

West Grey Public Library Board

Mission Statement: The West Grey Library offers resources and services inclusive for all.

Agenda

October 8, 2025. 6:30 pm

"Canadian Library Month is a chance to reflect on the incredible impact of our members and the work they do every day. This year's theme, Libraries for Life, beautifully captures the way libraries support people at every stage, in every community, and in every sector". OLA

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of the agenda
 - 2.1. Moved by
Seconded by
THAT the Board approve the agenda as presented.
3. Declarations of pecuniary interest
4. Correspondence
n/a
5. Minutes
 - 5.1. Moved by
Seconded by
THAT the minutes of September 10, 2025, be adopted.
6. Business arising from the minutes.
7. Chief Librarian's report
 - 7.1. Moved by
Seconded by
That the Board receive the Chief Librarian's report
8. Report from Board and Council members.
9. Other business
 - 9.1. Neustadt branch update
 - 9.2. 2026 draft budget
 - 9.2.1. Moved by
Seconded by
THAT the 2026 draft budget be approved as presented
 - 9.3. 2026 draft capital budget
 - 9.3.1. Moved by
Seconded by
THAT the 2026 draft capital budget be approved as presented
10. Closed session
There is no closed session

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11. Report from closed session

There is no closed session

12. Open Board Discussion

13. Next Meeting – Wednesday, November 12, 2025, 6:30 pm at the Durham Branch.

14. Adjournment

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September 10, 2025
West Grey Public Library – Durham Branch

Present: Malcolm Beddoes (Chair), Scott Foerster, Doug Townsend, Samantha Mund, Yvonne Pelletier, Kim Storz (CEO), Kimm Culkin (Secretary)

Absent: Stephen Townsend (Vice-Chair)

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

2. Agenda

Moved by Yvonne Pelletier

Seconded by Doug Townsend

THAT the Board approve the agenda as presented.

Carried.

3. Declaration of Interest

It is recorded that there were no declarations of pecuniary or conflict of interest or the general nature thereof.

4. Correspondence

From the Hanover Public Library requesting representatives to join their delegation to MPP. Samantha Mund, Doug Townsend.

5. Minutes of June 10, 2025

Moved by Scott Foerster

Seconded by Samantha Mund

THAT the minutes of June 10, 2025, be adopted.

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Carried.

6. Business arising from the minutes.

6.1 Discussion: parking lot safety measures

7. Chief Librarian's report

Moved by Yvonne Pelletier

Seconded by Samantha Mund

THAT the Board receive the Chief Librarian's report

Carried.

8. Report from Board and Council Members

8.1 Perth Library

9. Other Business

9.1 Neustadt branch update

9.2 Strategic Plan update

9.3 2026 draft budget

9.3.1 Moved by Yvonne Pelletier

Seconded by Samantha Mund

THAT the Board approve the adding of three (3) additional hours to the Durham Branch schedule, changing the close time from 2pm to 5pm on Saturdays.

Carried

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9.3.2 Moved by Samantha Mund

Seconded by Scott Foerster

THAT the 2026 draft budget be approved as presented.

Carried

9.4 2026 draft capital budget

Moved by Yvonne Pelletier

Seconded by Scott Foerster

THAT the 2026 draft capital budget be approved as presented.

Carried

10. Open Board Discussion

11. Next Meeting – Wednesday, October 8, 2025, 6:30pm to be held at the Durham Branch.

12. Adjournment: Adjourned at 7:53pm

Chair:

Date:

Chief Librarian/CEO Report
October, 2025

1. Operational Updates

Recent Anniversaries:

Le – Sep 2023 – 2 years

Kayla – Sep 2013 – 12 years

Kathleen – Oct 2009 – 16 years

Kimm – Oct 2012 – 13 years

Kim – Oct 2010 – 15 years

The shed is complete and has been delivered to Durham.

The application for the 2025/2026 Public Library Operating, Pay Equity, and First Nation Salary Supplement Grant (PLOG) has been submitted, and it is still at the same amount: \$24,190. However, our Internet Connectivity Grant jumped this year from \$800.00 to \$4,996.20. This grant covers all internet costs to public libraries serving communities with populations of 20,000 or less.

Saugeen Conservation has provided us with 9 passes for the Durham Conservation area, instead of the original 3 we anticipated. Patrons can check these out for free using their library cards for 7 days.

Communications

October, Canadian Library Month, sees the launch of a new card campaign, with a goal of 70 new cards for the month.

Strategic planning efforts include surveys and questions on social media during October.

Programs

We presented to Council on Tue, Sept 16 th . One positive question, two challenging questions; positive written and phone feedback from four listeners. I would recommend looking for additional opportunities to update Council and to ensure clear understanding of our mandate, strategic focus and results.

Chief Librarian/CEO Report
October, 2025

Saturday, Sept 20 th was our 3 rd FBI* Fix Broken Items, the Library's version of the Repair Café (which is trademarked), partnered with Earth Works Grey Bruce. We had an 80% successful 'fix' rate and a number of favourable comments.

We have had to cancel the October literary event, West Grey Festival of Stories, and will look to scheduling it every two years.

We have renewed our commitment to Biindigin, the Indigenous series, for another four sessions. Our elder-in-residence, Oji-Cree Metis Elder Diane Owen, continues to guide this program, and has been very helpful in developing displays and plans for the Day of Truth & Reconciliation. Our historian-in-residence, Mat Johnson, Jackie, our gardener-in-residence, Alanna, our author/publisher-in-residence and Nikki, our Environmentalist-in-residence, are all actively involved in programming and community events in their respective fields, as well as their monthly visits to Durham.