

DATE: November 4th, 6:30 pm 2025

Attendees: Glyn Evans, Richard Poole, Glenda Brown, Ray Olfert,
Vincent Wolfe, Starr Sinclair, Peter Gomes, Nicole Rice, Aaron Hoyte,

Brenda Dennis

Regrets: Ann Siford

Land Acknowledgment

In the spirit of Truth and Reconciliation, the Town of Blackfalds acknowledges that we are on Treaty 6 territory, the ancestral lands of Cree, Saulteaux (So-toe), Blackfoot, Métis, Dene (De-nay) and Nakota Sioux (Sue). We acknowledge all the many First Nations, Métis, Inuit, and non-status peoples whose footsteps have marked these lands since time immemorial.

We recognize the inherent relationships Indigenous communities have with this land and its creatures and commit to supporting reconciliation and healing. We honour the resilience, culture, and contributions of Indigenous peoples, past and present.

As we gather, we pledge to listen, learn, and take meaningful action toward a future based on mutual respect and understanding as we continue on our journey of truth and healing. We recognize that reconciliation is not a single act but a lifelong journey—one that requires accountability, humility, and the centering of Indigenous voices.

1. Acceptance of Agenda items

Motion L84-25 Richard Poole moved to accept the agenda. C.U.

2. Acceptance of the Consented Agenda

- 2.1 Minutes of the October 2025 meeting
- 2.2 Administrator's update for October 2025
- 2.3 Programmer's update for September 2025
- 2.4 Statistics for September 2025

Motion L85-25 Vincent Wolfe moved to accept the consented agenda. C.U.

3. Old Business

- 3.1 Library Administrator's Evaluation Results-
Accepted as information.

4. New Business

- 4.1 Acceptance of Income Statement, Budget Update & Direct Bill Payments for September 2025

Motion L86-25 Glenda Brown moved to accept the income statement, budget update, and direct bill payments for September. C.U.

4.2 Treasurer's Report for September 2025- No outstanding issues. One entry on the income statement called "Bad Debts" is going to be addressed by the Bookkeeper. We will try to pay our bills with EFT when possible to minimize cost and keep transparent records.

Accepted as information.

4.3 Website- Sylvan Lake Library (among other libraries) has designed their own website in a cost-effective manner. Using Techsoup's non-profit cost grid, Sylvan Lake was able to create a website with built-in registration and payment options, automatic email notifications for patron registrations, and an event calendar that is easy to read and update. Would the Library Board be interested in pursuing a similar design here? We may need to discuss how much time this will cost admin and employees to create and keep updated. If the board is interested, the Library Administrator can talk with the Sylvan Lake Librarian to discuss how much time is invested in this project. It is worth noting that the Blackfalds library still pays about \$160 dollars/year to maintain a domain name that we do not use for our website.

Motion L87-25 Richard Poole moved to authorize library administration to investigate the implementation of website cost, amount to implement website design and maintenance, and bring results back to the next board meeting. C.U.

4.4 Sylvan Lake's Banned Book Club controversy- Sylvan Lake Library has a banned book-club in which members discuss banned books and why the books are banned. This club used to meet at a café in Sylvan Lake, however they were forced to leave the café due to complaints from a select group of people. While the banned book club is continuing, it has highlighted the issues that Sylvan Lake and other towns are facing with intellectual freedom.

Accepted as information.

4.5 December Board Meeting- On December 2nd, The NDP has asked the Library to host a table talk meeting for locals. Here, Blackfalds residents can meet with MLA Janis Irwin, ask questions, and meet in a friendly, non-confrontational manner. This date coincides with our December Board Meeting. The NDP representative said he would see if we could switch to Friday, December 5th, but it depends on Irwin's schedule. If we can't switch the date, would the board be willing to move the December meeting to December 9th?

Motion L88-25 Richard Poole motioned that the library board directs the Library Administer to inform the NDP that the library is uncomfortable hosting a political event at this time but we can offer room rentals instead, and to inform the UCP that the event is not an open house and if they wish to rent a room in the facility they can do so, as can the NDP. Carried.

4 Board Basics Workshops PLSB – None

6. Policies

- Next policy to be reviewed: **Finishing up the Video Surveillance policy.**

7. Plan of Service – 2028

8. Bylaw – none

9. Emergency Planning

- Do with Policy update

10. Round Table Discussion

We will do a "Snack-luck" meeting at the next meeting in December, and then will do a book exchange in January. We will decide on the book exchange rules in December.

11. Adjournment at 7:34 pm

Next Board Meeting is December 2nd at 6:30pm

Regrets: Glenda Brown.