

Call to Order

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2. Approval of the Minutes of June 11, 2025
3. Board Feedback
4. Consent Agenda
 - a. Items for Information
 - i. Correspondence
 - a. City of Camrose Library Board – FOIP Policy
 - ii. Libraries in the News
 - a. City pauses plans to reduce staffing at Peterborough Public Library
[Global News Video](#)
 - b. Local Michigan Library Board Backs Away from Policy to Sequester LGBTQ+ Themed Books
 - c. Millennium Library Safety Incidents Spike in First Quarter of 2025
 - b. Reports
 - i. Director's Report
 - ii. LAPP Audit Report
5. Items for Discussion and Decision
 - a. Interim Director
6. In-Camera Items for Discussion and Decision
7. Adjournment

Next regular Board meeting: September 10, 2025, 5:15pm

Presents:

Renee Greer (Chair)

Margaret Holliston (Secretary)

Peter Hamm

Don Simpson (Camrose Council)

Margaret Weir Andreassen

Naomi Finseth (Vice-Chair)

Joy-Anne Murphy (City Council) Krystal Shirley (Acting Director)

Amanda Haugen (Recorder/Acting Director)

Regrets:

Jacqueline Schaffter

Alyssa Martin (Director)

Lucy Ernst

Cheryl Dezall

Guests:

Call to Order: Chair Renee Greer called the meeting to order at 5:14 pm.

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1. Approval of the Agenda

Motion 40/25 M/C Joy-Anne Murphy: Motion to approve the agenda as circulated.

2. Approval of the Minutes of May 14, 2025

Motion 41/25 M/C Margaret Holliston: Motion to approve the Minutes of May 14, 2025 as circulated.

3. Board Feedback

Joy-Anne volunteered at the Jaywalkers booth, kudos to everyone involved, especially given the windy weekend. There were lots of positive interactions, and the wrapped books were a big hit. For next year, consider improving visibility with larger signage, possibly using a plexiglass tabletop display to hold brochures. Amanda mentioned using bricks painted as books to help weigh down materials if wind remains a factor.

4. Consent Agenda**a. Items for Information****i. Correspondence****a. City of Camrose – Elevator Safety & Liability Concerns****b. City of Camrose – Elevator Improvements****ii. Libraries in the News****a. Christian conservative group Action4Canada lobbied for review of books in Alberta schools****b. LAA Statement on Provincial Government Announcement Regarding School Libraries****b. Reports****i. Director's Report****ii. Program Overview to May 31, 2025**

iii. Program Report and Library Statistics May 31, 2025

5. Items for Discussion and Decision

- a. Book Bike Pilots Presentation RE: Summer Reading Program
As presented.

- b. LAPP Employer's Pension Policy

Motion 42/25 M/C – Margaret Holliston: Motion that we adopt the proposed LAPP Policy as amended.

- c. Banking

Working on transferring funds from RBC to ATB, Margaret H & Renee will go tomorrow afternoon to sign.

Motion 43/25 M/C – Moved by Margaret Weir Andreassen, seconded by Margaret Holliston: Motion to apply for unsecured credit cards with ATB.

Motion 44/25 M/C – Moved by Joy-Anne Murphy, seconded by Naomi Finseth: Motion to appoint Amanda Haugen as banking signatory in Alyssa's absence.

6. In-Camera Items for Discussion and Decision

Motion 45/25 M/C – Joy-Anne Murphy: Motion to go in-camera.

Motion 46/25 M/C – Joy-Anne Murphy: Motion to go out of camera.

- a. FOIP Procedure and Policy

Motion 47/25 M/C – Joy-Anne Murphy: Motion to authorize Renee to draft a letter updating the Dean LaGrage, Chief of Police & Malcolm Boyd, City Manager on our current FOIP policy status, adhering to the advice we are given. A warrant will be required to view footage until the legislation changes. We have also taken additional steps including adding signs indicating "these premises are monitored".

- b. Personnel – Interim Director

Will work on plan B, at finding an Interim Director, until then Amanda Haugen & Krystal Shirley will be splitting the role of Acting Director.

- c. Personnel – Annual Review

Motion 48/25 M/C – Moved by Naomi Finseth, seconded by Margaret Holliston: Motion to move Alyssa up the pay grid to the next step.

7. Adjournment

Chair Renee Greer declared the meeting adjourned at 6:31 pm.

Next regular Board meeting: July 9, 2025, 5:15pm

June 16, 2025

Subject: Camrose Public Library – FOIP Policy

To Chief Dean LaGrange and Malcolm Boyd,

The City of Camrose Library Board would like to provide an update regarding our current FOIP policy.

Adhering to the advice we received, a warrant will be required for law enforcement to access any Camrose Public Library (CPL) surveillance footage. We will revisit CPL's practices once the legislation changes.

Additionally, CPL has taken further steps toward FOIP compliance, including the installation of signage at library entrances stating that the premises are under video surveillance.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this further, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Regards,



Renee Greer
Board Chair
The City of Camrose Library Board

Cc: The City of Camrose Library Board
Cc: Director of Camrose Public Library



Director's Report

July 2, 2025

Amanda Haugen & Krystal Shirley

Organizational Review

At this time, there are no updates.

Book Bike Project

CPL is excitedly awaiting the arrival of the new book bike! Until then, the Summer Students are ready to kick off the Book Bike season with the old bike and have hit up Canada Day celebrations at the museum!

Summer Kickoff Party

The Summer Students hosted a delightful Secret Garden Tea Party to kick off the season, welcoming approximately 306 attendees! Guests enjoyed tea, lemonade, and sweet treats from Fika. Activities included pinwheel and bookmark craft, glitter tattoos, and perhaps the biggest hit of the day, cotton candy! The students also handed out their summer calendar and reading bingo cards to help everyone get excited for what's ahead.

Jaywalkers

CPL and the Fellowship of the Camrose Public Library ran their booth at Jaywalkers for 3 days. The wind made things a little difficult but otherwise it was a great event. The leaders have debriefed and have already started plans to improve our booth next year if we join.

Canada Day

CPL provided funds from our Programming Budget to partially support an Indigenous program at Canada Day.

This included setting up a tipi, along with coloring sheets and sharing teachings on the cradleboard, tipi, and owl from Plains Cree perspective, creating a welcoming walk-in/walk-out atmosphere. The dance demonstration featured three women's categories and three men's categories, each with a brief history and origin of the style.

Block Party Kits

CPL now has Block Party Kits—large kits with a wide variety of toys, games, activities and resources for patrons to use to throw a block party. The kits were



initiated and put together through a Recovery Alberta/AHS initiative called Simple Connections Stronger Neighbourhoods. Other funding was provided by the Mental Health Foundation in partnership with Recovery Alberta, as well as the CARE Coalition. Welcome Camrose is also in support of the project in partnership with the Good Neighbour Campaign. The Block Party Kits can be reserved in advance and checked out by patrons for a week. Our Summer Students had a kit at Canada Day and handed out info cards about this initiative.

Stronger Together

Stronger Together is running again this year, and Early Bird registration has opened. We can send between 2 board members for both days, or 4 board members for 1 day each. You can take a look at the sessions here: <https://strongertogetherconf.ca/sessions/>.

Please let Amanda know if you're interested in attending before July 31, 2025.

AB Funding

Amanda applied for the 2025 annual Library Operating Grant under the Ministerial Grants Regulation and the Public Library Grant Program.

Donation

Kinette Club of Camrose made a donation, Murray from the booster took a photo of Amanda and Stephanie.