

# Burk's Falls, Armour & Ryerson Union Public Library

## Our Vision

Access to knowledge for all

## Our Mission

The Burk's Falls, Armour & Ryerson Union Public Library is a dynamic organization that provides innovative programming in various formats to meet the evolving interests and needs of our diverse and growing population.

## Minutes of the Virtual Board of Trustees Meeting

February 19, 2025

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<b>Present were:</b>	Chairperson:	Ruth Fenwick
	Board Trustees:	Bev Abbott Patty Butler Sean Cotton Tiffany Monk Robert Van der Wijst Joseph Vella

<b>Regrets:</b>	Rod Blakelock, Kaiyla Hoffman
<b>Also attending:</b>	McMurrich/Monteith Representative: Vicky Roeder-Martin CEO: Nieves Guijarro

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<b>1</b>	<b>Call to order</b>	With a quorum present CEO called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
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<b>2</b>	<b>Approval of Meeting Agenda</b>	<b>MOTION 413/25</b> IT WAS MOVED BY: S. Cotton AND SECONDED BY: J. Vella
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That the meeting agenda of the Board of Trustees of February 19, 2025 be accepted as presented:

**CARRIED**

<b>3</b>	<b>Declaration of conflict of interest</b>	No conflicts were declared
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<b>4</b>	<b>Approval of consent Agenda</b>	<b>MOTION 414/25</b> IT WAS MOVED BY: B. Abbott AND SECONDED BY: J. Vella
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That the consent agenda of the Board of Trustees meeting of February 19, 2025 be approved as amended.

- a)** Resolution to accept the minutes of January 2025 as amended.
- b)** Resolution to accept the CEO's Report of January 2025.
- c)** Armour Township Financial Statement January 2025

**CARRIED**

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- 5 Business arising from the minutes -Lease Agreement with the Village of Burk's Falls has not been received as of February 19<sup>th</sup> 2025. At the request of Burk's Falls clerk, Nieves provided the monthly rental costs of union libraries within the Almaguin Region on January 30, 2025.  
-Tri Council meeting on February 24, 2025 – Nieves will present a video clip arranged by library staff Karen and Tara with the collaboration of Sarah Cooke to reflect the impact the library has in the community.  
-The library board has not received an update from Armour Township on the Geotechnical Investigation Report. Nieves will do a follow up with Armour Township CAO.
- 6 **Committee Reports** Members of the board signed up for library committees and the results are as follows:  
  
-Building/Fundraising Cmte – Joe, Kaiyla, Ruth, Bev, Rod & Tiffany  
-Finance/Budget Cmte – Ruth, Patty & Joe  
-Personnel Cmte – Bob, Bev & Patty  
-Policy/Planning Cmte – Ruth, Vicky, Bev & Bob
- 7 **Correspondence** -None to report
- 8 **New Business** -Ruth and Bev met with Armour Mayor Ward to discuss the decision of Armour Council in reference to the Library Shared Agreement. Mayor Ward insured that his Council supports the work the library staff does and that further details will be communicated to the Board.  
  
-Freedom to Read Week will be celebrated from February 23 to March 1, 2025.  
Nieves shared with members a CBC episode of the Fifth Estate which showed the threat libraries currently experience to stay independent and inclusive.
- 9 **Adjournment** **MOTION 415/25** by R. Fenwick at 8:06 pm to adjourn.

**CARRIED**

*Ruth Fenwick*  
Board Chairperson

*March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025*  
Date