AGENDA

Niagara Falls Public Library Board
Wednesday November 19, 2025 at 4:30pm
Conference Room #3, Victoria Avenue Library

Acknowledgement statement

The Chonnonton people have called these lands where we are gathering home for thousands of years and more recently, the Anishinaabe and the Haudenosaunee have been sharing the land as One Dish, One Spoon Treaty territory. We would like to acknowledge the enduring resilience of the First Nations, Metis and Inuit people who call this territory home.

1. Approval of Agenda

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary and Conflict of Interests

3. Approval of Minutes
   - 3.1. Regular Minutes of October 15, 2025 Board Meeting

4. Business arising from the Minutes

5. Consent Agenda
   - 5.1. Departmental Reports
     - 5.1.1. Community Centre Capital Improvements Report, B. Dixon, Manager of Operations
     - 5.1.2. Genre Champions Report, S. Topping, Information, Resources, and Connections Leader
     - 5.1.3. Internal & External Forms Audit Report, S. Topping, Information, Resources, and Connections Leader
     - 5.1.4. NFPL In the Media - October 2025, K. Stewart, Communications Associate
     - 5.1.5. 2025 Q3 Statistics, L. Martin, Community Engagement Manager
     - 5.1.6. Q3 Progress Report, Year 2 Work Plan / 2024-2028 Strategic Plan, L. Martin, Community Engagement Manager, B. Dixon, Manager of Operations, A. DeGiorgio, Human Resources Administrator, A. Dronyk, Manager of Information, Resources & Connections
     - 5.1.7. Q3 Finance Update, K. Rimnyak, Finance and Administrative Coordinator

5.2. Correspondence
- 5.2.1. Confirmation of annual information return filing, CRA
- 5.2.2. Notice of filing omission, CRA
- 5.2.3. Notice: Public Library Operating Grant on Hold, Ontario Ministry of Tourism Culture, and Gaming
- 5.2.4. Email re: Volunteer Recognition Award, B. White, Volunteer and Community Member
- 5.2.5. Letter to B. White re: Volunteer Recognition Award, Niagara Falls Public Library
- 5.2.6. Letter of Gratitude re: Library Day, M. Bourdeau, Simcoe Street Public School

5.3. Board Information
- 5.3.1. Board Succession Slidedeck, P. Takala, Chief Librarian, Hamilton Public Library, and L. Barrie, CEO, Burlington Public Library
- 5.3.2. Library Board Orientation Manual 2023, Burlington Public Library
- 5.3.3. Artificial Intelligence, B. Pichman, Evolve Project
- 5.3.4. 2024-2026 People Plan, City of Niagara Falls
- 5.3.5. Canadian Library Month Round-Up Email, Ontario Library Association
- 5.3.6. Consultation: Poverty Reduction Strategy, Joint Submission of the Federation of Ontario Public Libraries & the Ontario Library Association
- 5.3.7. Why Task Forces? CFLA's New Structure, Canadian Federation of Library Associations
- 5.3.8. CFLA's Recent Accomplishments: Impact for the Canadian Library Sector, Canadian Federation of Library Associations
- 5.3.9. CFLA Update - October 2024, Canadian Federation of Library Associations
- 5.3.10. Impact of technology services in Ontario public libraries - Bridge 2023/2024 Report, Library Impact Ontario
- 5.3.11. LEADERSHIP BRIEF: Leading Social Impact: Reflections from the ULC CEO Roundtable 2025 Leadership, Urban Libraries Council
- 5.3.12. Ontario Increasing Support to Municipalities through the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund, Ontario Newsroom
- 5.3.13. Ontario Investing $7 Million to Support Literary Arts and Publishers, Ontario Newsroom
- 5.3.14. Notice of Public Meeting - Community Improvement Plan, Niagara Falls City Council

5.4. Articles
- 5.4.1. Fearing fraud, Canada rejects most Indian study permit applicants, Reuters/CTV News
- 5.4.2. Will Libraries Survive AI?, Association of Research Libraries

5.4.3. The library is not a department: Why public library boards matter, Municipal World
5.4.4. With Roles as Civic Hubs, Libraries Turn Over a New Page, Bloomberg
5.4.5. Libraries are struggling with digital demand, The Peak

6. Action Items
   6.1. 2026 Operating Budget, K. Rimnyak, Finance and Administrative Coordinator
      6.1.1. Risk and Finance Meeting Summary – Operating Budget, November 12, 2025

7. Committee-of-the-Whole Session

8. Other Business

Next Regular Board meeting is at 4:30 pm:

December 17, 2025
January 21, 2026
February 18, 2026