Cumberland Regional Library Board
Minutes – September 10, 2026

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The September 10, 2026 meeting of the Cumberland Regional Library Board was held at CAN-U and via Google Meet

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

1. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 4:31 pm.

2. Approval of the Agenda
Councillor Black moved that that the agenda be approved as presented. Seconded by Mr. Joseph. Motion carried.

3. Approval of Minutes of the July 14, 2026 meeting
Councillor Mcmanaman moved that the minutes of July 14, 2026 meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by Mr. Beattie. Motion carried.

4. Learning Moment
Ms. Corey presented the Board with pages from the Board orientation package.

5. Old Business
A. Additional board members
Ms. Corey reported that all of the municipalities have decided to add a community member to the library board. It is now a matter of waiting for their appointment process. Ms. Corey will follow up with the municipalities to see where they are in that process.

6. Actions arising from the minutes
A. Library Director Review
Ms. Corey reported at the February 2026 meeting, the Board decided to move the Library Director's performance evaluation to the Fall.

B. EDIA board member
Ms. Corey reported that the EDIA board member application would be closing on September 29th.

C. Friends of the Pugwash library proposal
Ms. Corey reported that she had attended the meeting in August with the Friends. Mr. Gordon who spoke to the Board in July was waiting for direction from the Board. Councillor McCormick told the Board she had spoken to Mr. Gordon and let him know the Board was looking at additional information. Discussion ensued.

D. Board Chair election
At the April meeting Councillor McCormick accepted the role of Board Chair on an interim basis while we waited for additional board members to be appointed. Ms. Corey reported to the Board she needs to update signing authority for the Library.

Mr. Beattie nominated Councillor McCormick as Chair. Seconded by Councillor Black. Motion carried

7. New Business
A. Letter of complaint ECRL library board
Ms. Corey followed up with the Board about the complaint from the Eastern Counties Regional Library board. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Joseph motioned that the Board would provide a letter of support for the One Card Library Alliance and their privacy policy, to be written by Ms. Corey. Seconded by Mr. Beattie. Motion carried.

B. 2025/26 Annual report
Ms. Corey presented the Board with the Annual report. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Joseph moved that that the 2025/26 Annual Report be approved as presented. Seconded by Councillor Black. Motion carried.

C. Library Tour
Ms. Corey offered for Board members to tour the current libraries. New Advocate building opened November 2025 and new Oxford location opened in August 2026. Discussion ensued.

D. Personnel issue- in camera
Councillor Mcmanaman motioned to go in camera. Seconded by Mr. Joseph. Motion carried.
In Camera 5:11pm

Mr. Joseph motioned to go out of camera. Seconded by Councillor Black. Motion carried.
Out of Camera 5:16pm

8. Reports
A. Financial Report
Ms. Corey provided Board members with copies of the Revenues and Expenditures for the Library and provided highlights.

Councillor Mcmanaman moved that the financial report be adopted. Seconded by Councillor Black. Motion carried.

C. Operations Report
Ms. Corey reported that the Amherst Library was closed several times in July and August while waiting for a repair to the air conditioning. There were several days when

the heat in the building became unsafe for both the staff and the public.
The Eastlink Wild Blueberry Centre opened on August 24th and the new location for the Oxford library opened on August 26th. The Parrsboro Library has had an ongoing problem with graffiti on the back wall. I filed a police report but all the RCMP can do is try to patrol that area a little more frequently. Pugwash library was having issues with cleaning. We're working with the municipality to find a solution to this issue.

E. Accessibility Report

9. Other

Next meeting: November 5, 2026 4:30pm

Councillor McCormick motioned that meeting be adjourned. Meeting was adjourned at 5:26pm.

Submitted by:
Denise Corey, Librarian Director/Board Secretary