Peterborough Public Library

Peterborough Public Library Board Minutes

Library Multi-Purpose Room

September 9, 2025

Present	Linda Kehoe Laurianne Gruzas Gerry McBride Jim Russell Gillian Sandeman Jayne White, Chair
Regrets	Councillor Crowley
Staff	Joe Crooks, Acting Director, Cultural Services 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 Laurianne Gruzas

That the Peterborough Public Library Board meeting minutes of June 3, 2025 be approved.

Carried

Moved by Gerry McBride

That the Peterborough Public Library Board meeting minutes of June 10, 2025 be approved.

Carried

Moved by Jim Russell

That the Peterborough Public Library Board meeting minutes of June 25, 2025 be approved.

Carried

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest

Presentations

2024 Auditors Report, Report PPL25-031

Joanna Park, Library Auditor, from Baker Tilly presented the auditor's report to the Board.

Moved by Gillian Sandeman

That the Library Board approve the recommendation outlined in Report PPL25-031, dated September 9, 2025, of the Acting Director, Cultural Services, as follows:

That a verbal report to inform the Library Board of the status of the library's accounts by the Auditor be received for information.

Carried

Joanna Park left the meeting at 6:12 p.m.

Reports

Library Services Report September 2025, PPL25-027

Moved by Linda Kehoe

That the Library Board approves the recommendation as outlined in Report PPL25-027 dated September 9, 2025, of the Acting Manager, Library Services as follows:

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

Carried

2026 Draft Operating Budget, Report PPL25-028

Moved by Laurianne Gruzas

That the Library Board approves the recommendations outlined in Report PPL25-028, dated September 9, 2026, of the Acting Director, Cultural Services as follows:

a) **That the hours of operation at the Main Branch are adjusted to close at 7pm on Monday through Friday; and**

b) **That the budget saving recommendations in the report are endorsed.**

Carried

Moved by Jim Russell

That the Library Board acknowledges the work of Joe Crooks on behalf of the City and profound engagement of library staff in planning, envisioning a future for the library and service to the community.

Carried

Update from Acting Director of Cultural Services, Report PPL25-029

Moved by Jim Russell

That the Library Board approves the recommendation as outlined in Report PPL25-029 dated September 9, 2025, of the Acting Director of Cultural Services:

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

Carried

Policy Review, Code of Conduct, Report PPL25-030

Moved by Laurianne Gruzas

That the Peterborough Public Library Board approve the recommendation outlined in Report PPL25-030, dated September 9, 2025 of the Acting Library Services Manager as follows:

That the updated Library Code of Conduct policy be approved as amended, to include and/or in the wording.

Carried

Other Business

Gerry McBride provided an update on the Friends of the Library.

Sheldon Laidman, Laura Gardner and Joe Crooks left at 6:42 p.m.

Moved by Jim Russell

That the Library Board meet in closed session to discuss one item under Municipal Act, 2021 Section 239(2)(b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees.

Carried

Moved by Jim Russell

That this meeting adjourn at 7:09 p.m.

Carried

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Stacy Dedlow

Committee Support Specialist

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Jayne White

Chair