Minutes of the Regular Meeting June 24, 2026

The County of Brant Public Library cultivates inclusivity and empowers lifelong learning.

Date: June 24, 2026
Place: St. George Branch

Present: John Bell (via Zoom), Susan Eddy, Fred Gladding, Amanda Henderson, Jennifer Kyle, Kari Raymer Bishop (via Zoom), Marilyn Sewell
Regrets: Paula Chorpitta, Nathan Etherington, Steve Howes
Staff: Kelly Bernstein, Steph Burchill

Call to Order: F. Gladding, in the Chair, called the meeting to order at 7pm.

Approval of the Agenda
Moved by: A. Henderson
Seconded by: S. Eddy
THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

Carried

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature of
None

Approval of the Minutes
Moved by: J. Kyle
Seconded by: S. Eddy
THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting May 27, 2026, the minutes of the In-Camera meeting May 27, 2026, the minutes of the Special meeting June 1, 2026, and the minutes of the In-Camera Meeting June 1, 2026, be approved as presented.

Carried

Business Arising
Nil.

Consent Items to be Received – Communications
Moved by: M. Sewell
Seconded by: J. Bell
THAT the June Safety Talk, JHSC Minutes: May 2026, and Friends of the Glen Morris Library meeting minutes be received as correspondence.

Carried

Library Board Development
F. Gladding and K. Bernstein shared learnings from the recent Library as a Place conference.

Submissions for Board Development
F. Gladding reminded Board Members that suggestions for Board Development are encouraged and should be submitted to the Chair or CEO for inclusion in the agenda.

Reports
K. Bernstein shared Output Measures for May. Overall, usage numbers continue to rise, although the rate growth has slowed. The Downtown Dig may have affected foot traffic at the Paris Branch, as in-person visits, physical circulation, and program attendance have slowed, however a corresponding rise in visits to the St. George Branch has been noted.

Revenues and expenditures to date are as expected at this point in the year.

Upcoming library programs were highlighted, including Book Bingo and the new Pollinator Garden in Burford.

K. Bernstein reported updates on behalf of the Facility Committee.

Moved by: J. Kyle
Seconded by: A. Henderson
THAT the reports be received as presented.

Carried

On behalf of the Planning Committee, M. Sewell presented the final draft revisions to Policies *LS 3 Charges for Service, LS 5 Circulation of Materials* and *LS 6 Membership*.

K. Raymer Bishop joined the meeting at 7:26pm.

Moved by: J. Kyle
Seconded by: J. Bell
THAT policies *LS 3 Charges for Service, LS 5 Circulation of Materials* and *LS 6 Membership* be approved as presented.

Carried

An updated Strategic and Facility Planning Proposed Schedule from Montieth Brown was presented to the Board with an adjusted timeline to allow for a sound transition between Library Boards.
Moved by: M. Sewell
Seconded by: K. Raymer Bishop
THAT the Board approves the amended timeline as presented.

Carried

New Business
Nil.

In Camera Session
Moved by: J. Kyle
Seconded by: S. Eddy
THAT the Library Board convene in camera to discuss confidential matters: *16.1 (4):(c) a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the board*.

On a motion by J. Bell and seconded by K. Raymer Bishop the Library Board rose from closed session and reconvened the regular meeting.

Carried

Next Meeting
September 23, 2026, Scotland-Oakland Branch.

Adjournment
M. Sewell moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:07pm.

Meeting adjourned.