# AGENDA

Niagara Falls Public Library Board
Wednesday February 18, 2026 at 4:30pm
Rosberg Gallery, 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. Committee-of-the-Whole Session

4. Approval of Minutes
   4.1. Regular Minutes of January 21, 2026 Board Meeting

5. Business arising from the Minutes

6. Consent Agenda
   6.1. Departmental Reports
      6.1.1. Q4 Progress Report / 2025 Wrap Up, Year 2 Work Plan / 2024-2028 Strategic Plan Report, Laura Martin, Community Engagement Manager, Becky Dixon, Operations Manager, Antonio DeGiorgio, Human Resources Administrator, Ashleigh Dronyk, Information, Resources & Connections Manager
      6.1.2. EarlyON Q3 & Q4 2025 Report, L. Martin, Community Engagement Manager
      6.1.3. NFPL In the Media – January 2026, K. Stewart, Communications Associate
      6.1.4. Q4 2025 YTD System Statistics, L. Martin, Community Engagement Manager
      6.1.5. Multilingual Collection Assessment Report, S. Topping, Information,

Resources and Connections Leader
6.1.6. Innovation Hub Report, L. Martin, Community Engagement Manager
6.1.7. 2023 Annual Report

6.2. Correspondence and Board Information
6.2.1. Thank You Card / Holiday Party Participation, J. Burgess, Chief Administrative Officer, City of Niagara Falls
6.2.2. Historical PLOG information, D. Stevens, Executive Director, Federation of Ontario Public Libraries
6.2.3. Media Release: City of Niagara Falls extends Public Engagement for Unhoused Action Plan, City of Niagara Falls
6.2.4. FOPL Winter Update, Federation of Ontario Public Libraries
6.2.5. 2026-27 Pre-Budget Submission, Ontario Library Association and Federation of Ontario Public Libraries
6.2.6. Important Changes to Ontario's Occupational Health and Safety Act Take Effect January 1, 2026, Hicks Morley LLP
6.2.7. Statement on the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's (AMO) Updated Report on Homelessness in Ontario, Ontario's Big City Mayors
6.2.8. Public Notice: Provincial state of emergency on homelessness, mental health, and addiction, City of Thorold
6.2.9. St. Catharines Public Library Space Leasing Advertisement, St. Catharines Standard

6.3. Articles
6.3.1. 'Not a lot of wiggle room': Niagara Falls library may cut services despite funding boost, Niagara Falls Review
6.3.2. Downtown Hamilton library to close Sundays amid safety concerns, Hamilton Spectator
6.3.3. Resident questions Newmarket library's shift in user data reporting standards, Newmarket Today
6.3.4. Opinion | Public libraries foster feelings of social connectedness for older adults, Hamilton Spectator
6.3.5. Kashechewan teen evacuated to Niagara Falls, Ont., says she misses 'being on the land', CBC News
6.3.6. Gale rules out budget cuts to Niagara Region's social services, long-term care, St. Catharines Standard
6.3.7. Big-city mayors sound alarm as Ontario homelessness rises, Municipal World

7. Action Items
7.1. Amendments to the City's 2024 Development Charges (DC) By-law and Background Study – Executive Summary, A. Subnaik Kilgour, Chief Executive Officer/Chief Librarian
7.2. Revised 2026 Operating Budget, K. Rimnyak, Finance and Administrative

Coordinator

7.3. EarlyON Supervision of Children Policy Report, L. Martin, Community Engagement Manager

7.4. Policy Index
  - 7.4.1. Unforeseen Closure Policy
  - 7.4.2. Occupational Health and Safety Policy Statement
  - 7.4.3. Workplace Violence and Harassment Statement
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7.5. 2024 Annual Report

8. Other Business

Next Regular Board meeting is at 4:30 pm:

March 18, 2026
April 15, 2026
May 20, 2026