Kenora Public Library Board – Minutes

Date: Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2026
Time: 4:45 p.m.
Location: Kenora Public Library & Microsoft Teams

Attending In Person: M. Poirier, S. Stasyna, E. Kaldeway, R. McMillan, L. Moncrief, A. Smith, C. Alcock

Attending Virtually: T. Fullmer, C. Marginet, J. Williams,

Absent/Regrets: C. Moorley

Call to Order at 4:45 p.m.

Respect and Acknowledgment Declaration

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest – None declared.

Approval of Consent Agenda

#043-2026 moved by R. McMillan, second by C. Marginet, that the following consent agenda be approved:

1) Agenda for tonight's meeting
2) Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, June 24, 2026
3) CEO Report to Sept. 15, 2026, and statistical reports for June, July, and August 2026

Amendments to the agenda:

1) Remove closed session
2) Add to Other - Library Board applications, Truth and Reconciliation Book Sharing and other initiatives

#044-2026 moved by E. Kaldeway, second by R. McMillan that the Kenora Public Library Board accept the 2025 Audit Findings Report.

#045-2026 moved by S. Stasyna, second by E. Kaldeway that the Kenora Public Library Board accept the 2025 Annual Report.

#046-2026 moved by E. Kaldeway, second by J. Williams that the following correspondence be received:

1) Theresa Wilson, Pinecrest Home for the Aged to Kenora Public Library
2) Kenora & Lake of the Woods Regional Community Foundation to Fund Holders – Kenora Public Library |Agency Fund Statement, and 2025 Annual Report.

#047-2026 moved by R. McMillan, second by C. Marginet that the following financial reports be received:

1) YTD Budget vs. Actual
2) TD Mutual Fund Statement – Apr. 1-June 30, 2026

#048-2026 moved by S. Stasyna, second by E. Kaldeway that the Memorandum of Agreement between the Kenora Public Library Board and CUPE Local 191 regarding the introduction and bargaining of a Joint Benefit Plan be approved, and the appropriate signing officers be authorized to sign it on behalf of the Board.

Other

1) Library Board Applications are now available for the 2027-2030 term. Crystal will forward the information through email. It can be found on the City website at https://forms.kenora.ca/City-of-Kenora-Boards-and-Committees-Application
2) Truth and Reconciliation Book Sharing – 2026 book choice is 52 Ways to Reconcile: How to Walk with Indigenous Peoples on the Path to Healing. A copy as shared with each board member to read and pass on to someone else. Staff will participate in a city staff reconciliation learning journey on Sept. 29, 2026, and we also have book displays up in the library, along with activities for the public.
3) Give Like Dolly – the library will be honouring Dolly Parton's commitment to Imagination Library by hosting a fun event at the library on Sept. 25. This event will kick off a weeklong giving challenge encouraging donations to support the local Imagination Library program which mails books monthly to almost 300 local children.
4) Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design – NET Review – staff have discarded items according to policy to clear room on the shelves in our non-fiction area. In doing so, they have better sightlines through the stacks and can monitor problem areas better.
5) Kenora EarlyON – staff have been hired and are settling in over the next little while allowing some open hours.
6) Ontario Library Boards Association – Federation of Ontario Public Libraries is keeping library governance on the radar, so it doesn't become eroded. An increase to the Public Library Operating Grant is still being advocated for. Everyone should have received a copy of Inside OLBA recently. The theme for Ontario Library Super Conference in 2027 is Plugged In.

#049-2026 moved by L. Moncrief, that the meeting adjourns at 5:49 p.m.