Peterborough Public Library

Peterborough Public Library Board Minutes

Library Board Room

January 13, 2026

Present	Councillor Crowley Laurianne Gruzas Gerry McBride Jim Russell Gillian Sandeman Jayne White, Chair Linda Kehoe Hannah Buck
Regrets	Cecile Popp
Staff	Stacy Dedlow, Committee Support Specialist Laura Gardner, Collections Acquisition Librarian Melissa Redden, Director, Peterborough Public Library / CEO

Call to Order

The Committee Support Specialist called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Land Acknowledgement

Election of Officers

The Committee Support Specialist called for nominations for position of Chair.

Moved by Gillian Sandeman

That Jayne White be appointed as Chair of the Peterborough Public Library Board for 2026.

Carried

Election of Vice-Chair

The Committee Support Specialist called for nominations for the Vice-Chair position.

Moved by Jim Russell

That Laurianne Gruzas be appointed as Vice Chair of the Peterborough Public Library Board for 2026.

Carried

Jayne White assumed the Chair and called for the appointments of Secretary, Treasurer and Auditor.

Appointment of Secretary, Treasurer and Auditor

Moved by Laurianne Gruzas

That the City Clerk or designate be appointed Secretary of the Peterborough Public Library Board; and

That the City Treasurer be appointed Treasurer of the Peterborough Public Library Board; and

That Baker Tilly be appointed as the auditor of the Peterborough Public Library Board.

Carried

Confirmation of Minutes

Moved by Linda Kehoe

That the Peterborough Public Library Board minutes of November 4, 2025 be approved.

Carried

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

Consent Agenda

Moved by Councillor Crowley

That 2026 Amended Meeting Dates, Report PPL26-003, be passed on consent.

Carried

Reports

2026 Amended Meeting Dates, Report PPL26-003

That the Peterborough Public Library Board approve the recommendation outlined in Report PPL26-003, dated January 13, 2026, of the Library Director and CEO as follows:

That the amended 2026 meeting schedule be approved.

Library Director and CEO Report, Report PPL26-001

Moved by Gerry McBride

That the Peterborough Public Library Board approves the recommendation as outlined in Report PPL26-001 dated January 13, 2026, of the Library Director and CEO as follows:

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

Carried

2026 Library Budget, Report PPL26-002

Moved by Laurianne Gruzas

That the Peterborough Public Library Board approve the recommendations outlined in Report PPL26-002, dated January 13, 2026, of the Library Director and CEO as follows:

a) **That the Peterborough Public Library Board adopt the 2026 Budget of $4,631,724.**

b) **That the Peterborough Public Library Board approves the use of $32,000 from the Library Materials Acquisition Reserve for the 2026 collection acquisitions budget to total $399,535.**

Carried

2026 Draft Annual Agenda Planner, Report PPL26-004

Moved by Councillor Crowley

That the Peterborough Public Library Board approve the recommendations outlined in Report PPL26-004, dated January 13, 2026, of the Library Director and CEO as follows:

a) **That the Peterborough Public Library Board review and discuss the Draft 2026 Annual Agenda Planner.**

b) **That the Peterborough Public Library Board approve the 2026 Annual Agenda Planner.**

Carried

2026 Board Planning Subcommittees, Report PPL26-005

Moved by Councillor Crowley

That the Peterborough Public Library Board approve the recommendations outlined in Report PPL26-005, dated January 13, 2026 of the Library Director and CEO as follows:

a) **That the Peterborough Public Library Board establish a subcommittee composed of the Chair or Vice-Chair and three (3) members to draft, review, and revise the Board Bylaws.**

b) **That the Peterborough Public Library Board establish a subcommittee composed of the Chair or Vice-Chair and three (3) members to prepare a draft Board Legacy document.**

c) **That the two (2) subcommittees be directed to bring the draft documents to a Library Board meeting in 2026 for final review and approval.**

Carried

Moved by Councillor Crowley

That the Peterborough Public Library Board appoints Gerry McBride, Linda Kehoe, Gillian Sandeman and Jayne White to the By-law subcommittee; and

That Gillian Sandeman, Laurianne Gruzas and Jim Russell are appointed to the Legacy Subcommittee.

Carried

Strategic Planning Process, Report PPL26-006

Moved by Laurianne Gruzas

That Peterborough Public Library Board approve the recommendation outlined in Report PPL26-006, January 13, 2026 of the Library Director and CEO as follows:

That Report PPL26-006 be received for information.

Carried

Moved by Linda Kehoe

That the Peterborough Public Library Director and CEO provide the Board with a progress report of the strategic plan.

Carried

Other Business

Laurianne Gruzas requested a verbal update on the Miskin Law Library Branch name at a future meeting.

Gerry McBride provided a Friends of the Library update.

Next Meeting - February 10, 2026

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Crowley

That this meeting adjourn at 6:51 p.m.

Carried

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Stacy Dedlow

Committee Support Specialist

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Jayne White

Chair