

DATE: August 4, 2026

Attendees: Marina Appel, Aaron Hoyte, Brenda Dennis, Glyn Evans, Richard Poole, Ray Olfert, Vincent Wolfe, Starr Sinclair, Nicole

Rice, Glenda Brown

Regrets:

Land Acknowledgment

In the spirit of Truth and Reconciliation, the Town of Blackfalds acknowledges that we are on Treaty 6 territory, the ancestral lands of Cree, Saulteaux (So-toe), Blackfoot, Métis, Dene (De-nay) and Nakota Sioux (Sue). We acknowledge all the many First Nations, Métis, Inuit, and non-status peoples whose footsteps have marked these lands since time immemorial.

We recognize the inherent relationships Indigenous communities have with this land and its creatures and commit to supporting reconciliation and healing. We honour the resilience, culture, and contributions of Indigenous peoples, past and present.

As we gather, we pledge to listen, learn, and take meaningful action toward a future based on mutual respect and understanding as we continue on our journey of truth and healing. We recognize that reconciliation is not a single act but a lifelong journey—one that requires accountability, humility, and the centering of Indigenous voices.

1. Acceptance of Agenda items

2. Acceptance of the Consented Agenda

- 2.1 Minutes of the June 2026 Board meeting
- 2.2 Administrator's July update –
- 2.3 Programmers' May & June updates –
- 2.4 Statistics for May & June 2026
- 2.5 Plan of Service –
- 2.6 Bylaw –
- 2.7 Emergency Planning

3 Old Business

4 New Business

- 4.1 Acceptance of Income Statement, Budget Update & Direct Bill Payments for May & June 2026
- 4.2 Treasurer's Report
- 4.3 Policies for Board Review: Respectful Workplace Policy & Programs Policy
- 4.4 New Library Regulations: The Government of Alberta has released their regulations governing the content restrictions in libraries. The library administrator recommends that the library board take the least harmful approach to implementing new policies while still maintaining compliance. This approach would mean removing books with graphic sexual images that contain direct images of the body parts/ manipulation of the body parts mentioned in the regulations. Further, the Administrator would advocate for a restrained approach to policies regarding youth

computer usage and the removal of videos/video games from the shelves. Any dvd or videogame that contains graphic sexual images can be labelled as 16+ without being removed from the shelves as those images cannot be readily accessed by children. By taking a cautious, slow, and compliant approach, the library board can ensure that patrons are not unnecessarily affected by the regulations, and that the government can utilize library inspectors to provide further clarity (in writing) if library compliance is questioned.

5. Policies

- Next policy to be reviewed:

6. Round Table Discussion

7. Adjournment

Next Board Meeting is September 1, 2026 at 6:30pm

Regrets: