

SCUGOG MEMORIAL PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MEETING
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, January 15th, 2026 at 7 pm (hybrid)

Present: Catie Sahadath (Chair), Donna Ankrett, Jesse Gillis, Navjeet Sidhu, Jordan Donald, Robert Rock Alexson Philipiah,

Regrets:

Secretary/Treasurer: Sarah White, CEO, Scugog Memorial Public Library

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm

1. **Land Acknowledgement:**

“We acknowledge that our Library is on the traditional territory of the Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation. May we respectfully honour the knowledge and understanding of the Indigenous stewards of these ancestral lands and ensure that the voices of the First Peoples are represented in our collections, programs and services”.

2. **Additions to and Approval of Agenda:**

2026-01 **MOVED by Jesse Gillis, SECONDED by Jordan Donald, that the Agenda be approved**

CARRIED

3. **Disclosure of Conflict of Interest:** No conflict of interest was declared.

4. **Consent Agenda:**

2026-02 **MOVED by Jesse Gillis, SECONDED by Navjeet Sidhu, that the Consent Agenda be approved.**

CARRIED

5. **Committee Proposals Requiring Discussion and Items Removed from Consent Agenda**

5.1. Treasurer's Report

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5.2. CEO & MPS Highlights Report

5.3. Farndale Gallery Update: January 10th to February 19th: Gardens and Gables; Town & Country – Stephanie MacKendrick

5.4. Any other Items removed from Consent Agenda

2026-03 **MOVED by Jesse Gillis, SECONDED by Donna Ankrett, that the Treasurer's Report be approved.**

CARRIED

6. **Business Arising from the Minutes:**

- 6.1. 2026 Operating and Capital Budgets: Sarah reported to the Library Board that the 2026 Operating and Capital Budgets had been deemed accepted as of December 15th, 2025.
- 6.2. Library Board Composition: Sarah will advertise the Library Board vacancy and post information and application forms per the existing policy B19: Board Recruitment Policy. This policy will be added to the agenda for the February 19, 2026 Library Board meeting. Current Library Board members will be asked to resubmit their applications in August, 2026 if they wish to continue serving on the Library Board for the 2027-2030 term.

7. **New Business**

- 7.1. OLS Trustee Meeting Report: Donna Ankrett provided the Library Board with an overview of the topics discussed at the OLS meeting
- 7.2. Historical Community Collection: Sarah attended the last LSHS Executive meeting to discuss the possibility of the LSHS partnering with the Library on a grant that would provide a distinct area in the library to house the local history collection, with a view to the expansion of that collection and enhanced access to the community.

7. **Date of Next Regular Meeting** – Thursday, February 19, 2026 at 7 pm

8. **Adjournment** - The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm on a motion by Donna Ankrett