

Emo Public Library  
Regular Board Meeting  
October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025

1. Meeting called to order at 6:06pm  
Present: Elaine Hughes, Laura McCormick, Kim Veldhuisen, Marie-Ann DeGroot, Nick Donaldson (Librarian) and Crystal Gray (CAO – Township of Emo). Harold McQuaker arrived at 6:07pm.  
Regrets: Tamara Robson and Lisa Teeple
2. There was no conflict of interest declared
3. Quorum: 5/7
4. Motion to approve the agenda was made by Elaine, seconded by Kim--CARRIED
5. Motion to approve the September 15th meeting minutes was made by Elaine, seconded by Harold--CARRIED
6. Librarian's Report: On Thursday, September 25th the librarian had a booth at the "Pushing up Daisies" event at Rainycrest in Fort Frances. On display were a selection of materials that showed off what the library offers with the event's theme of death and dying. Canada Post workers began striking Friday, September 26th which paused interlibrary loan borrowing and lending. The workers have since moved to rotating strikes in mid-October and interlibrary loans have resumed but everyone is aware that there may be delays in deliveries. The Public Library Operating Grant application was submitted October 14th.
7. The librarian has met with the new coordinator of the Emo Senior's Centre and will be presenting there on the morning of November 20th on the services and resources available at the library. This will hopefully be a first step in a new partnership with the Senior's Centre with coordinated events and activities at both the centre and the library.
8. Coming up, the library will be holding a silent auction on Facebook like it has done in the past. This is a fundraiser for the library and will be aimed to take place near the end of November/early December with a Christmas theme. It has been advertised on Facebook asking for donated items and the librarian has been communicating with businesses and people who have donated for past auctions.
9. A section titled "POLICY MANUAL" had been put on the meeting agenda and will be a regular item now as the Board works through updating the policy manual.
10. There was a lengthy discussion on the financial state of the library as the year comes to an end. With the assistance of Crystal the Board got a better understanding of where the library is in terms of the budget and what decisions need to be made. It was decided

that a special meeting will be held November 10<sup>th</sup> to give board members a chance to think about what had been presented. There was also talk about fundraising and what the next steps are to try and keep the library open to the end of the year.

Laura left the meeting at 7:22pm

Motion to accept the September financial report was made by Harold, seconded by Elaine--CARRIED

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