Peterborough Public Library

Peterborough Public Library Board Minutes

Library Board Room

October 7, 2025

Present	Councillor Crowley Laurianne Gruzas Gerry McBride Jayne White, Chair Linda Kehoe
Regrets	Jim Russell Gillian Sandeman
Staff	Stacy Dedlow, Committee Support Specialist Laura Gardner, Collections Acquisition Librarian Sheldon Laidman, Commissioner of Community Services

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m.

Land Acknowledgement

Confirmation of Minutes

Moved by Linda Kehoe

That the minutes of September 9, 2025 be approved as amended.

Carried

Presentations

Investment Update Report, Report PPL25-033

Moved by Gerry McBride

That Report PPL25-033, Investment Update Report, be deferred to the next meeting.

Carried

Financial Update and Draft 2026 Budget, Report PPL25-036

Darren Hancock, City's Chief Accountant, presented the 2026 budget report to the Board.

Moved by Gerry McBride

That the Peterborough Public Library Board directs Darren Hancock to change the name of the Library Foundation Fund to the Peterborough Public Library Board Fund; and

That the Library Foundation Endowment Fund be known as the Peterborough Public Library Board Endowment Fund.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Crowley

That the Library Board approve the recommendations as outlined in Report PPL25-036 dated October 7, 2025, as follows:

a) That the report from the City's Chief Accountant to inform the Library Board on the status of the 2025 operating budget be received for information; and

b) That the draft 2026 budget be received for information; and

At the Board meeting on October 7, 2025, the Committee added the following:

c) That the Peterborough Public Library Board requests that the contributions to reserves budget line (used for collections acquisition) be set back to 2024 levels at $432,877

Carried

Darren Hancock left the meeting at 6:42 p.m.

Moved by Councillor Crowley

That Acting Library CEO Report - Report PPL25-032, 2026 Meeting Dates Report - Report PPL25-035 and Update from the Friends of the Library Report - Report PPL-034, be approved on consent.

Carried

Acting Library CEO Report, Report PPL25-032

That the Library Board approves the recommendation outlined in Report PPL25-032, dated October 7, 2025, of the Interim Library CEO, as follows:

That the report to inform the Library Board on general matters concerning Library operations be received for information.

2026 Meeting Dates, Report PPL25-035

That the Peterborough Public Library Board approve the recommendation outlined in Report PPL25-035, dated October 7, 2025, of the Acting Library CEO as follows:

That the 2026 meeting schedule be approved.

Update from the Friends of the Library, Report PPL25-034

That the Library Board approve the recommendation outlined in Report PPL25-034 dated October 7, 2025 of the Acting Library CEO, as follows:

That the report on the status of the Friends of the Peterborough Public Library be received for information.

Other Business

Chair Position

Moved by Linda Kehoe

That the Peterborough Public Library Board approves Laurianne Gruzas to Chair the November meeting in Jayne White's absence.

Carried

Next Meeting - November 4, 2025

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Crowley

That this meeting adjourn at 6:52p.m.

Carried

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Stacy Dedlow

Committee Support Specialist

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Jayne White

Chair