

Emo Public Library
Regular Board Meeting
January 30th, 2025

1. Meeting called to order at 6:02pm
Present: Lisa Teeple, Elaine Hughes, Harold McQuaker, Phil Schram, Kim Veldhuisen, Tamara Robson, Marie-Ann DeGroot, and Nick Donaldson (Librarian).
2. There was no conflict of interest declared
3. Quorum: 7/7
4. Motion to approve the agenda was made by Phil, seconded by Kim--CARRIED
5. Motion to approve the December 5th meeting minutes was made by Elaine, seconded by Phil--CARRIED
6. Motion to accept the December financial report was made by Marie-Ann, seconded by Elaine--CARRIED

7. Librarian's Report:

	Patron Visits	Physical Items Circulated	Online Items Circulated
November	204	282	455
December	161	213	422

During Holly Daze (December 6-7) the library held a used book sale fundraiser. The library also collaborated with the EarlyON Centre for a special Christmas craft and story-time on the Saturday morning with hot chocolate and cookies.

The library was closed for the Christmas holidays from December 23rd to January 1st.

When the library reopened for 2025 interlibrary loans resumed. They had been paused since mid-November due to the Canada post strike. The librarian also completed the training for the new Worldshare ILL system that Ontario libraries have transitioned to and has been using it successfully. The last transaction in VDX (the old ILL system) was completed Wednesday, January 29th.

8. Steps to begin charging Morley residents for memberships was discussed and it was decided it was best to give patrons a couple months' notice. The librarian will also make one more delivery of books to the Stratton Manor and post a notice there about the ending of service and encouraging people to contact Morley Council about raising their donation as previously asked by the library.

9. a) The librarian reported that he had an informal meeting with the Fort Frances Public Library CEO and was told that their board was looking at ending the reciprocal borrowing agreement. Around 111 Emo patrons also have memberships with FFPLTC while only two FFPLTC members also have an Emo card. The board decided to wait for more notice from the Fort Frances board before discussing more.

b) The 2025 budget was tabled until the next meeting.

c) Harold brought forward a cheque for a donation to the library from Micheal Keller. There was discussion on accepting this money given the source and the potential optics. Harold assured the board there was no requirements or conditions associated with the library receiving this donation. Tamara requested a recorded vote.

Motion to accept the \$5,000 donation cheque from Micheal Keller was made by Elaine, seconded by Phil—CARRIED with 5 for and 1 against.

Marie-Ann left the meeting at 7:00pm due to a prior commitment.

Kim left the meeting at 7:05pm due to a prior commitment.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:13pm on a motion made by Harold, seconded by Phil.