

(APPROVED)

Minutes of the Township of Douro-Dummer Public Library Board Meeting

February 11, 2025, 4:00 PM

Present:

**Thomas Watt
Darla Milne
Georgia Gale-Kidd
Diane Bonner
Tina Fridgen**

Staff Present

Library CEO Maggie Pearson

1. Call to Order

With a quorum of the Board being present, the Secretary called the meeting to order at 3:58 PM.

2. Disclosure of any Pecuniary Interest

The Chair reminded members of the Board of their obligation to declare any pecuniary interest they might have. None were declared.

3. Approval of December 10, 2024 Minutes

Resolution Number 01-2025

Moved by: Darla Milne

Seconded by: Diane Bonner

That the December 10, 2024 draft minutes be approved.

Carried

4. Business Arising from Minutes:

4.1 Friends of the Library

Verbal Report from Georgia Gale-Kidd: Upcoming Speaker Series on February 15th will be "Night Witches: Russian Women Pilots of WWII" given by Gwen Tyron. The March 15th speaker will be local artist Rob Niezen, whose art will also hang from March 4th – April 29th in the gallery; Tina Fridgen will present on frogs for the April Speaker Series. May will be the annual plant and book sale, with speaker to be determined.

4.2 Art Gallery Committee

Verbal report from Tina Fridgen: Current installation of Paul Nabuurs work is enjoying success. Upcoming show will be local artist Rob Niezen with installation date scheduled for March 4th and show removal date scheduled for April 29th. Niezen's artist talk will take place Saturday March 15th from 1PM – 3PM. Tina Fridgen has applied to have a show in May and June; the library CEO will assess her application together with other members of the Art Gallery Committee. The plan for summer months remains to bring local student work into the space. The Lakefield Arts Collective has requested another group show for September and October 2025.

Resolution Number 02-2025

Moved by: Tom Watt

Seconded by: Darla Milne

That these committee reports be accepted for information.

Carried

5. Financial Report Dated December 31, 2024

Resolution Number 03-2025

Moved by: Diane Bonner

Seconded by: Tom Watt

That the financial report be accepted for information.

Carried

6. Librarian's Reports:

6.1 Report to Board: Stats Dec 2024 & Jan 2025

6.2 Report to Board: Projects and Operations

Resolution Number 04-2025

Moved by: Tina Fridgen

Seconded by: Darla Milne

That the library assistant move up one step in their pay grid following their performance review.

Carried

Resolution Number 05-2025

Moved by: Diane Bonner

Seconded by: Tina Fridgen

That these Librarian reports be accepted for information.

Carried

7. New Business:

7.1 Strategic Plan

Verbal report from Maggie Pearson: The Board has been assigned an OLS consultant for the project, who is scheduled to meet with the CEO this week to scope the project and create a timeline; the CEO will report back on this at the next meeting.

8. Correspondence

9. Closed Session

10. Adjournment

Resolution Number 06-2025

Moved by: Tom Watt

That the meeting be adjourned at 4:44PM

Carried

11. Next Meeting:

Tuesday March 11, 2025 4:00PM

Chair, Georgia Gale-Kidd

Secretary, Maggie Pearson