

Emo Public Library
Regular Board Meeting
September 15th, 2025

1. Meeting called to order at 6:10pm
Present: Lisa Teeple, Elaine Hughes, Marie-Ann DeGroot, Tamara Robson, Harold McQuaker, Nick Donaldson (Librarian) and Crystal Gray (CAO – Township of Emo).
Absent: Kim Veldhuisen.
2. There was no conflict of interest declared
3. Quorum: 5/7
4. Motion to approve the agenda was made by Elaine, seconded by Marie-Ann.
Item 9.b. Pushing up Daisies Event was added to the agenda--CARRIED
5. Motion to approve the June 23rd meeting minutes was made by Marie-Ann, seconded by Elaine--CARRIED
6. There was discussion with the help of Crystal on the financial status of the library before the end of the year. The board talked about the Public Library Operating Grant and the amounts the library receives from Chapple and La Vallee and when. The librarian will also be doing another silent auction fundraiser on Facebook for the Christmas season. There was also discussion on how the bookkeeping and financial reporting is done and efforts to make it more similar to the Town. Motion to accept the June-August financial report was made by Marie-Ann, seconded by Harold—CARRIED
7. Librarian's Report: The library continues with storytime and the ongoing book sale. Tia Wagar completed her time as the summer student in August after running programs like a book bingo and colouring contest. The library participated in Food Banks Canada's "After the Bell" program over the summer and the Ontario Parks passes were borrowed multiple times by different patrons making it the most successful year yet for the program here. The librarian attended a Joint Health and Safety Committee meeting at the Municipal Office on Thursday July 17th and the Township of Emo all staff meeting that directly followed. The library was closed for part of the afternoon so the summer student could also attend the staff meeting. The librarian also attended another Joint Health & Safety meeting with a staff meeting following during the afternoon of August 28th at the Municipal Office. The Public Library Operating Grant application is coming up in October.
8. Lisa will speak to someone at the bank about getting a library credit card for interlibrary loan shipping and pass that information back to the library.
9. a. The policy manual is due for a review again. The board decided to do a few policies at each meeting rather than trying to get a committee together to do it all at once.

b. The library was asked if they would have a booth at the “Pushing up Daisies” event at Hallett Hall in Rainycrest during the afternoon of September 25th. The event is put on by the Sunset Country Palliative Care Committee and covers end-of-life topics. The librarian will attend with some related materials and information about what the library has to offer as services and resources.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:36pm on a motion made by Harold, seconded by Tamara.