

The Village of Cremona Library Board – Minutes of Regular Board Meeting
February 26, 2026, at the Cremona Library

Call to Order at 7:02 p.m.

Attending: Jennifer Foat (Chair), Cam MacFarquhar (Vice Chair), Rosemarie McGonigle (Secretary), Jan Shand (Treasurer), Richard Forsberg, Rebecca Smith (Library Manager), Christine Liu

Regrets: Jennifer Kennedy, Colleen Peterson, Greg Harris, Autumn Schmidt

Words from the Chair:

- Welcome to all, and thank you for being here

Additions/Adoption of Agenda:

Add to new business - Auditor, MLA Advocacy, Ag Society fundraising raffle, Parkland workshop
MOTION: to adopt the agenda as amended - Richard moved, all in favour, carried.

Approval of Minutes:

MOTION: to approve minutes for Jan 22, 2026 - Cam moved, all in favour, carried.

Correspondence: (as per meeting package)

- Thank you to Christina for ensuring that we received the letter re: Board appointments
- MOTION to accept correspondence as information only - Jan moved, all in favour, carried

Treasurer's Report: (Rebecca, for Colleen, as per meeting package)

- All due funding has been received until July/August
- Lori Eslinger has agreed to do our audit for 2025

MOTION to accept Treasurer's report - Jennifer F. moved, all in favour, carried.

County Report: (Greg)

- Greg was absent, so no County report

Village Report: (Christina)

- Budget review to happen on March 3

Friends of the Library Report:(FOTL): (Jan, as per the meeting package)

- It will be about 6 months before the FOTL can get Society Status
- They have \$194 on hand
- The FOTL will be providing a locking message board for in front of the library, with the Library deciding what gets posted in it
- 2 FOTL members, Betty Ann Horbay and Barb MacFarquhar, have joined the Anniversary Committee

MOTION: to accept the FOTL report - Richard moved, all in favour, carried

Parkland Report (Richard)

- Nothing applicable to Board, while anything applicable to Library has been passed on to Rebecca

MOTION to accept Parkland Report - Rosemarie moved, all in favour, carried.

Library Report: (Rebecca, as per meeting package)

MOTION to accept Library Report - Christina moved, all in favour, carried.

Open Issues:

- Banking access: Rebecca, Jennifer F, Rosemarie, and Colleen have banking access
- Notification letter re: Board Member appointments - has now been received from CAO
- Anniversary Committee (AC) report - AC met on Monday, tentative plan is to spread the celebration throughout the year, with main events to happen on July 1st, if a celebration takes place that day
- Governance Committee report - re: MOU received from the CAO - the Committee is working on a draft of MOU, hoping to have it ready for Board to review at March meeting, and when approved, will submit it to the Village Council for approval.

New Business:

- Communication and Access Control Protocol

MOTION: To accept Protocol draft so it can be sent out, Rosemarie moved, all in favour, carried

- Proposed Update to External Distribution of Library Board Minutes

MOTION: That the Village of Cremona Library Board discontinue the forwarding of approved Board meeting minutes to Municipal Administration, and that approved minutes instead be published on the Library's official website; and further, that the external distribution of Board meeting packages or other governance documents occur only where specifically approved by the Board - moved by Jennifer F., all in favour, carried

- Annual Report (Rebecca, as per meeting package)

MOTION - to accept Annual Report - Christina moved, all in favour, carried

- Budget - Rebecca needs to connect with the Finance Committee before completing the Budget and having it ready to submit to the Board
- Auditor - Lori Eslinger has agreed to audit for 2025

MOTION: to increase Honorarium for Lori from \$275 to \$350 - moved by Rosemarie, all in favour, carried

- MLA Advocacy - a letter will be drafted by the Joint Library Group (Cremona, Carstairs, Didsbury, Sundre, Olds) re: funding , and also re: proposed book curating by the province. Cam has agreed to help facilitate and participate in a meeting with the MLA.
- AG Society Raffle

MOTION: to donate a Blind Date with a Book and a Book Bag to the AG Society Raffle - Jennifer F. moved, all in favour, carried

- Parkland workshop - Rebecca will set up a Board Workshop via Zoom, to be delivered during April's Board Meeting.

Meeting Hours: Rosemarie 2.5, Richard 2.5, Jennifer F. 2.5, Jan 2.5, Cam 2.5 Total: 10.25 hours

Other Volunteer Hours:

Library Operations: Cam 1, Richard 3, Jennifer F. 19, Rosemarie 2, Jennifer K. 3, Jan 4, Colleen 4, Autumn 3, Total: 39 hours.

Meeting Adjourned: at 9:27 pm by Jennifer F.

Next Meeting: will be on Thursday, March 26, 2026 at 7:00 pm at the Library.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Rosemarie McGonigle.