

North Kawartha Public Library Board Minutes

Tuesday January 27, 2026 9:30AM

Business Hub

I Roll Call and Land Acknowledgement

Present: Cathie Leard, Sue Leeson, Sharon Sidaros, RuthAnne McIlmoyl, Carolyn Amyotte

Staff: Debbie Hall, Kim Tucker

Guest: Shalaine Waudby, HARBR

II Declarations of Conflict of Interest

Chair reminded members of their obligation to declare a conflict if necessary.

III Approval of the Agenda

26.016 Moved Carolyn Amyotte

Seconded RuthAnne McIlmoyl

The agenda is approved with the addition of the motion from Council appointing Carolyn Amyotte to the Library Board as NB1.

Motion Carried.

IV Adoption of Minutes

M1. Minutes

a) Minutes of the regular meeting of the Library Board January 21, 2026

26.017 Moved RuthAnne McIlmoyl

Seconded Sue Leeson

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Library Board January 21, 2026 are approved with the addition of the names of board members present under Roll Call.

Motion carried.

V Deputations/Presentations

N/A

VI Business

N/A

VII New Business

NB1. North Kawartha Public Library Board Appointment

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Moved by – Councillor McLellan
Seconded by – Deputy Mayor Whelan

That Mayor Carolyn Amyotte replace Councillor Jim O’Shea, effective January 13, 2026, as a member of the North Kawartha Library Board to serve until the end of the current term of Regular Council or until a successor is appointed. Carried.

**26.018 Moved Sharon Sidaros
 Seconded RuthAnne McIlmoyl
 The motion from the Township of North Kawartha Council is received.
 Motion carried.**

NB2. Library Board Elections

- a) Board Members Election Procedures
- b) Elections

Nominations were called for the position of Chair of the Board

**26.019 Carolyn Amyotte nominated Cathie Leard as Chair
 RuthAnne McIlmoyl seconded.
 Cathie Leard accepted the nomination and will act as Chair for 2026
 Motion carried.**

Nominations were called for the position of Vice-Chair

**26.020 Carolyn Amyotte nominated Sue Leeson as Vice-Chair
 Sharon Sidaros seconded.
 Sue Leeson accepted the nomination and will act as Vice-Chair for 2026
 Motion carried.**

VIII Closed Session

Pursuant to the Public Libraries Act R.S.O. 1990, CHAPTER P.44, 16.1 (4A). This part of the meeting is closed to the public as the subject matter being considered is:

- a) Personal matters about an identifiable individual.

26.021 **Moved Cathie Leard
Seconded Sue Leeson
That the Board move into closed session at 9:40 am
Motion carried.**

26.022 **Moved Carolyn Amyotte
Seconded Sharon Sidaros
That the Board resume open session at 1:00 pm
Motion carried.**

26.023 **Moved Cathie Leard
Seconded Carolyn Amyotte
That the rest of the meeting items be deferred until the next meeting, January 29, 2026 at 1:30 pm
Motion carried.**

NB3. 2026 Meeting Schedule

- a) Review Meeting Schedule
- b) Review Workplan

NB4. Succession Planning

- a) CEO/Librarian Report

IX Financial

F1. Statement

- a) Financial Statement to December 31, 2025

X Stats

S1. Library Stats Nov/Dec 2025

- a) Circulation, Tech & Programming Stats

XI Board Orientation

N/A

XII Correspondence

N/A

XIII Adjournment

Next meeting January 29, 2026 at the **Apsley Branch** at 1:30 pm.

26.024 **Moved Carolyn Amyotte
The meeting was adjourned at 1:06 pm
Motion carried.**

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