



Dryden Public Library Board
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
 Held on April 20, 2026 in the Library

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

1.0	Call to Order & Land Acknowledgement	The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 5:08 pm.	
2.0	Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes	Motion 26-25 THAT the Dryden Public Library Board approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 24, 2026 as presented. Moved by S Lockyer; seconded by C Kiewning. APPROVED.	
3.0	Approval of the Agenda	Motion 26-26 THAT the Dryden Public Library Board approve the agenda as presented. Moved by C Kiewning; seconded by S Lockyer. 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 ○ C Goulding went into more detail regarding FOPL's campaign. She met with the Executive Director of FOPL regarding the campaign to provide a rural, northern perspective. She was asked to join FOPL's Government Relations working group and be a spokesperson for the campaign. She had agreed to 	

		<p>join both, with the caveat that she will not participate in any live interviews. The campaign may shift to focusing on the budgetary impact of safety and security issues on libraries.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Staff are in the process of securing freezer space for the BBQ, which will be held on June 10th. <p>6.2 Statistical Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ See attached ○ Physical video circulation is down 44%, staff have proposed to pilot a change to circulation limits over the summer. ○ The Board agreed to a pilot from June – September, the circulation limit will be raised to 10/user for one week. Staff will bring a report to the September Board meeting outlining the impact of the pilot, including circulation, in-person visits, and material losses. ○ Overall, print circulation is down 15% and digital circulation is up 19%. ○ Staff are continuing to experiment with eResources. The item type per item budget limits will adjusted to the average price for the item. After a trial period staff with assess the budgetary impacts. Staff are also experimenting with advertising when we have physical copies of items with high digital holds and buying single circulations for holds with high waitlists. Staff are trying to identify ways to increase access within budget and staff capacity limits. ○ Board agreed to switch to the expanded stats. <p>6.3 Financial Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Deferred. No report received due to finance staff being away. <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 City submitted an application to the Enabling Accessibility Fund for the lift. <p>6.6 2026 Workplan Quarterly Review</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ See attached 	<p>Action: C Goulding to confirm with IT that patron computers are not included in Wi-Fi counts.</p>
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7.0	Decision Items	<p>7.1 Policy Approvals</p> <p>7.1.1 OP-11 Public Internet Use Policy Motion 26-28 THAT the Dryden Public Library Board approve policy OP-11 Public Internet Use, as amended. Moved by S Lockyer; seconded by C Kiewning. APPROVED.</p> <p>7.1.2. OP-21 Public Computer Use Motion 26-29 THAT the Dryden Public Library Board approve policy OP-21 Public Computer Use, as amended. Moved by N Rosaasen; seconded by C Kiewning. APPROVED.</p> <p>7.2 Christmas Hours C Goulding presented proposed holiday operating hours: - Monday, December 21 – Wednesday, December 23: 9-4 - Thursday, December 24 – Monday, December 28: Closed - Tuesday, December 29 – Thursday, December 31: 9-4 - Friday, January 1 – Saturday, January 2: Closed Motion 26-30 THAT the Dryden Public Library Board approve the proposed Christmas Hours, as presented. Moved by C Kiewning; seconded by N Rosaasen. APPROVED.</p>	
8.0	Advocacy	<p>8.1 Council Presentation The presentation went well, C Goulding distributed a link to the Strategic Plan Survey after the presentation.</p> <p>8.2 Rotary Presentation</p>	

		C Goulding presented to Rotary about library services, focusing on those services people might not know about. The presentation was very well received. She also distributed the survey link to Rotarians. C Goulding has reached out to other groups to present to them as well.	
9.0	Other Business/Questions	<p>9.1 Strategic Plan Update - No discussion.</p> <p>9.2 Security Gates (closed session PLA 16.1(4)(a) the security of the property of the board Motion 26-31 THAT the Dryden Public Library Board move to a closed session. Moved by C Kiewning; seconded by S Lockyer. APPROVED.</p> <p>Motion 26-32 THAT the Dryden Public Library Board return from a closed session. Moved by N Rosaasen; seconded by S Lockyer. APPROVED.</p> <p>No motions arose within the closed session.</p> <p>9.3 Social Return on Investment Report The return on investment of Library funding is excellent.</p>	
10.0	Information Items	<p>10.1 FN-03 Intellectual Freedom The policy sub-group drafted a revised version of the policy. It focuses on making the statement more plain language and adds some pieces from the newly revised BC Libraries Association statement.</p> <p>10.2 OP-17 Accessibility Only recommended change is to the training section.</p> <p>10.3 FOPL Spring Advocacy Brief</p>	
11.0	Next Meeting	Tuesday, May 19 at 5:00pm	
12.0	Adjournment	Motion 26-24 THAT the Dryden Public Library Board adjourn at 6:46 pm. Moved by S Lockyer. APPROVED.	