
The Blue Mountains Public Library Board Meeting

Meeting Date: February 19, 2026
Meeting Time: 1:00 p.m.
Location: Library Boardroom
Microsoft Teams

Prepared By: Jennifer Murley, CEO/Secretary of the Board

In Attendance: Carol Sackville-Duyvelshoff
Joanne de Visser (Vice-Chair)
~~Julia Scott (Chair)~~
Kristina Wichman
Laurey Gillies
~~Marie Swift~~
Shawn McKinlay

Guests: Marc Bartolucci, Associate, Salter Pilon Architecture

Staff: Jennifer Murley, CEO
Franz Greenfield, Administrative Assistant

Absent: N/A

Regrets: Julia Scott, Marie Swift

A. Call to Order

A.1 Moment of Reflection

The Board meeting was called to order by the Vice Chair at 1:06 p.m. A Moment of Reflection was observed.

The Board welcomed Marc Bartolucci, Associate, Salter Pilon Architecture.

A.2 Indigenous Acknowledgement Statement

The Vice Chair read the Indigenous Acknowledgement Statement.

A.3 Public Announcement

No members of the public were present.

B. Agenda

B.1 Approval of the Agenda

BMPL-Resolution 2026-008

Moved by Shawn McKinlay and seconded by Carol Sackville-Duyvelshoff, THAT the Agenda of February 19, 2026, be approved as circulated, including any items added to the Agenda. CARRIED.

B.2 Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof
None.

C. Reports to be “Received as Information”

All reports to be received as information were received with additional discussion occurring as the items arose within the agenda.

BMPL-Resolution 2026-009

Moved by Shawn McKinlay and seconded by Kristina Wichman, THAT this Board receive as information:

1) GOV.26.02 entitled “POL-BLG.2018.99-Agenda-&-Multi-Year-Agendas”. CARRIED

D. Minutes

D.1 Previous Minutes

Edits were provided prior to the meeting. Specifically, the following wording under F.3.1 was adjusted:

“The Board requested the removal of the word “philosophical” from the next survey, as diversity of philosophy is not desired.”

Adjustment:

“For clarity, the Board requested the removal of the word “philosophical” so that it is clear that “a variety of perspectives “is desired.”

BMPL-Resolution 2026-010

Moved by Kristina Wichman and seconded by Laury Gillies, THAT this Board approves the Blue Mountains Public Library Board minutes of January 15, 2026, as amended; AND.

THAT this Board receive as information the Strategic Planning Steering Committee meeting minutes of January 15, 2026, as circulated. CARRIED.

D.2 Business Arising from the Minutes
None.

E. Communications with the Board

The deadline for registration was Monday, February 16, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.

E.1 Deputations
None.

E.2 Public Input on the Agenda
No members of the public were present.

E.3 Correspondence
Shared for information:
1. **Ontario Library Association & Federation of Ontario Public Libraries:** 2026-27 Pre Budget Submission
2. **Canadian Urban Libraries Council:** The Impact of Canadian Public Libraries

F. Closed Session

BMPL-Resolution 2026-011

Moved by Carol Sackville-Duyvelshoff and seconded by Laurey Gillies, THAT, pursuant to section 16.1(4)(c) of the Public Libraries Act, THAT this Board do now move into closed session in order to address matters pertaining to a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the Board.

The Board moved into closed session at 1:13 p.m.

Adjournment of Closed Session

The Board returned to public session at 3:46 p.m.

BMPL-Resolution 2026-012

Moved by Kristina Wichman and seconded by Carol Sackville-Duyvelshoff, THAT this Board approve all resolutions and recommendations arising from the closed session.

BMPL-Resolution 2026-013

Moved by Laurey Gillies and seconded by Carol Sackville-Duyvelshoff, THAT this Board schedule a special meeting to review the 2025 Space Utilization Study Final Report and other supporting information to develop recommendations respecting next steps to address the Blue Mountains Public Library's current and future space needs, for subsequent presentation to Council.
CARRIED.

G. Strategic Plan Updates & Action Items

G.1 Strategic Plan Pillar: Community Hubs

1. **Verbal Report:** LES Washroom Renovation [Library CEO]
The project contract has not yet been awarded, although proposals have been received. Potential contractors are currently being reviewed to ensure they understand the scope of the project.

G.2 Strategic Plan Pillar: Organizational Excellence

1. **Discussion:** GOV.26.02 entitled "POL-BLG.2018.99-Agenda-&-Multi-Year-Agendas"

The Board corrected several errors.

BMPL-Resolution 2026-014

Moved by Carol Sackville-Duyvelshoff and seconded by Laurey Gillies, THAT the Board approve the POL-BLG.2018.99-Agenda & Multi Year Agendas as amended. CARRIED.

H. Roundtable

H.1 Roundtable—General updates by the Board

1) Community Updates and News:

- CK News Today (January 21, 2026): [Rural libraries urge province to close digital divide.](#)
- CBC News (January 24, 2026): [Are librarians the key for teaching AI literacy?](#)
- Calgary Herald (January 26, 2026): [CBE bans 44 titles in accordance with provincial ministerial order.](#)
- CTV News (February 6, 2026): [These 6 books and a film screening were challenged at Ottawa library branches in 2025.](#)
- Owen Sound Sun Times (February 8, 2026): [Meaford Public Library: not just for a story time anymore.](#)
- CBC Radio (February 9, 2026): [How Scholastic became a cultural rite of passage for Canadian kids.](#)
- CBC News (February 11, 2026): [Tumbler Ridge public library remains open to support community after tragedy.](#)
- Collingwood Today (February 12, 2026): [TBM now accepting applications for MAT funding.](#)
- Collingwood Today (February 13, 2026): [Grey County will not pursue joint library services.](#)

2) BMPL Events: a shortlist of special events occurring prior to the next meeting were provided.

- [Performance: Opening to the Mystery](#)
Thursday, February 26, 2026 | 6-8pm | L.E. Shore Memorial Library
- [Exhibit Opening: Abstracted Realities](#)
Saturday, March 7, 2026 | 2-4pm | L.E. Shore Memorial Library
- [Lead Like Her: Mary Hindle, Firefighter](#)
Thursday, March 12, 2026 | 6-8pm | L.E. Shore Memorial Library
- [Workshop: Art Critique with Michelle Flemming](#)
Saturday, March 14, 2026 | 1-3pm | L.E. Shore Memorial Library
- March Break: The No-Bake Bake Off at the L.E. Shore Memorial Library
 - [Colourful Cupcakes](#): Monday, March 23, 2026 | 11am- 12pm
 - [Bugs in Dirt](#): Tuesday, March 17, 2026 | 1-2pm
 - [Icebox Cake](#): Wednesday, March 18, 2026 | 11am-12pm
 - [Easy Cheesecake](#): Thursday, March 19, 2026 | 11am-12pm
 - [Chocolate Lasagna](#): Friday, March 20, 2026 | 11am- 12pm

I. Key Messages

The Key Messages were determined by the Board and approved for release.

BMPL-Resolution 2026-015

Moved by Carol Sackville-Duyvelshoff and seconded by Laurey Gillies, THAT this Board approves the release of the February 2026 Key Messages. CARRIED.

J. Notice of Meeting Dates

A planning meeting is scheduled for March 19, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. in the L.E. Shore Boardroom. The Board will also review the 2025 Space Utilization Study Final Report during this meeting.

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting is scheduled for April 16, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. in the L.E. Shore Boardroom.

All meetings and relevant agenda materials will be posted on the [Meeting and Agenda](#) page of Governance.

K. Adjourned

The Board adjourned at 4:26 p.m.

Joanne de Visser, Vice Chair

Jennifer Murley, Board Secretary