



Minutes of the Special Meeting July 23, 2025

*The County of Brant Public Library cultivates inclusivity
and empowers lifelong learning.*

Date: July 23, 2025

Place: Paris Branch or via Zoom

Present: John Bell, Paula Chorpitta, Susan Eddy, Nathan Etherington, Fred Gladding,
Amanda Henderson, Kari Raymer Bishop, Marilyn Sewell

Regrets: Steve Howes, Jennifer Kyle

Staff: Kelly Bernstein, Steph Burchill

Call to Order: F. Gladding in the Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

Approval of the Agenda

Moved by: M. Sewell

Seconded by: N. Etherington

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

Carried

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature of

None

New Business

Janna Levitt, LGA presented the results of the Needs Assessment. The findings indicate the need for a Central Branch in a growing community such as Paris. A centralized branch would support improved resource management, streamline operations, and reduce duplication of services.

Moved by: M. Sewell

Seconded by: N. Etherington

THAT the Library Board move forward to find one location to build a new Central Branch in Paris.

Carried

K. Bernstein presented the results of the Community Engagement Survey, which received 190 responses from community members. Key findings included a strong preference for a new library building located within one kilometre of the current site. Respondents emphasized the importance of adequate parking, flexible program space, outdoor space, and overall walkability. While some interest was expressed in a view of the water, it was not identified as a priority.

In-Camera Session

Moved by: N. Etherington

Seconded by: P. Chorpitta

THAT the Library Board convene in camera to discuss confidential matters:

S.239(2) (k) a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board. (New Central Branch Site Selection)

On a motion by N. Etherington and seconded by J. Bell the Library Board rose from closed session and reconvened the regular meeting.

Adjournment

K. Raymer Bishop moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:08pm.

Meeting adjourned.