Peterborough Public Library Board Minutes

Library Board Room

March 10, 2026

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

Call to Order

The Vice-Chair called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Land Acknowledgement

Confirmation of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Crowley

That the Peterborough Public Library Meeting minutes of February 10, 2026 be approved.

Carried

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

There were no disclosures of Pecuniary Interest.

Consent Agenda

Moved by Gerry McBride

That Report PPL26-016, 2026 Annual Agenda Planner is approved on consent.

Carried

2026 Annual Agenda Planner, Report PPL26-016

That the Peterborough Public Library Board approves the recommendation as outlined in Report PPL26-016 dated March 10, 2026, of the Library Director and CEO as follows:

That the report to outline core agenda items for the Peterborough Public Library Board in 2026 be approved.

Presentations

Investment Update, Report PPL26-014

Catherine Johnston, Wealth Advisor Johnston Wealth Management, provided an update on the Board's investments.

Moved by Gillian Sandeman

That the Library Board approve the recommendations outlined in Report PPL26-014, dated March 10, 2026, of the Library Director and CEO, as follows:

That the verbal report on the status of the Library's financial investments be received for information; and

That the Library Board approve the updated RBC Investment Policy.

Carried

Moved by Gerry McBride

That the Library Board endorses the updates in the provided RBC Investment Policy.

Carried

Catherine Johnston left the meeting at 5:49 p.m.

Reports

Library Director and CEO Report, Report PPL26-015

Moved by Councillor Crowley

That the Peterborough Public Library Board approves the recommendation as outlined in Report PPL26-015 dated March 10, 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

Library Services Report, Report PPL26-017

Moved by Gerry McBride

That the Library Board approves the recommendation as outlined in Report PPL26-017 dated March 10, 2026, of the Interim Library Services Manager as follows:

That the report to inform the Library Board on core Library Services be received for information.

Carried

Subcommittees Updates, Report PPL26-018

Moved by Linda Kehoe

That the Library Board approve the recommendation outlined in Report PPL26-018 dated March 10, 2026 of the Library Director and CEO, as follows:

That the report on the status of the Board Legacy and Board Bylaws and Governance subcommittee work be received for information.

Carried

Board Recruitment, Report PPL26-019

Moved by Cecile Popp

That the Peterborough Public Library Board approves the recommendation as outlined in Report PPL26-019 dated March 10, 2026, of the Library Director and CEO as follows:

That the report to inform the Peterborough Public Library Board on current practices and process for Library Board recruitment be received for information.

Carried

Room Booking Policy, Report PPL26-020

Moved by Jim Russell

That the Library Board approve the recommendations outlined in Report PPL26-020 dated March 10, 2026, of the Library Director and CEO as follows:

That the updated Room Booking Policy be approved.

Carried

CRA Business Number, Report PPL26-021

Moved by Linda Kehoe

That the Library Board approve the recommendation outlined in Report PPL26-021 dated March 10, 2026, of the Library Director and CEO as follows:

That the Board accepts the transfer of historical information pertaining to the Peterborough Public Library from the 119091973RR0001 business number and hereby authorizes Canada Revenue Agency to create a new business number under the name of the Peterborough Public Library Board.

Carried

Other Business

Gerry McBride provided a brief Friends of the Library update.

Next Meeting - April 14, 2026

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Crowley

That this meeting adjourn at 7:04p.m.

Carried

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Stacy Dedlow

Committee Support Specialist

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Laurianne Gruzas

Vice-Chair