

**Cumberland Regional Library Board
Minutes – May 7, 2026**

“Cumberland Public Libraries”, managed and operated by the Cumberland Regional Library Board, a body corporate pursuant to the Libraries Act of Nova Scotia.

The May 7, 2026 meeting of the Cumberland Regional Library Board was held via Google Meet.

Present: David Beattie, Councillor Carla Black (Treasurer), Mark Joseph (Vice Chair), Councillor Terry McManaman, Councillor Angel McCormick (Interim Chair), Denise Corey (Director, Secretary), Chantelle Taylor (Deputy Librarian, Recording Secretary)

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:58pm.

2. Agenda

Councillor McCormick asked that an item be added to the agenda.

3. Retention of lawyer for contract negotiation

Councillor Mcmanaman moved to engage the firm of Burchell Wickwire Bryson to negotiate the first contract with NSUPE Local 24. Seconded by Councillor Black. Motion carried.

4. Other

Mr. Beattie motioned the Board directs the Library Director to seek guidance from legal Counsel (Burchell Wickwire Bryson LLP) on what staffing adjustments, if any, may be permissible within the current labour framework; and provide the Board with recommendations, based on operational requirements, should changes be deemed viable. As Library Director Ms. Corey will, provide a recommendation to the Board identifying which position or positions from Head Office could be eliminated. The Library Director insight into the day-to-day operations of the library system will be critical in ensuring that any decision minimizes disruption to services while addressing out financial realities. Seconded by Councillor Black. Motion carried.

Next meeting: June 4, 2026 4:30pm

There being no further business Councillor McCormick adjourned the meeting.

Submitted by:
Denise Corey, Library Director/Board Secretary