

RAMARA PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

Thursday, May 21, 2026 1:00 p.m., by ZOOM

Board members present: Jane Ste. Marie, Elise Bethune, Councilor Joe Gough, Heidi Stanley, Karen Whitehorn, Dayle Rochon, Colleen McKee, Adrienne Davies

Regrets: Donna Hewitt

Vision

Ramara Township Public Library enhances the quality of life in our rural township by providing public spaces, resources, and services to meet our community's changing needs.

1. Call to order: 1 p.m., Jane Ste. Marie, Chair

2. Consent agenda: none

3. Declaration of conflicts of interest: none

4. Approval of agenda:

Motion #2026-32 Moved by Dayle Rochon, seconded by Heidi Stanley that the agenda be approved as presented. Carried

5. In camera:

Motion #2026-33 Moved by Joe Gough, seconded by Colleen McKee that the meeting be taken *in camera*. Carried.

Motion #2026-34 Moved by Colleen McKee, seconded by Karen Whitehorn that the *in camera* minutes of April 26, 2026 be accepted. Carried.

Motion #2026-35 Moved by Heidi Stanley, seconded by Joe Gough that the *in camera* session be ended. Carried.

Motion #2026-36 Moved by Joe Gough, seconded by Colleen McKee that the three items be received as information. Carried.

6. Minutes of preceding meeting: April 16, 2026

Motion #2026-37 Moved by Dayle Rochon, seconded by Heidi Stanley that the minutes of March 26, 2026 are accepted. Carried.

7. Business arising from the minutes:

Strategic Plan, attached -The CEO will make a presentation to the Board and Council with media follow-up; the final structure will be presented to the public through E-blasts and messaging.

Motion #2026-38 Moved by Joe Gough, seconded by Dayle Rochon that the Board approve the public document with reporting in June and December. Carried.

Brechin location, attached – Discussion about ideals for a new location. Public input will be sought before a decision is made about location. CEO directed to work with the Township Communications Team.

Motion #2026-39 Moved by Heidi Stanley, seconded by Joe Gough that the Board approve the report as amended. Carried.

8. Correspondence: *none*

9. Chairperson's remarks: *Jane Ste. Marie*

Jane has had a few opportunities to represent the Board – namely, a cheque presentation, Chamber's AGM, and the cooking club at Brechin Legion. Elise' De-escalation Workshop was well-received.

10. Treasurer's report: *Elise Bethune for Manon Higgins/Carly Foster, attached*

Motion #2026-40 Moved by Joe Gough, seconded by Colleen McKee that the Treasurer's report be accepted. Carried.

11. CEO's report: *Elise Bethune, attached*

Full report was attached in package.

12. Council report: *Councilor Joe Gough*

Not all Councilors have entered their names in the upcoming election. Declared Violence against Women as an epidemic.

13. Committee reports: *none*

14. Advocacy reports: *Jane Ste. Marie*

Jane Ste Marie will be attending the Chamber of Commerce's AGM and the CFOA's AGM and award ceremony on the Library's behalf.

Thank-you to Board members who decorated, ordered, and delivered SMILE cookies during the recent campaign which raised over \$6,000.

15. Other business:

FN-03, Donation and Sponsorship Policy:

Motion #2026-41 Moved by Joe Gough, seconded by Colleen McKee that FN-03, Donation and Sponsorship Policy be accepted as amended. Carried.

FN-02, Procurement Policy, GO-09, Financial Control and Oversight:

Motion #2026-42 Moved by Colleen McKee, seconded by Joe Gough that FN-02, Procurement Policy, GO-09, Financial Control and Oversight be accepted as presented. Carried.

Direction to present to Council – opening a new reserve.

Motion #2026-43 Moved by Dayle Rochon, seconded by Joe Gough that Elise Bethune proceed as directed. Carried.

Board Assembly, Heidi Stanley: Heidi would like us to consider Bill 28 coming out of Alberta to do with AI and training available. Also, the workshop made her aware of emotional labour and how employers should be aware of the hidden costs to employees. Discussion about the Librarian viewing (movie).

16. Friends of the Library report: *Adrienne Davies, Heidi Stanley*

The SMILE cookie campaign, Brechin's Tim Hortons, April 27-May 3, raised \$6,321.69.

The May 30 Spring Sale (10 a.m. to 1 p.m.) – books, bags, incidentals and plants. Any books donated can be dropped off the day before.

Quilters will have raffle tickets for sale soon.

17. Public comments: *none*

18. Date and location of next meeting: Board meeting, Wednesday, June 18, 2026, 1 p.m.
via ZOOM.

19. Adjournment: 2:41 p.m..