

**Minutes**  
**October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025**  
**5:00pm Library - Heritage**

**ATTENDING**

In Person - Cindy Stewart, Rosalyn Howard, , Erin Nosal, Bert Skogan, Tracy Slyker, Scott Spicer  
Regrets – Lorie Fiddler, David Little, Marie Cayer

Staff: Ken Kuryliw,

**WELCOME INTRODUCTIONS**

1. **Welcome: -**  
**Called to order, 5:00pm**
2. **Adoption of Agenda: with changes. Cindy/Bert, all in favour – carried**
3. **Review of Minutes – June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025**  
**Approved with changes: Scott/Cindy, all in favour – carried**
4. **Financial – Reports – end of August, 2025**
  - Budget should be 75% 9 months in, currently at 71%. Increased room bookings helping to balance the budget. Huddle is leaving at the end of October. We are working to ensure we continue our positive relationship.
  - We are current with all municipalities.

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

1. **Librarians Report -**
  - Harvey donation announcement event for Friday October 24<sup>th</sup>
  - CBC radio interview went very well, even with short notice.
  - Thank you to St. Andrews for submitting provincial application.
  - Ken, to send follow up email to the Minister of Culture.
  - Laundry room construction is in the last stage hopefully by the end of October.

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**2. Fundraising committee –**

- Harvey event scheduled for Oct 24<sup>th</sup> at 1pm with media/press release. Raise awareness about the Gaynor match. Parkka will review all announcements to get their perspective. On a side note, Parkka staff donated on-line to the library expansion campaign.
- Need to improve messaging to focus more on benefits for adults too.

3. **Pilot Project:** Concerns raised that any solution has to be fair for all involved. The Library is in no position to take on extra costs/responsibilities, without the external support to do so. It was clear that the initiative has to come from the reserves (Peguis) and the province and/or Federal government come to the table as well. Models of service would have to be discussed. Any such agreement is required to be signed by all four municipalities under our new regional agreement. With the staff and board focused on the expansion this possibility will likely not be a focus until the near the end of 2026.

4. **Booking Policy:** Need to be reviewed. It has not changed in 15 years, while use has greatly increased. Staff time was always kept to the minimum as the minimal revenue limits reasonable use of staff time on a service that is to be revenue generating. A subcommittee will review other groups and policies, as we update our policy.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**Budget 2026**

Highlights – increased Provincial grant as a result of higher municipal support in 2025. Will allow for the hiring of a childrens library clerk (0.8 FTE) and a seniors coordinator (0.25 FTE). We do hope to return to having a Halloween event to welcome the new space.

Motion by Tracy/Scott to approve the 2026 library budget as presented. All are in favor motion carried.

- Ken will forward the budget to the municipalities as per agreement.

**REMINDERS/TO-DO ITEMS**

Strategic Plan –

Adjourned: 6:00pm

**ADDITIONAL ITEMS:**

Next Regular meeting: November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025, 5pm