Midland Public Library

Board Meeting
Thursday, May 15, 2025
at 6:00 pm

Present	I. Ayres (via Zoom), B. Desroches), D. Dickinson (via Zoom), M. Gray, B. Kettle (via Zoom), C. MacDonald, V. Patel, K. Weishar
Regrets	S. Turnbull
Staff	T. Hayes

1. **Call to Order**
   Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm by Board Chair K. Weishar

2. **Declaration of Pecuniary Interests**
   None

3. **Approval of the Agenda**
   Approval of the May 15, 2025, Board Meeting Agenda
   Moved By: M. Gray
   Seconded by: V. Patel
   Carried

4. **Approval of April 17, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes**
   Moved By: B. Desroches
   Seconded By: M. Gray
   Carried

5. **Presentation "Understanding the Library Sector" by F. Shergold**

6. **Correspondence**

   1 item was discussed in-camera due to an identifiable individual

   Motion to go in-camera
   Moved by: B. Desroches
   Seconded by: M. Gray
   Carried

   Motion to exit in-camera session
   Moved by: M. Gray
   Seconded by: B. Kettle
   Carried

7. **CEO Report and Security Update**

- CEO T. Hayes presented report.
- Town of Midland looking into ways to block off the Elizabeth Street entrance.
- Hosted a "Home School Science Fair" this month.
- Hosted a very successful teen author visit with Victoria Coops.
- Had Dnaagdawenmag Binnoojiiyag Child and Family Services here for a story time and also had an information booth here for the afternoon.
- MPL attended the Midland Home Show.
- F. Shergold attended the Community Support Services Networking meeting as well as "From Access to Solutions".
- Social media has had great reception with new reels.
- There is a new online training module for the new 3D printer.
- St. Paul's United church has reached out to connect with our Community Navigation Worker to help us stock the community pantry.
- CMHA has added another staff member to be in the library on Thursday afternoons to help with outreach with the community.
- MPL completed staff first aid training and the second part of the "Art and Science of Difficult Conversations" training.

8. **New Business**

- An article was circulated prior to the meeting highlighting what stronger mayor powers are and how it affects the Town of Midland

9. **Library Statistics**
    - Presented by T. Hayes

10. **Report of Board Committees**

- **Finance Committee**
    - Minutes from the Finance Committee meeting were circulated prior to the Board meeting
    - The Terms of Reference and a proposed schedule change was circulated prior to the Board meeting
    - April 2025 financials were circulated prior to the Board meeting

Motion to accept the April 2025 financials
Moved by: C. MacDonald
Seconded by: D. Dickinson
Carried

- **Policy Committee**
    - Nothing to report as there was no meeting held

- **Assessment and Development Committee**
    - The MOU with the Town of Midland was discussed.

- **Fundraising Committee**
  - J. Paquette is looking into a non-event read-a-thon to include in summer reading.
  - B. Kettle has offered MPL some of her late mother's jewelry that could be auctioned.
  - Buttertart Festival is fast approaching and although fundraising efforts won't be a priority, MPL's presence at the event will be important. Board Members expressed interest in attending. We will be making T-shirts for them.

11. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the Midland Public Library Board meeting
Moved by: M. Gray
Meeting Adjourned at 7:15 pm

Signed:

K. Weishar, Chair

T. Hayes, CEO

Date: June 19, 2025