



Dryden Public Library Board
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
 Held on May 19, 2026 in the Library

Present	Matthew Benson Susan Reany Iskra Karen Smith Angie Barton Caroline Goulding - CEO
Regrets	Nancy Rosaasen Suzanne Lockyer Catherine Kiewning
Guests	

1.0	Call to Order & Land Acknowledgement	The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 5:13 pm.	
2.0	Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes	Motion 26- THAT the Dryden Public Library Board approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 20, 2026 as amended. <i>Deferred as the attending Board members didn't attend the last meeting</i>	
3.0	Approval of the Agenda	Motion 26-34 THAT the Dryden Public Library Board approve the agenda as presented. Moved by A Barton; seconded by S Reany Iskra. APPROVED.	
4.0	Delegations	None	
5.0	Declaration of Conflict of Interest	None declared.	
6.0	Reports	6.1 CEO Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ See attached ○ Tentative dates have been set with EarlyON for us to host their programs while they are undergoing renovation. ○ C Goulding has planned a meeting with the new Deputy Treasurer. 	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Presentation to the Lions was deferred to September as C Goulding was sick. A presentation to Entente (formerly RTO) is being planned. <p>6.2 Statistical Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ See attached ○ Usage trends continued in April. Our trends are similar to what other libraries in Ontario are experiencing. Locally, we have not been able to book as many class visits as usual, likely do to curriculum restraints. Staff have plans to change approaches to school outreach so that programs either offer curriculum support to do not take away from instructional time. ○ C Goulding revised the graphs to reflect the new stats, feedback is welcomed. ○ C Goulding is continuing to work with IT to refine website and Wi-Fi reporting. ○ hoopla circulation is changing. In hoopla the monthly budget is divided into a daily budget, unused portions of a daily budget can be rolled forward to the next day. This has meant that at the start of the month only 1-2 items can be checked out by all users. Moving forward the budget will only reset at the start of the year, allowing for a better user experience. <p>6.3 Financial Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Revenue targets have been met for the year. Staff work to ensure that grants and donations increase service offerings. <p>6.4 Health and Safety Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ See attached <p>6.5 Building Maintenance Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ See attached ○ The supplies for the repairs from the Fire Inspection report have been ordered and work should be completed by the end of May. 	<p>Action: C Goulding to reach out to hoopla to increase the January budget, so that the same bottleneck to circulation does not occur.</p>
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7.0	Decision Items	<p>7.1 Policy Approvals 7.1.1 FN-03 Intellectual Freedom Motion 26-36 THAT the Dryden Public Library Board approve FN-03 Intellectual Freedom, as amended. Moved by K Smith; seconded by S Reany Iskra. APPROVED.</p> <p>7.1.2. OP-17 Accessibility Motion 26-37 THAT the Dryden Public Library Board approve policy OP-17 Accessibility, as amended. Moved by A Barton; seconded by S Reany Iskra. APPROVED.</p>	
8.0	Advocacy	<p>8.1 Meeting with Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions Staff C Goulding participated in a meeting as a part of the Federation of Ontario Public Library’s Safety and Security campaign along with FOPL’s and OLA’s EDs, two staff members from our government relations firm, and Toronto City Librarian M Hosseini-Ara. The meeting was for information sharing purposes in advance of an expected meeting with the Minister.</p>	
9.0	Other Business/Questions	<p>9.1 Strategic Plan Update 9.1.1 Vision & Mission Statement Selection Motion 26-38 THAT the Dryden Public Library Board approve the Strategic Plan’s Vision & Mission Statement as presented. Moved by S Reany Iskra; seconded by A Barton. APPROVED.</p> <p>9.2 Security Gates (closed session PLA 16.1(4)(a) the security of the property of the board</p>	

		<p>Motion 26-39 THAT the Dryden Public Library Board move to a closed session. Moved by A Barton; seconded by S Reany Iskra. APPROVED.</p> <p>Motion 26-40 THAT the Dryden Public Library Board return from a closed session. Moved by A Barton; seconded by S Reany Iskra. APPROVED.</p> <p>No motions arose within the closed session.</p>	
10.0	Information Items	<p>10.1 OP-03 Privacy C Goulding reviewed proposed changes to the policy. It was originally written before having a separate Records Management policy, she is suggesting removing all pieces that are covered in other policies.</p> <p>10.2 OP-04 Access to Information</p> <p>10.3 Draft Combined OP-03 & OP-04 Since OP-04 is quite short and the linked City policy combines both topics, C Goulding has drafted a combined version of the policies for Board consideration.</p> <p>10.4 Board Member Job Description C Goulding is asking the Board to review and approve the Board Member Job Description at the June meeting in advance of beginning Board Member recruitment in the Fall.</p> <p>10.5 FOPL Letter re: Alberta's Bill 28</p>	
11.0	Next Meeting	Monday, June 15 at 5:00pm	
12.0	Adjournment	Motion 26-42 THAT the Dryden Public Library Board adjourn at 6:08 pm. Moved by A Barton. APPROVED.	