



THE CITY OF RED DEER LIBRARY BOARD

March 25, 2026

6:00 p.m., Waskasoo Kiwanis Boardroom

Minutes

Present: Torben Andersen, Natalie Day Lazenby, Maureen McCall, Lauren Pezzella, Brian Quigg, Laura Thevenaz, Blair Wilson (Zoom), Zach Woods

Regrets: Joseph Fittes

Absent: Councillor Adam Goodwin

Guests: Leon Pfeiffer (RSM Edmonton, Zoom), Marsha Smalley (RSM Red Deer)

Staff Support: Shelley Ross (CEO) (minutes)

Chair Laura Thevenaz called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Welcome and Chair's Remarks

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

16. Approval of Agenda

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

Day Lazenby / Andersen

CARRIED

17. Approval of Minutes from the February 25, 2026 Board Meeting

a. **MOTION:** That the Board approve the minutes from the February 25, 2026 Board meeting as presented.

McCall / Pezzella

CARRIED

18. 2025 RDPL Audit Presentation – RSM

a. That the Board accept the 2025 Financial Statements and Auditor's Report as presented pending the resolution of the new anonymous donation establishing a fund at the Community Foundation of Central Alberta.

Thevenaz / Woods

CARRIED

19. Report from the Planning and Finance Committee

- a. **MOTION: To recommend that the Board accept post-audit December, January and February informational financial statements.**

Andersen / Pezzella

CARRIED

- b. **MOTION: To recommend that the Board approve that \$112,304 reported as excess revenue over expenses in the audited financial statements be moved to the Financial Stabilization Reserve.**

- Deferred until audit is finalized.

20. Report from the Personnel and Administration Committee

- a. **MOTION: To recommend that the Board remove clause 'Infection control is the responsibility of the patron when using library materials. Please contact the library if you require an extension to due dates due to illness' from Policy 3.3 - Use of Library Materials.**

Thevenaz / Pezzella

CARRIED

- b. **MOTION: To recommend that the Board approve moving Policy 2.2 – Organization, 2.2.3.1.2: The Personnel and Administration Committee 'Plans Board development and continuing education including an annual retreat and the Board development component of meetings' to 2.2.3.1.1: The Planning and Finance Committee.**

Thevenaz / Pezzella

CARRIED

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

- Friends thanked the Board members who attended the AGM. A donation of \$1,000 was gifted to the Friends. Former Chair Shelley Odishaw is the new VP, joining former Board Member Jerry Moore. Spring book sale set up starts April 15th with the book sale running Apr 22nd – 26th. Next meeting is April 1st. The Friends will be paying for the costs of library van upfitting after the casino.

22. Information Items

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

-Members provided positive feedback on the Library's Tic Toc, enjoying its often comedic takes on library life.

- **February Monthly Highlights**

- Blind Date with a book, Adult Storytime offerings were discussed.

23. Adjournment

Laura Thevenaz adjourned the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

Next Meeting: April 29, 2026 @ 6:00 p.m.