



BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, May 26, 2026 6:36 pm | West Perth Public Library, 105 St. Andrew St., Mitchell ON

PRESENT:

Jesse Britton (Chair), Andrew Fournier, Annamarie Murray, Kelly Reimer, Allison Schultz, Kim Wolf

REGRETS:

Anne Melady, Jacqueline Timmermans

STAFF PRESENT:

Laura Bere (CEO)

*West Perth Public Library is a welcoming space
where everyone can explore, connect, and learn*

1. Call to Order

J. Britton calls the meeting to order at 6:36pm.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by: A. Murray

Seconded by: A. Schultz

THAT the Agenda is approved as written.

Carried 10-2026

3. Declarations of Conflicts of Interest

There are no declarations of conflicts of interest.

4. Consent Agenda

Approval of the Board Minutes of the meeting on April 21, 2026, CEO's Report, the Monthly Statistics Report and the Monthly Financial Reports (Accounts Payable) – April 2026.

Moved by: K. Reimer

Seconded by: A. Schultz



THAT the Consent Agenda: Board minutes of April 21, 2026, CEO's Report, the Monthly Statistics Report and the Monthly Financial Reports from April 2026 are approved and accepted as information.

Carried 11-2026

5. Business Arising

6. New Business

6.1. Elevator Quote

Moved by: A. Fournier

Seconded by: K. Reimer

THAT the funds be taken from reserves to move forward with the provided quote for elevator repair.

Carried 12-2026

6.2. Allocation of Surplus Funds

Moved by: K. Reimer

Seconded by: A. Murray

THAT money from surplus funds be allocated to needed technology upgrades.

Carried 13-2026

7. Policies/Plans

7.1. Online Communications

7.2. Community Information and Displays

7.3. Workplace Discrimination and Harassment

7.4. Use of Technology

Public policies are reviewed, edited, and approved for the Library's website.

Moved by: A. Fournier

Seconded by: A. Murray

THAT the *Online Communications, Community Information and Displays, Workplace Discrimination and Harassment, and Use of Technology* policies are approved without edits.

Carried 14-2026

8. Board Education & Advocacy

8.1. CFLA-FCAB Bill 28 Statement & Letter



8.2. Advocacy

West Perth Public Library looks for partnership and advocacy opportunities to address community needs and interests. Further to this, the Library seeks to bring provincial and federal services to West Perth for the convenience of all its residents. Recent collaborations include the following:

- J. Britton shared that the Dungeons & Dragons program is over for the season. Youth week was a huge success.
- A. Schultz shared positive feedback about the Storywalk.
- A. Fournier shared that the community gardens in partnership with the seed bank are going very well.

West Perth Public Library is grateful to all volunteers and partner organizations who help to bring fun, educational, affordable programs and services for all ages into the community.

9. Other

A. Fournier shared that he has collected used tech devices to send to school libraries in Africa. Discussion about whether this could be an ongoing initiative with the library as a drop-off location. CEO will investigate.

10. Next Meeting

Tuesday, June 16, 2026. 6:30pm. West Perth Public Library.

11. Adjournment

Moved by: A. Fournier

THAT we do now adjourn: 7:06pm

Carried 15-2026

Jesse Britton, Chair

Laura Bere, CEO