



## Board Meeting Minutes

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<b>Date and Time:</b>	Tuesday, March 18, 2025
<b>Location:</b>	West Perth Public Library, 105 St. Andrew Street, Mitchell ON
<b>Present:</b>	Jesse Britton, Andrew Fournier, Annamarie Murray, Kelly Reimer, Allison Schultz
<b>Regrets:</b>	Anne Melady, Jacqueline Timmermans, Kim Wolf
<b>Staff Present:</b>	Rosemary Minnella

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

### **1. Call to Order**

Jesse Britton, Board Chairperson, calls the meeting to order at 6:42pm.

### **2. Approval of the Agenda**

Moved by: Andrew Fournier

Seconded by: Annamarie Murray

That the Agenda is approved as written.

Carried 10-2025

### **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 held on February 18, 2025, the Monthly Statistics Report, and the CEO Quarterly Highlights – Winter 2025.

Moved by: Annamarie Murray

Seconded by: Kelly Reimer

That the Consent Agenda: Board minutes of February 18, 2025, the Monthly Statistic Report, and the CEO Quarterly Highlights – Winter 2025 are approved and accepted as information.

Carried 11-2025

## **5. Business Arising**

### **5.1. 2024 Annual Report**

Annual statistics pertaining to the Library's collections, programs, services, spaces and resources are submitted to the Ministry of Tourism, Culture & Gaming, and summarized in an Annual Report for public information. The 2024 Annual Report is posted on the Library's website and forwarded to Municipal Council for information.

## **6. New Business**

### **6.1. 2024 Valuing Ontario Libraries Toolkit (VOLT) Social Return on Investment**

In 2023, the Ontario Library Service introduced a toolkit for public libraries to evaluate their annual statistics to measure social impact. Tailored algorithms and formulae—created by the Ontario Library Service and the Nordik Institute—evaluate annual statistics to measure a community's social return on investment (SROI) for its library's many resources. The SROI is shown in dollar values that the library provides to individuals and households per open hour per year.

The CEO will present 2024 West Perth Public Library VOLT results to the Library Board at its April 15, 2025 meeting.

## **7. Policies/Plans**

### **7.1. Advocacy and Political Engagement**

### **7.2. Prevention of Workplace Violence**

### **7.3. Programming and Community Partnerships**

### **7.4. Use of Technology**

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

Moved by: Allison Schultz

Seconded by: Kelly Reimer

That the *Advocacy and Political Engagement, Prevention of Workplace Violence, Programming and Community Partnerships, and Use of Technology* policies are approved as updated.

Carried 12-2025.

## **8. Board Education & Advocacy**

### **8.1. Education:** [The war on books that's dividing a small town | The Fifth Estate](#)

The recently televised episode pertaining to book banning in Valleyview, Alberta is discussed.

### **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:

- The Library is working with Mitchell District High School to provide a student co-op work placement opportunity until June;
- The Library has reached out to Family Services Perth-Huron to organize regular visits to West Perth. Family Services offers counselling and assistance with a variety of social supports;
- Dungeons & Dragons at the West Perth Youth Centre begins a new session series this week, with more than twenty participants including volunteers, in partnership with West Perth Public Library.

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**

No other agenda items are discussed.

## **10. Next Meeting**

Tuesday, April 15, 2025. 6:30pm. West Perth Public Library.

## **11. Adjournment**

Moved by: Annamarie Murray

Seconded by: Allison Schultz

That we do now adjourn: 7:46pm

Carried 13-2025

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Jesse Britton, Chair