



Town of Sylvan Lake Library Board  
Regular Monthly Meeting

Programming Room

**MEETING MINUTES**

June 12 2025

TIME: 6:30 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Carol, Haley, Joe, Mariah, Krista, Jas, Corine

**Regrets:** Jonatan, Jessica,

← **Absent :** Susan

**Guests:**

Note : All minute items labelled with "\*" correspond to additional information provided in the board meeting agenda package.

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| <b>1. Call to Order and Land Acknowledgment</b><br>a. The meeting was called to order at 6:33 pm<br>b. As part of our call to order, we respectfully acknowledge that we are meeting on Treaty 6 territory, traditional lands of First Nations and Métis |                     |          |           |

Approved by:

*Carol Mox* Date: *Sept. 10/25*

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| <p>Peoples. We are grateful for the Knowledge Keepers and Elders who have gone before us.</p> <p>c. Carol chaired the meeting.</p> <p><b>1.1. Approval of the Agenda</b><br/>Carol moved to accept the agenda as amended. Carried.</p> <p><b>1.2. Approval of the Minutes*</b><br/>Carol moved to accept the minutes as amended. Carried.</p> <p><b>1.3. Board Chair Communication</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Town of Sylvan Lake has informed us that Councilor Jas Payne will be replaced by Major Megan Hansen until the next Town of Sylvan Lake Organizational Meeting</li> <li>• The Town of Sylvan Lake has officially leased the Annex (old tourist building) to the Men's Shed. We need to be out of the building by June 19<sup>th</sup></li> <li>• We have been notified that Amanda Forbes has officially resigned from the Sylvan Lake Library Board as of June 9<sup>th</sup>.</li> </ul> <p><b>1.4. Motions made via email</b><br/>No motions made via email</p> |  |  |  |
| <p><b>2. Items for Decision</b></p> <p>2.1. Policies for Decision<br/>Lending and Resources Sharing*</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> Carol moved to approve the Lending and Resources Sharing Policy as presented, <b>seconded by Corine, CARRIED.</b></p> <p>2.2 Payroll Update Project</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |  |  |  |

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| <p>Haley has asked to use money from the operating reserve to hire Kristin's Bookkeeping and Advisory Services to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research and recommend scheduling and timesheet applications,</li> <li>• Create training materials and train staff in new process</li> <li>• Transition and implement new process</li> <li>• Provide support after implementation</li> </ul> <p>Carol moved to spend up to 1000+GST from the Cashable GIC Operating reserves to Hire Kristin's Bookkeeping and Advisory Service for the Payroll update project.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |  |  |  |
| <p><b>3. Items for Discussion</b></p> <p><b>3.1. Policies for discussion</b></p> <p>a. Personnel Policy</p> <p>Haley has recommended the following changes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Remove the Responsibilities section as it is a duplication of our Governance Policy</li> <li>• Remove the Organizational Chart as this is not governance and due to change as staffing and library needs changes</li> <li>• Rewritten the Recruitment section for clarity</li> <li>• Remove the requirement for all volunteers provide a criminal record check and/or vulnerable sector check every three years as this is not done in practice and is a significant road block of gaining volunteers. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ ACTION: The board would like Haley to investigate the Town's policy for volunteers</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Add a Tuition Fees Reimbursement section to the Personnel Policy as it is currently a separate policy. This was reworded and simplified.</li> <li>• Remove the Dismissal Procedure as it is a duplication of the Termination section</li> <li>• Adjust the Termination section</li> </ul> |  |  |  |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rename the “Workplace Violence, Harassment, and Other Unacceptable Behaviours” to “Unacceptable Workplace Behaviours” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Add sexual harassment to this section</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Rename “procedure for handling complaints” to Procedure for Handling Inappropriate Behaviour” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Reword the procedure</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Remove the Working Alone, Safety and Security, Accident Reporting sections as they are duplicated of our OHS policy</li> <li>• Remove the Public Statement section as it is duplicated in our communication policy</li> <li>• Remove volunteer applicant interview section of volunteer section</li> <li>• Remove Review of Policy section, only keeping the two most recent review histories.</li> </ul> |  |  |  |
| <p><b>Items for Information</b></p> <p><b>Treasurers Report</b></p> <p><b>Account Balances:</b> (as of June 4, 2025)<br/>Daily Banking: \$216,566.15</p> <p>Cashable GIC: \$75,825.00<br/>GIC 1: \$169,452.76 (Matures June 2025)<br/>GIC 2: \$86,823.21 (Matures June 2026)</p> <p>Business High Yield Savings - \$1,015.35</p> <p>Ongoing Issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Transfer 2024 year-end surplus.</b> In 2024, we ended the year with a surplus of \$67,909.79. This is due to unexpected income in interest, memberships, printing, and donations. We also were underspent on salaries and employer contributions due to a full-time position vacancy that was later filled with part-time staff.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                    |  |  |  |

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| <p>o Move to transfer the 2024 surplus into our cashable GIC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>GIC 1: \$169,452.76 will mature June 20<sup>th</sup></b>, We will need to review the investment option and make a decision prior to June 20</li> </ul> <p>Corine Moved That the board approve the investment of available business funds into a 1-year non-redeemable Guaranteed Investment Certificate (GIC) at a rate of 3.050% through Servus Credit Union. Maria <del>Seconded</del>, CARRIED</p> <p><b>3.2. Director's Report</b><br/>Haley presented a summary of the directors report adding that we had 86 attendees to the June 6<sup>th</sup> Open House, We've had 299 survey respondents, which will close on June 13<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>We had 46 presale tickets to the Name that Tune Fundraiser and made \$2244 combined from tickets, hint and replays, and the silent auction</p> <p>The Library Association of Alberta (LAA) has been doing a lot of advocacy to the provincial government regarding the collection restrictions in school libraries.</p> <p><b>3.3. Programming Report</b><br/>Haley presented a summary of the program report. Corrie, Maddie, and Kristin are wrapping up regular programs. Ashton and Karlee, our summer students, are excitedly preparing for the Summer Reading Club.</p> <p><b>Krista</b> moved to accept the items as information. Carried.</p> |  |  |  |
| <p>1. Next meeting: Sept 10th, 2025 @6:30pm</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |  |  |  |

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| 2. Adjournment: 7:50 pm meeting adjourned |  |  |  |
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