

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

December 18, 2025
Hybrid Meeting

Commencement: 5:32 p.m.
Adjournment: 6:01 p.m.

PRESENT M. Bellmore, E. Benoit, K. Bowman, S. Lavallie, D. McIntosh

REGRETS P. Arora, M. Lamarche, T. Laughren, A. Thomson

STAFF Brian Harding, CEO and Chief Librarian
Mette Krüger, Manager of Libraries and Heritage Resources
Laura Lavigne, Manager of Patron Experience
Danielle Bulhoes, Coordinator of Public Services

GUESTS n/a

CALL TO ORDER Meeting was called to order at 5:32 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:

2025-156 K. Bowman / E. Benoit

THAT the agenda of the TWENTY-EIGHTH meeting of the Greater Sudbury Public Library Board, December 18, 2025, be approved.

CARRIED

CONSENT AGENDA The following motion was presented:

2025-157 S. Lavallie / D. McIntosh

THAT the Consent Agenda be approved

CARRIED

CLOSED SESSION *No items*

PRESENTATIONS *No items*

ITEMS FOR ACTION

9.1 Report – Director Resignation – Ashley Thomson

M. Bellmore gave a verbal report. Ashley Thomson has resigned from the Library Board for personal reasons. Michael thanked Ashley for all of his work, especially with the Governance Committee and Finance Committee.

The following motion was presented:

2025-158 K. Bowman / D. McIntosh

THAT the Greater Sudbury Public Library Board accept (with regrets) the resignation of Ashley Thomson and recognize Mr. Thomson's service to the Greater Sudbury Public Library.

AND THAT the GSPL Board directs the CEO and Chief Librarian to inform the Clerk for the City of Greater Sudbury of a vacancy in the membership of the Board.

CARRIED

9.2 Report – Governance Committee Chair Appointment

B. Harding presented a report recommending that the Board appoint a new Chair for the Board's Governance Committee following the resignation of A. Thomson. M. Bellmore acknowledged that M. Lamarche has made significant contributions to the Governance Committee and nominated her as the next Chair of that Committee.

The following motion was presented:

2025-159 S. Lavallie / K. Bowman

THAT the Greater Sudbury Public Library Board appoint Mandy-Lynn Lamarche as Chair of the Governance Committee

CARRIED

REPORTS

10.1 Chair's Report (Michael Bellmore)

M. Bellmore presented a verbal report thanking the staff and Board members and wishing all a happy and safe holiday season, with an opportunity to take down time and reflect, and spend time with family and friends. He expressed gratitude for the good work that has taken place recently as a strong and progressive library system, and he shared his hope and confidence for the year ahead.

10.2 Governance Committee Chair's Report

B. Harding presented a verbal Governance Committee update which included a recommendation by the Committee to conduct a review of the Library's Meeting Room and Display Case Policy as well as the

Membership and Circulation Policy. Staff will present policy recommendations at the next Governance Committee meeting, currently scheduled for February.

10.3 CEO's Report (Brian Harding)

B. Harding presented a written report. He updated the Board on the progress of the New Sudbury Library renovations and the New Central Library project.

M. Kruger spoke in detail on recent design work for the Loud & Collaborative space within the New Central Library which has been informed by Indigenous engagement. Board members advocated for Anishinaabemowin signage at the New Central Library.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION *No items*

CORRESPONDENCE *No items*

OTHER BUSINESS *No items*

ADJOURNMENT The following motion was presented:

2025-160 E. Bowman / S. Lavallie

THAT this meeting does now adjourn. Time: 6:01 p.m.

CARRIED



Brian Harding, CEO



Michael Bellmore, Chair