



THE CITY OF RED DEER LIBRARY BOARD

6:00 p.m. Wednesday, June 25, 2025
Snell Auditorium

Minutes

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

Regrets: Maureen McCall

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

Welcome and Chair's Remarks Shelley called the meeting to order 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.

41. Approval of Agenda

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

MOORE / PEZZELLA CARRIED

42. Approval of Minutes from the May 28, 2025 Board Meeting

a. MOTION: That the Board approve the minutes from the May 28, 2025 Board meeting as presented.

CAMARA / PEZZELLA CARRIED

43. Strategic Discussion and Board Development

a. Erin Peden, Executive Director with Community Foundation of Central Alberta -an overview of Library endowment funds was shared.

b. 2025 Plan of Service Action Plan Progress Report – a summary of Library activities held to meet the goals of the 2025 plan were shared with the group.

c. Proposed Policy - Political Use of Library Spaces

– a motion to adopt was moved after amending a portion of the proposed policy currently covered in Policy 3.2 -Appropriate Use Policy.

MOTION: That the Board adopt proposed Policy – Political Use of Library Spaces as amended.

THEVENAZ / QUIGG

CARRIED

44. Report from the Planning and Finance Committee

- June committee meeting postponed until after summer recess in September.

45. Report from Personnel and Administration Committee

- a. **MOTION: To change Board Bylaw – Schedule “B”: Penalty Provisions Item 3, Lost/Damaged Costs - second bullet, to “In the event an Interlibrary Loan item is lost or damaged by a RDPL cardholder, the item cost charged to the cardholder will be the amount invoiced for the item from the lending library including any processing fees. The extent of damage to the item is assessed by the lending library and is non-negotiable.”**

THEVENAZ / WYNTJES

CARRIED

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

- May Book Sale sales totaled over \$2100. \$500 was recently donated to the Summer Reading Club.

47. Information Items

- **Board Out and About –Board member advocacy reports (discussion)**
- Adult Literacy Volunteer Appreciation night
- Solstice Potluck organized by the Urban Indigenous Voices Society in celebration of the Summer Solstice and National Indigenous Peoples Day.
- Youth Literacy Volunteer Appreciation
- **May Monthly Highlights**

48. Adjournment - Laura Thevenaz adjourned the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

Next Board Meeting: September 24, 2025 @ 6:00 p.m.