

Attendees Sandra Baker (Chairman), Kayla Lorenzen (Library Manager), Mark Barber, Tony Bruder, Tiare Dewart, Sara Hossain (Recorder), Susan Knight, Gord Tolton

Apologies Mike Barkwith, Debbie Reed

1.0 Meeting called to order at 18:58

1.1 Approval of Agenda

- **Amend 3.0 Business Arising** – include 3.1 Lease agreement
- **Amend 7.0 New Business** – include 7.1 Bill 28
- Moved by Mark to approve as amended – approved by vote as amended

2.0 Approval of Minutes of March 25th, 2026

- **Amend 6.8** – Replace misspelling of “Gord” from “God”
- **Amend 7.1** – “By-Law” in heading should be two words, “by law”
- **Amend 7.1** – Should read “Motion to move *to* 3rd”
- **Amend 5.0 Other Reports** – Should read “as submitted” instead of summaries
- Moved by Tony to approve minutes as amended – approved by vote

3.0 Business arising from the minutes

3.1 Lease Agreement

- Is the gym space still included for expansion? Proposal 1 & 3 included it, but 2 did not
- Mark mentions the town is awaiting a request for the space
- Building Committee needs to get a quote, Mike is to get a contact
- Recommended to go forward with the lease as-is if the gym is in the agreement and amend later
- Motion by Gord to sign lease agreement if it includes the gym – Carried by vote

4.0 Reports –

4.1 Financials – Tiare

- Printing looks good after change from free printing
- Five pay periods in payroll
- We were able to stay within budget
 - \$60 over for electricity, but under for gas
- Training/Conference (5430) is over budget due to First Aid training, but it was paid for by the Friends of the Library
- Motion by Tiare to accept financials as presented – approved by vote

5.0 Reports

5.1 Building Committee – Mike

- no report due to Mike’s absence

5.2 Board Chair

- Southern Alberta Library Conference (SALC) in Lethbridge on April 17th

- Reminder to attend the Volunteer Appreciation event on April 22nd
- The Informed Library: Full-Day Symposium: Intellectual Freedom in Lethbridge on April 16th

5.3 Outreach Co-Ordinator and Library Manager – As submitted

5.4 Town / MD / Villiage of Cowley

- Another reminder to attend the Volunteer Appreciation event on April 22nd

5.5 CARLS

- City of Lethbridge budget increase
 - only two supporters, so it did not pass
 - had to use reserves in the past year and possibly this year

6.0 Policy Manual – Policies to Review – As submitted

6.1 5.1 – Safe Working Environment

- Motion to accept as presented by Mark – approved by vote

6.2 5.1.1 – Working Alone – Tabled

6.3 5.1.2 – Emergency Procedures - Tabled

7.0 New Business

7.1 Bill 28 – Discussion

8.0 Correspondence

8.1 Letter from Minister of Municipal Affairs

9.0 Next Date of Meeting

9.1 May 20th, 2026, 7:00pm Library Meeting Room

10.0 Adjournment - Motion to Adjourn by Sandra at 20:09 – approved by vote

Signed _____ (Chair) Date _____