



THE CITY OF RED DEER LIBRARY BOARD

6:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 28, 2025
Snell Auditorium

Minutes

Present: Nicole Camara, Maureen McCall, Jerry Moore, Shelley Odishaw, Lauren Pezzella, Brian Quigg, Zachary Woods

Regrets: Natalie Day Lazenby, Laura Thevenaz, Councillor Dianne Wyntjes

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

Welcome and Chair's Remarks - Shelley Odishaw called the meeting to order at 6:05 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.

33. Approval of Agenda

a. **MOTION:** That the Board approve the agenda as presented.

MCCALL/QUIGG CARRIED

34. Approval of Minutes from the April 30, 2025 Board Meeting

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MCCALL/WOODS CARRIED

35. Strategic Discussion and Board Development – Political Use of Library Space proposed policy

- P&A to discuss further at the June committee meeting

36. Report from Planning and Finance Committee

a. **MOTION:** Recommend to the Board that they accept the April 2025 financial statements as presented for information purposes only.

WOODS/MOORE CARRIED

37. Report from Personnel and Administration Committee

-Summer Reading Club has commenced
-Upcoming Board retreat set for June 28

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

- With a broad selection that enticed customers of all ages, the May book sale was a success.

39. Information Items

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

- **[April](#) Monthly Highlights**

- Youth Literacy open house invitation
- Filipino Street Fest Aug 10
- CoRD will be accepting applications for new Board appointments starting in September

40. Adjournment - Shelley Odishaw adjourned the meeting at 6:38 p.m.

Next Board Meeting: June 25, 2025 @ 6:00 p.m.