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## The Blue Mountains Public Library Board Meeting

**Meeting Date:** March 19, 2026  
**Meeting Time:** 10:00 a.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) [Microsoft Teams]  
~~Kristina Wichman~~  
Laurey Gillies  
Marie Swift  
Shawn McKinlay (Council Rep)

**Staff:** Jennifer Murley, CEO  
Franz Greenfield, Administrative Assistant

**Absent:** N/A  
**Regrets:** Kristina Wichman

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### A. Call to Order

A.1 Moment of Reflection

The Board meeting was called to order by the Vice Chair at 10:08 p.m. A Moment of Reflection was observed.

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

The following verbal update was added under G.3: Library Service Center Payment.

**BMPL-Resolution 2026-016**

Moved by Carol Sackville-Duyvelshoff and seconded by Laurey Gillies, THAT the Agenda of March 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 2026-017**

Moved by Shawn McKinlay and seconded by Marie Swift, THAT this Board receive as information:

- 1) ADM.26.06 entitled “2026 Draft Action Plan-V1”
  - 2) ADM.26.07 entitled “2025 Annual Report”
- CARRIED.

**D. Minutes**

- D.1 Previous Minutes

It was incorrectly noted that the meeting occurred via Zoom.

**BMPL-Resolution 2026-018**

Moved by Carol Sackville-Duyvelshoff and seconded by Laury Gillies, THAT this Board approves the Blue Mountains Public Library Board minutes of February 19, 2026, as amended. CARRIED.

- D.2 Business Arising from the Minutes

None.

**E. Communications with the Board**

The deadline for registration was Monday, March 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

None.

**F. Closed Session**

**BMPL-Resolution 2026-019**

Moved by Julia Scott and seconded by Shawn McKinlay, 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.  
CARRIED.

The Board moved into closed session at 10:13 a.m.

#### **Adjournment of Closed Session**

The Board returned to public session at 1:55 p.m.

*[The Board took a brief break, returning at 2:05 p.m.]*

#### **BMPL-Resolution 2026-020**

Moved by Laurey Gillies and seconded by Marie Swift, THAT this Board approve all resolutions and recommendations arising from the closed session.

### **G. Strategic Plan Updates & Action Items**

#### **G.1 Action Planning**

1. **Discussion:** 2026 Action Plan

The Board discussed and edited the draft 2026 Action Plan.

*[Shawn McKinlay left the meeting at 2:29 p.m., returning at 2:43 p.m.]*

#### **G.2 Strategic Plan Pillar: Community Hubs**

1. **Verbal Report:** LES Washroom Renovation [Library CEO]

A Town staff report was presented to Council on March 16, and Councilor McKinlay was able to share the library staff and Board's perspective on the bathroom situation. The tender for the project has been awarded, with the start date for construction to be determined.

#### **G.3 Strategic Plan Pillar: Organizational Excellence**

1. **Report:** ADM.26.07 entitled "2025 Annual Report"

The board discussed and edited the 2025 Annual Report.

#### **BMPL-Resolution 2026-021**

Moved by Marie Swift and seconded by Julia Scott, THAT this Board approve the 2025 Annual Report as amended. CARRIED.

2. **Verbal Report:** Strategic Planning Steering Committee Update

The Committee provided a brief overview of activities completed since the last update:

- Held youth engagement workshop with roughly 40 students (grades 11 and 12).
- Released targeted physical and digital surveys.
- Ongoing exploration of consultation opportunities with local community groups.

The Committee's next meeting is April 7, 2026.

3. **Verbal Report:** Library Service Centre Payment  
The Library Service Centre (LSC) has been dissolved and decided to distribute its surplus assets to member libraries, including the BMPL. BMPL has received a lump sum of \$9,814.82, which will be allocated to the Board's surplus reserve.

## H. Roundtable

### H.1 Roundtable—General updates by the Board

- 1) Community Updates and News:
  - CTV News (February 27, 2026): [Drug use and overdoses run rampant in Canada's public libraries](#)
  - Soo Today (March 2, 2026): [Sault librarians rise up against city's TikTok ban](#)
  - Simcoe Reformer (March 4, 2026): [New 15.5M Hagersville Library and Active Living Centre opens to public](#)
  - Collingwood Today (March 5, 2026): [Grey Highlands pondering library/museum merger](#)
  - Collingwood Today (March 6, 2026): [Abstract art comes into view at new exhibition at the Blue Mountains Public Library](#)
  - Collingwood Today (March 6, 2026): [Lots of snow days prompts Bluewater school board to expand virtual tutoring](#)
  - Winnipeg Free Press (March 6, 2026): [Children's book on Ramadan put back on school shelves](#)
- 2) BMPL Events: a shortlist of special events occurring prior to the next meeting were provided.
  - [Open Call: Celebrating Trees](#)  
April 1-April 9, 2026: In celebration of Earth Day, The Gallery's Arts & Culture Council invites you to submit a poem, short story, photo or art piece about your favorite tree. Submissions will be part of a public display in the library from **April 14-28**. All ages welcome.
  - [Shepard's Sight: An Author Talk with Barbara McLean](#)  
April 10, 2026 | 2-3:30 p.m. | L.E. Shore
  - [Exhibit Opening: A Closer Look](#)  
April 11, 2026 | 2-4 p.m. | The Gallery at L.E. Shore

## I. Key Messages

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

### **BMPL-Resolution 2026-022**

Moved by Laurey Gillies and seconded by Shawn McKinlay, THAT this Board approves the release of the March 2026 Key Messages. CARRIED.

## J. Notice of Meeting Dates

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 3:55 p.m.

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Joanne de Visser, Vice Chair

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Jennifer Murley, Board Secretary