

Cornwall Public Library Board Meeting

Wednesday, February 26, 2025

Members Present:

Virtually :

Gabrielle Fecteau (vice-chair), Carilyn Hébert, Ryan MacKay

Saima Naqvi, Stephanie McMartin – CEO,

In-person :

Jennifer Jarvis (chair) Lindsay Below

Pierre Dufour – Manager, Recording Secretary

Regrets: Chantal Tranchemontagne, Carol Boileau

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:52 p.m.

a) Land Acknowledgement:

We want to begin by acknowledging that the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Haudenosaunee Peoples, specifically the Kanien'keha:ka (Mohawk).

b) Declarations of conflict of interest: None declared

c) Additions/Deletions/Approval of the Agenda:

Stephanie McMartin requested to have item 5a (Lay Appointee Committee) removed from the agenda.

2025-05 Motion to approve the agenda as amended: Moved by Lindsay Below, seconded by Gabrielle Fecteau.

Motion carried.

2. Consent Items

a) Minutes of January 22, 2025

2025-06: Motion to approve the minutes as amended to include the motion to accept Gabrielle Fecteau's as vice-chair by acclimation moved by Denise Nielson seconded by Ryan MacKay. Motion was carried.

Moved by Gabrielle Fecteau, seconded by Ryan MacKay.

Motion carried.

b) Financial report of December 2024

A discussion took place concerning the December financial report and the funding for the Library in 2025. Stephanie McMartin provided insights into the planned allocation of these funds for the year, addressing various general financial inquiries.

2025-07 Moved by Ryan MacKay, seconded by Gabrielle Fecteau.

Motion carried.

3. Communication/Reports

a) Library Activities Report

Pierre Dufour – Manager – Programming & Marketing

Pierre reported that although January is a slower period for programming, this year we successfully delivered sixty-eight programs, twenty-eight of which were conducted in partnership, attracting a total attendance of 771 individuals. Additionally, planning for Family Day and Black History Month has been completed, and we have commenced preparations for March Break.

4. New Business

a) Freedom to Read Week

Stephanie reminded everyone that this week, from February 23 to March 1, marks Freedom to Read Week. She elaborated on the ongoing issue of book bans and challenges occurring throughout the province and elsewhere.

5. Business Arising

a) Maintenance and Capital Repairs

Stephanie reported on what measures may be taken with some of the public washrooms in the library. She also touched upon the leaking roof issue and the HVAC tender process. Work on the front steps repairs remains to be completed.

6. **Round table**

The members presented a series of upcoming events in the city to the board, highlighting the Youth Engagement Fair and the Job Fair, as reported by Carilyn Hebert.

7. **In Camera**

In accordance with the Ontario Public Libraries Act Section 16 (4)(d) Labour relations.

2025-08: Motion to move In Camera by Linday Below seconded at 5:35 p.m. by Gabrielle Fecteau.

Motion carried.

2025-09: Motion to move the meeting out of camera at 5:50 p.m. moved by Ryan MacKay and seconded by Linday Below.

Motion carried.

7. **Next meeting:** March 26, 2025, at 4:45

8. **Adjournment:** 5:56 pm. Moved by Linday Below, seconded by Saima Naqvi.