

**Fort Frances Public Library**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

The special meeting of the Fort Frances Public Library Board took place in the Shaw Room at the Fort Frances Public Library Technology Centre on Thursday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 4:15pm.

**Board Members in attendance:** Sheri De Gagné (Chair), Robin Dennis (Vice-Chair), Councillor Mike Behan, Tanis Fretter, Ken Kellar, Hue Eldridge (@ 4:44 PM), Mayor Andrew Hallikas

**Staff in attendance:** Richard Bee – CEO FFPLTC, Town of Fort Frances CAO Marcel Michaels (left @ 5:46 PM)

**Regrets:** N/A

**Call to Order** @ 4:15 by Sheri De Gagné

1. Discussion regarding potential use of reserve fund to generate revenue for the operating budget.
  - a. Concern regarding intent of donated moneys in reserve fund.
  - b. Concern regarding regularly using reserve fund money for covering operating expenses instead of having governments funding libraries as needed.
2. Discussion regarding the detailed budget notes Richard provided the Board for the meeting.
3. Discussion regarding reduction of operating hours over the years.
4. Discussion regarding outstanding revenues and expenses for 2024 operating budget.
5. Discussion regarding the long-term sustainability of funding for the Library.
  - a. Marcel stated that Fort Frances has the highest per capita rate funding for public library service in the region, which includes Sudbury.

**MOTION#2025-01** Motion to go in-camera due to labour relations or employee negotiations @ 5:17 PM.

Moved by Ken K.

Seconded by Hue E.

CARRIED.

The Board moved out of camera @ 6:12 PM.

6. The Board will meet on Thursday, February 6 to review the budget if necessary.

**MOTION#2025-02** Motion to adjourn the Library Board meeting of January 9, 2025 @ 6:18 PM.

Moved by Mike B.

Seconded by Robin D.

CARRIED.

*Sheri De Gagné*