

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

October 23, 2025  
Hybrid Meeting

Commencement: 5:19 p.m.  
Adjournment: 6:46 p.m.

**PRESENT**

M. Bellmore, E. Benoit, K. Bowman, M. Lamarche, T. Laughren, S. Lavallie A. Thomson

**REGRETS**

P.Arora, D. McIntosh

**STAFF**

Brian Harding, CEO and Chief Librarian  
Colin Burns, Administrative Coordinator of Library Resources  
Mette Krüger, Manager of Libraries and Heritage Resources

**GUESTS**

n/a

**CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order at 5:19 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 Wahnapiatae 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:

2025-142 A. Thomson / E. Benoit

**THAT** the agenda of the TWENTY-SIXTH meeting of the Greater Sudbury Public Library Board, October 23, 2025, be approved as presented.

**CARRIED**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

The following motion was presented:

2025-143 K. Bowman / A. Thomson

**THAT** the Consent Agenda be approved

**CARRIED**

**CLOSED SESSION**

*No items*

## **PRESENTATIONS**

*No items*

## **ITEMS FOR ACTION**

### **9.1 Report – 2026-2027 Operating Budget**

B. Harding shared a verbal report. The Board reviewed the 2026–2027 budget proposal, which is aligned with the City’s multi-year process, noting no formal budget direction was provided by Council this year. The proposed increase was reduced to 5%, driven mainly by fixed costs such as staffing, CGS program support, and utilities, with limited control over 80% of expenses.

Capital requests include \$100K annually for repairs and \$180K for New Sudbury Library shelving, to be drawn from Library reserves. Future budgets will rise with the New Central Library requiring new FTEs.

The budget presentation to Council is scheduled for Nov 12, and deliberations Dec 2–4.

The following motion was presented:

2025-144 M. Lamarche / K. Bowman

**THAT** the Greater Sudbury Public Library Board approve the 2026/2027 operating budget as presented.

**AND THAT** the Greater Sudbury Public Library Board approve the allocation of \$100,000 in the 2026 budget year and \$100,000 in the 2027 budget year from the Library and Citizen Services Reserve Fund to the Library’s Minor Capital Repair fund.

**AND THAT** the Greater Sudbury Public Library Board approve the allocation of up to \$180,000 in the 2026 budget year from the Library and Citizen Services Reserve Fund for the purchase of shelving at the New Sudbury Library.

**AND THAT** the Greater Sudbury Public Library Board direct the CEO and Chief Librarian to present the approved 2026 and 2027 operating budget estimates and capital budget requests to City of Greater Sudbury Council in accordance with the Public Libraries Act.

**CARRIED**

### **9.2 Report – 2024 Audited Financial Statements**

B. Harding shared a written report. This is a routine requirement for the Board to approve in order to apply for the provincial Public Library Operating Grant. The audited statements were accepted by the Audit & Finance Committee. No anomalies were found in this year’s report. Next year we can expect to see comments about the Audit that was conducted in 2025.

The following motion was presented:

2025-145 T. Laughren / S. Lavallie

**THAT** the Greater Sudbury Public Library Board approve the 2024 Audited Financial Statements.

**REPORTS**

*No items*

**ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

*No items*

**CORRESPONDENCE**

*Liisa Lenz: invitation to present budget November 12*

**OTHER BUSINESS**

*No items*

**ADJOURNMENT**

The following motion was presented:

2025-146 M. Lamarche / A. Thomson

**THAT** this meeting does now adjourn. Time: 6:46 p.m.

**CARRIED**



Brian Harding, CEO



Michael Bellmore, Chair