public Library

- AGM took place in March, new members joined the Board.

23. Information Items

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

- CBC Daybreak Alberta live broadcast at the Library Café on March 15th was well attended
- Some members of attended a Roberts Rules seminar held in Leduc

- [February 2025](#) Monthly Highlights

24. Adjournment - Brian Quigg adjourned the meeting at 6:53 p.m.

Next Board Meeting: April 30, 2025 @ 6:00 p.m.