



**Township of Stirling-Rawdon
Stirling-Rawdon Public Library Board Meeting
Minutes
Library
Wednesday, February 18, 2026 @ 6:00 PM**

Members Present: Councillor Don Stewart
Member Stasia Bennett
Chair Miranda DeJong
Member Valerie Sills
Member Kristina Smith

Members Absent: Councillor Caroline Smith
Member Andy Kemp

Staff Present: Jaye Bannon, CEO / Head Librarian

1. Call to Order and Land Acknowledgement

Chair Miranda Dejong called the meeting to order at 6:05pm

The Stirling-Rawdon Public Library acknowledges the land on which it is established and the work it does takes place in the traditional and unceded territory of the Huron-Wendat, Haudenosaunee and Anishinabek peoples and the neighbouring Mohawk and Algonquin Nations. We are committed to honoring their cultures and celebrating their commitment to the land. As settler Canadians we acknowledge the injustices of the past and express our collective desire for ongoing truth and reconciliation. We are grateful to have the opportunity to work and provide services on this land and by doing so we give our respect to its first caretakers and stewards.

2. Adoption of Agenda

2.1. Library Board Agenda -

SRS-260218-1

Moved by Member Stasia Bennett
Seconded by Member Valerie Sills

That the agenda for the Regular Library Board meeting held on

Wednesday, February 18, 2026 be adopted as presented.

Carried

3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

None

4. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

4.1. Library Board Minutes -

SRS-260218-2

Moved by Member Valerie Sills
Seconded by Councillor Don Stewart

That the minutes of the Regular Library Board meeting held on
Wednesday, December 17, 2025, be adopted as presented.

Carried

4.2. Closed Minutes

SRS-260218-3

Moved by Member Kristina Smith
Seconded by Councillor Don Stewart

That the minutes of the Closed Session held on Wednesday,
December 17, 2025, be adopted as presented.

Carried

5. Correspondence / Information

5.1. Ontario Library Association and the Federation of Public Libraries Pre
Budget Information

SRS-260218-4

Moved by Member Stasia Bennett
Seconded by Member Kristina Smith

That the information from the Ontario Library Association and the
Federation of Ontario Public Libraries be received.

Carried

6. CEO Report

6.1. January 2026 CEO Report

SRS-260218-5

Moved by Member Valerie Sills
Seconded by Member Stasia Bennett

That the January CEO Report be received and filed.

Carried

6.2. February 2026 CEO Report and OLA 2026 Super Conference Report

SRS-260218-6

Moved by Member Kristina Smith
Seconded by Member Valerie Sills

That the February 2026 CEO Report and the OLA 2026 Super
Conference Report be received and filed.

Carried

7. Chair Report

None

8. Council Report

None

9. Financial Report

9.1. November 2025 Statement of Revenues and Expenditures

SRS-260218-7

Moved by Member Stasia Bennett
Seconded by Councillor Don Stewart

That the November 2025 Statement of Revenues and Expenditures
be received and filed.

Carried

9.2. December 2025 Statement of Revenues and Expenditures

SRS-260218-8

Moved by Councillor Don Stewart
Seconded by Member Stasia Bennett

That the December 2025 Statement of Revenues and Expenditures
be received and filed.

Carried

10. Other Business

10.1. Strategic Planning Summary

SRS-260218-9

Moved by Member Kristina Smith
Seconded by Member Stasia Bennett

That the Strategic Planning Summary be received; and further, that
the new Mission and Vision Statements presented in the Strategic
Planning Summary be adopted; and further, that the Strategic
Priorities and Goals presented in the Strategic Planning Summary be
adopted as discussed.

Carried

11. Policy Review

11.1. Unattended Children Policy #OP294 10E

SRS-260218-10

Moved by Member Kristina Smith
Seconded by Member Stasia Bennett

That the Unattended Children Policy #OP294 10E be approved with
the edits suggested.

Carried

11.2. Computer Usage Policy #OP0823

SRS-260218-11

Moved by Member Stasia Bennett
Seconded by Member Valerie Sills

That the Computer Usage Policy #OP0823 be approved with the edits suggested.

Carried

11.3. Intellectual Freedom Policy #FP0802

SRS-260218-12

Moved by Member Valerie Sills
Seconded by Councillor Don Stewart

That the Intellectual Freedom Policy #FP0802 be approved.

Carried

11.4. Mission Statement Policy #FP0811

SRS-260218-13

Moved by Chair Miranda DeJong
Seconded by Member Valerie Sills

That the Mission Statement Policy #FP0811 be reviewed at a future date.

Carried

11.5. Vision Statement Policy #FP0927

SRS-260218-14

Moved by Chair Miranda DeJong
Seconded by Member Valerie Sills

That the Vision Statement Policy #FP0927 be reviewed at a future date.

Carried

12. Closed Session

12.1. Convene in Closed Session

SRS-260218-15

Moved by Councillor Don Stewart
Seconded by Member Stasia Bennett

That pursuant to Section 16.1(4.d) of the Public Libraries Act regarding labour relations or employee negotiations, we do now convene in Closed Session at 7:10 pm.

Carried

12.2. Convene in Open Session

SRS-260218-16

Moved by Member Stasia Bennett
Seconded by Chair Miranda DeJong

That we do now reconvene in Open Session at 7:40 pm and report on the Closed Session items.

Carried

SRS-260218-17

Moved by Chair Miranda DeJong
Seconded by Councillor Don Stewart

That Jaye be directed to follow the direction given in Closed Session.

Carried

13. Date of the Next Meeting

Wednesday, March 18, 2026

14. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm