

Thursday 22 Jan 2026
Village of Cremona Library Board Meeting

Call to order at 7:07pm

Attending: Jennifer Foat, Cam MacFarquhar, Greg Harris, Richard Forsberg, Colleen Peterson, Jennifer Kennedy, Christina Liu, Rebecca Smith.

Regrets: Jan Shand, Autumn Schmidt, Rosemarie McGonigle

Words from the Chair:

Hours: Jennifer Foat - 4, Jennifer Kennedy - 1, Colleen Peterson - 1, Cam MacFarquhar - 1, Richard Forsberg - 1

Additions/Adoptions of the Agenda:

Motion: Greg (spectator). All in Favour, carried.

Approval of Minutes:

Change from "adopt the minutes as amended to adopt the agenda as amended"

Motion: Jennifer Kennedy. All in favour, carried.

Correspondence: (As per meeting Package)

Motion: Richard. All in Favour, carried.

Treasurer Report: (As per Meeting Package)

Profit & loss will be next month. Still awaiting funding from MV County. No further updates at this time.

Motion: Jennifer Kennedy. All in favour, carried.

County Report: (Greg)

Next week will be a meeting of the village viability committee. The process will be ongoing.

Motion: Jennifer Foat. All in favour, carried.

Village Report: (Christina)

Village budget not yet passed, hopefully to occur in the next meeting. Some clarification may be needed on the library portion of this budget.

Motion: Cam MacFarquhar. All in favour, carried.

Friends of the Library Report: (Jan - absent)(Rebecca)

FOTL attended Winterfest in December 2025 to spread awareness of the group and the library. ~ \$125 raised by selling used books. Application has been submitted for the formation of the society but no correspondence received in return to verify Society Status.

Motion: Colleen Peterson All in favour, carried

Parkland Report: (Richard)

No new updates at this time from Parkland.

Motion: Richard. All in favour, carried.

Library Report: (Rebecca, as per meeting package)

As per package, Parkland has issued new information to clarify implications on the Village of Cremona being absorbed by the County of MountainView. This includes FAQ, and Roles & Responsibilities of Municipal Councils and Library Boards.

2026 MVC Comic-Con will be held September 12 at The Big Red Barn Heritage Event Centre.

The remaining 25% of Rec Board Grant should be incoming soon from MVC.

Motion: Jennifer Foat, all in favour, carried.

Open Issues:

- **Standing Committee Goals:**

- **Governance**

- There may be some work related to potential Village viability decision. May be a new Memorandum of Understanding to be created, either with Village or with MVC.

- **Finance:**

- Y/E financial documents need to be prepared to send to the auditor.
- Charitable Status
 - May benefit the board & to wait until after viability decision is made. Will continue to keep application status current during this process.
 - Should designate a key person of contact from the finance committee to maintain a relationship with Artist in Residency people.

- **Banking Access**

- **Motion:** Jennifer made the Motion that 2025 Y/E banking transactions be registered using the "posted date" (December 31, 2025) instead of January 2026. All in favour carried.
- **Motion:** Jennifer made the motion that we have at least 2 board members as well as the Library Manager with Online banking access. Currently this should be Colleen Peterson, Rosemarie McGonigle and Jennifer Foat from the board, as well as Rebecca Smith. All in favour, carried.

- **Letters from Village CAO**

- No correspondence received from the village that Board Member appointments.
- Christina (Village Rep) will carry forward a message to Village that the board requires official approval of Board Members from November 2025. Approval needed for Cam MacFarquhar, Richard Forsberg, Jan Shand, Autumn Schmidt, & Greg Harris.

- **55th Anniversary Year Celebration**

- The committee will consist of: Rebecca Smith, Jan Shand, Jennifer Kennedy, Colleen Peterson, Jennifer Foat.

Next Meeting will be February 26, 2026 @ 7 pm at the library.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm: Jennifer Foat.