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**MINUTES OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH MEETING OF THE GREATER SUDBURY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD**

September 25, 2025
Hybrid Meeting

Commencement: 5:20 p.m.
Adjournment: 6:05 p.m.

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| **PRESENT** | P. Arora, M. Bellmore, M. Lamarche, T. Laughren, D. McIntosh, A. Thomson |
| **REGRETS** | E. Benoit, K. Bowman, S. Lavallie |
| **STAFF** | Brian Harding, CEO and Chief Librarian<br>Mette Krüger, Manager of Libraries and Heritage Resources |
| **GUESTS** | n/a |
| **CALL TO ORDER** | Meeting was called to order at 5:20 p.m. |
| **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT** | The Greater Sudbury Public Library serves a community located on the lands of the Anishnawbek Peoples and within the territory of the Robinson Huron Treaty of 1850. This is the traditional territory of Atikameksheng Anishnawbek, the Wahnapitae First Nation and the Sagamok First Nation. Greater Sudbury Public Library gratefully acknowledges these Indigenous Nations for their guardianship of this land. |
| **DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF** | None declared |
| **AGENDA** | The following motion was presented:<br><br>2025-137 P. Arora / T. Laughren<br><br>**THAT** the agenda of the TWENTY-FIFTH meeting of the Greater Sudbury Public Library Board, September 25, 2025, be approved as amended.<br><br>**CARRIED** |
| **CONSENT AGENDA** | The following motion was presented:<br><br>2025-138 D. McIntosh / A. Thomson<br><br>**THAT** the Consent Agenda be approved<br><br>**CARRIED** |
| **CLOSED SESSION** | *No items* |
| **PRESENTATIONS** | 8.1 New Central Library Update (Brian Harding / Mette Kruger) |

M. Kruger and B. Harding delivered a verbal presentation updating the Board on the progress of the New Central Library project, including the design process, Indigenous design, and the Technology project. In the Technology project update, B. Harding mentioned the features that RFID could offer to us. If RFID is adopted, it will lead to a procurement process.

8.2 2025 Summer Reading Club Update

M. Krüger gave a verbal report to recap Summer Reading Club. The goals of this year's SRC were to offer engaging, high-quality programs, nurture a love of reading, and provide enjoyable in-branch experiences for patrons. The program featured a reading incentive, and we were able to award 2 grand prizes this year. Overall, we had 30,000 checkouts during this 7 week period of time. M. Krüger recognized the staff who contributed, and the cross-departmental work that led to such success.

GSPL has applied for a SRC award that could go towards a children's area renovation.

**ITEMS FOR ACTION**

None

**REPORTS**

10.1 Chair's Report (Michael Bellmore)

M. Bellmore gave a verbal report to the Board. He attended the Indigenous blessing ceremony for the Cultural Hub, and is excited to see the linkages to the Events Centre. He commended the work done on the Summer Reading Club to encourage young people to read.

10.2 Governance Committee Chair's Report (Ashley Thomson)

A. Thomson presented the Annual Survey of Board Preferences and the Board Meeting Evaluation to the Board.

10.2.1 Annual Survey of Board preferences

A. Thomson shared the Annual Survey of Board preferences. This should relate to the calendar year for 2026 and encouraged Board members to complete the survey in time to be presented at the next Board meeting.

The following motion was presented:

2025-139 M. Lamarche / A. Thomson

**THAT** the Annual Survey of Board Preferences be approved

**CARRIED**

10.2.2 Board Meeting Evaluation

A. Thomson shared the Board Meeting Evaluation with the members of the Board to get their feedback on how satisfied they are with how meetings are run. A. Thomson (Chair of Governance Committee) will send this evaluation out twice a year.

The Governance committee discussed some training opportunities on topics including the understanding of Board members' risk and liabilities, and on insurance and legal issues. B. Harding can provide training on the insurance and legal measures offered for Board members. A. Thomson also mentioned wanting to review our By-Laws in comparison to other CULC member libraries.

The following motion was presented:

2025-140 M. Lamarche / P. Arora

**THAT** the Board Meeting Evaluation be approved

**CARRIED**

10.3 CEO's Report (Brian Harding)

B. Harding shared a written report.

A.T. is excited we are getting the Marketing Specialist

**ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

11.1 Report – Capreol Library/CSC Relocation Feasibility Study

B. Harding shared a written report about the Capreol Library/CSC Relocation Feasibility Study. The project is progressing, led by the City but the Library is also part of the team. There is an opportunity to create some spaces in the Millennium Centre that could be shared among the different tenants which would save overall space. GSPL staff are fairly confident the Millennium Centre could meet our needs. A report is expected at Council this Fall.

11.2 Report – New Sudbury Library Renovation

B. Harding provided a written report to the Board, and there have been some updates. We had planned to occupy a temporary space during the renovations, but that fell through. The new plan is to operate at a reduced capacity within the New Sudbury space (separated from the construction area), with limited services offered starting likely within a week of the commencement of construction. During the time of full closure, staff from the location are being redeployed to other branches.

**CORRESPONDENCE** *No items*

**OTHER BUSINESS** *No items*

**ADJOURNMENT** The following motion was presented:

2025-140 T. Laughren / P. Arora

**THAT** this meeting does now adjourn. Time: 6:05 p.m.

**CARRIED**

Brian Harding, CEO

Michael Bellmore, Chair