



Aurora Public Library Board
MEETING
Wednesday, December 10, 2025
7:00 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Land Acknowledgement
2. Adoption of Agenda
3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest
4. Minutes of:
 - .1 November 19, 2024 Meeting *(enclosure)*
5. Items for Consideration
 - .1 Internet Access Policy Report SR2025.41 *(enclosure)*
 - .2 Procurement Report – Epilog Fusion Maker 12 Laser Cutter SR2025.42 *(enclosure)*
6. Library CEO Updates
 - .1 CEO Updates Report SR2025.43 *(enclosure)*
7. General Business Information/Questions *(enclosure)*
 - .1 APL Updates
8. Resolution to Move Into Closed Session
 - .1 Labour relations or employee negotiations
9. Member Announcements
10. Date of Next Meeting: **Wednesday, February 18, 2026**
11. Adjournment

**** Please advise of regrets for attendance, by noon on December 10th to mrae@aurorapl.ca.**





Aurora Public Library Board

MINUTES of MEETING

Wednesday, November 19, 2025

The Aurora Public Library Board held its regular meeting on November 19, 2025 in the MA Room.

Present: Christina Choo-Hum (Vice Chair), Lauren Hanna (Chair), Councillor Harold Kim, Greg Smith, Councillor Michael Thompson, Terri Watman

Regrets: John Clement

Chief Executive Officer: Jodi Marr

Staff: Mario Baleno, IT Manager; Victora Dillon, Manager Collections and Access; Maida Rae, HR Coordinator/EA (recorder); Julie Rocca, Business Manager, Polly Ross-Tyrrell, Manager Customer Opportunity

The Chair called the meeting to order at 07:00 p.m.

1. Adoption of the Agenda

MOTION: **25.07.81**

THAT the agenda be approved

Moved by: T. Watman

Seconded by: Councillor M. Thompson

CARRIED

2. Disclosure of Interest

G. Smith disclosed potential interest regarding the Procurement Policy review. G. Smith abstained from the discussion and voting on this agenda item.

3. Approval of Minutes:

.1 Regular meeting of October 15, 2025

MOTION: **25.07.82**

THAT the Minutes of the October 15, 2025 regular meeting be approved

Moved by: C. Choo-Hum

Seconded by: G. Smith

CARRIED

4. Items for Consideration

.1 **Strategic Plan Process Update**

A verbal staff report was shared at the meeting.

MOTION: **25.07.83**

Moved by: Councillor M. Thompson

Seconded by: C. Choo-Hum

CARRIED

THAT the Aurora Public Library Board appoint Board Chair Lauren Hanna and Terri Watman to serve as Library Board representatives on the Strategic Plan Committee.

J. Marr outlined the OLS Consultation/Facilitation process for Strategic Planning, scheduled to begin in February 2026. There will be staff, community and Board consultations scheduled to gather input. The timeline and costing for the project were also discussed.

.2 **Child Safety Policy Report SR2025.38**

A staff report was issued prior to the meeting.

MOTION: **25.07.84**

Moved by: G. Smith

Seconded by: T. Watman

CARRIED

THAT the Child Safety Policy dated November 19, 2025 be approved

.3 **Procurement Policy Report SR2025.39**

A staff report was issued prior to the meeting.

MOTION: **25.07.85**

Moved by: T. Watman

Seconded by: Councillor M. Thompson

CARRIED

THAT the revised Procurement Policy dated November 19, 2025 be approved

5. Library CEO Updates

.1 **CEO Updates SR2025.40**

A staff report was provided prior to the meeting.

MOTION: **25.07.86**

Moved by: C. Choo-Hum

Seconded: G. Smith

CARRIED

THAT the Library CEO Updates Report dated November 19, 2025 be received as information

Councillor H. Kim arrived at 7:17 p.m.

J. Marr highlighted recent events and activities, including the 2026 Budget Presentation to Town of Aurora Council. There is a possibility the planned increase based on the four-year budget cycle will be reversed, resulting in a 0% increase for the Library's 2026 budget.

Bargaining with the Page group continues later this month.

The RFID gates on the Library's second floor have been installed.

Staff have researched a replacement laser cutter for the Creative Studio, to be purchased before year end.

The Library is now registered with Ontario Education Collaborative Marketplace (OECM), aligning with the updated Procurement Policy and providing the best value.

The Library's new cyber security insurance policy is now in effect.

There are two staff contracts currently posted, for a contract part-time Customer Service Assistant and a contract full-time Information and Programming Specialist.

The annual Staff Development Day was held on Monday, November 10, 2025. J. Marr presented the Library budget to staff, followed by a focus on customer service/de-escalation training and team building activities.

J. Marr, V. Dillon, C. Choo-Hum and T. Watman attended the Board training at the new Queensville Public Library branch in East Gwillimbury.

6. General Business Information/Questions

.1 *APL Updates*

Photos and recent newspaper articles were shared prior to the meeting.

MOTION: **25.07.87**

Moved by: T. Watman

Seconded by: Councillor M. Thompson

CARRIED

THAT the APL Updates be received as information

7. Resolution to Move into Closed Session

MOTION: **25.07.88**

Moved by: C. Choo-Hum

Seconded by: Councillor H. Kim

CARRIED

THAT the Board move into closed session to discuss labour relations or employee negotiations

The Board moved into closed session at 7:38 p.m.

MOTION: **25.07.89**

Moved by: G. Smith

Seconded by: Councillor M. Thompson

CARRIED

THAT the Board move out of closed session

The Board moved out of closed session at 8:07 p.m.

MOTION: **25.07.90**
Moved by: Councillor M. Thompson
Seconded by: C. Choo-Hum
CARRIED

THAT the Board confirm the direction provided at the Closed Session of November 19, 2025 relating to labour relations and employee negotiations re: CUPE 905.27 negotiations.

8. Member Announcements

The Library will host a Jingle Jubilee event on Saturday, November 29 from 1 – 4:30 pm, prior to the Town Square Christmas Market.

There will also be a conversation with author and sports journalist Kevin McGran about his recent book about Toronto Maple Leafs captain Auston Matthews at APL on Saturday, December 6th.

Library staff are working on the OverDrive transition for January 2026.

9. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 10, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

A. Adjournment

MOTION: **25.07.91**
Moved by: Councillor H. Kim
Seconded by: G. Smith
CARRIED

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

L. Hanna
Chair

J. Marr
Chief Executive Officer



Aurora Public Library Board

REPORT SR2025.41

SUBJECT: ***INTERNET ACCESS and PUBLIC WORKSTATION USE
POLICY REPORT***

FROM: Jodi Marr, Chief Executive Officer

DATE: December 10, 2025

RECOMMENDATION

That the updated *Internet Access and Public Workstation Use Policy* dated December 10, 2025 be approved.

BACKGROUND

Library staff periodically review policies and make recommendations to the Board to ensure all policies remain relevant and current. The Internet Access Service Policy was last updated in June 2020, and the significant technological and operational changes since then result in a recommendation to replace the previous policy with the updated Internet Access and Public Workstation Use Policy.

SCOPE

The updated policy now covers both Internet access and all public workstation use, including any Library-loaned devices. It also clarifies the Town's responsibility for managing the public Wi-Fi network, and adds a section on AODA and accessible workstation support.

STRUCTURE

The policy has been reorganized for improved readability and sets out clear expectations for Internet use, privacy and data security, children's filtered workstations, and acceptable behaviour when using Library computers.

SUPPORT and RESPONSIBILITIES

New sections have been added to the updated policy outlining parameters for staff regarding what they can assist customers with, how the Library protects its systems, and the responsibilities customers have in terms of managing their own data and personal devices.

CONCLUSION

The Library remains committed to staying current and meeting customer needs in accessing the internet whether through the public computers or their personal devices.

The updated Internet Access and Public Workstation Use Policy addresses changes in operations and technology, and clarifies responsibilities for staff and customers.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Internet Access and Public Workstation Use Policy, December 10, 2025

Assisted by Mario Baleno, Manager, Information Technology

Jodi Marr
Chief Executive Officer



AURORA PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

INTERNET ACCESS AND PUBLIC WORKSTATION USE POLICY

PURPOSE

Aurora Public Library (APL) provides Internet and public computer workstations to registered members and visitors as part of its mission. These services complement the Library's traditional resources by offering users access to a wide range of electronic information beyond the Library's physical and digital collections. This policy sets out the terms and conditions for the use of these services and helps ensure that the Library remains a welcoming and respectful environment for all users.

2. Scope

This policy applies to all individuals who use the Library's public computer workstations and internet services, including public computers located in the Creative Studio and devices lent by the Library (such as laptops, tablets, and similar equipment).

This includes the use of Library provided hardware, software, applications, and workstation peripherals such as keyboards, mice, and USB ports, as well as customer provided storage devices used with Library computers.

2.1 Wi-Fi Access

The library provides access to public Wi-Fi within the building; however, the Wi-Fi network is owned, operated, and supported by the Town of Aurora. As a result, this policy applies only to Library managed public computer workstations and internet connections. The Town is responsible for the operation, security, filtering, performance, and availability of the public Wi-Fi service. Users of the Town's Wi-Fi must comply with the Town of Aurora's terms of use.

2.2 Accessibility and AODA Compliance

APL is committed to providing accessible public computer services in accordance with the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA). The Library offers an accessible workstation designed to accommodate users with disabilities and will make reasonable efforts to provide additional accommodations upon request.

3. Statement on Internet Use

The internet is an unregulated global network that provides access to a wide range of information, including material that may be inaccurate, incomplete, outdated, controversial, offensive, or inappropriate. APL does not monitor, control, or endorse the content accessed through the internet and is not responsible for the information obtained by users.

Public workstations designed for general use are not equipped with filtering software and the Library does not restrict access to online content except where required by law. Users are responsible for evaluating the accuracy and reliability of the information they access.

4. Responsibility of Parents and Guardians

Parents and guardians are responsible for supervising and guiding their children's use of both the internet and public computer workstations.

Public workstations designated for children include filtering software intended to limit access to age-appropriate content. APL does not guarantee the accuracy, effectiveness, or completeness of any filtering software. Selecting a filtered workstation for a child is the sole responsibility of the child's parent or guardian.

The Library supports the rights of children and youth to access age-appropriate information; however, parents and guardians are solely responsible for monitoring and guiding their children's online activity.

5. User Privacy and Data Security

The Library is not responsible for any data downloaded, created, or left behind during a user's session.

Users are responsible for safeguarding sensitive information including passwords, personal data, and login credentials when using public workstations.

At the end of a workstation session, users will be automatically logged out. Any files saved to the desktop or local drive will be deleted and cannot be recovered. Users are responsible for ensuring that their work is saved to a personal storage device before the session ends. Users should log out of all online accounts before leaving the workstation.

6. Network Protection and Service Availability

Aurora Public Library reserves the right to:

- Terminate any internet or workstation session at any time
- Withdraw internet access entirely
- Modify or restrict access to the internet or public workstations, in whole or in part, to support operational requirements or protect the Library's systems and users

These measures may include restrictions implemented to protect Library systems from malware, security threats, or misuse.

The Library may reserve public workstations for training sessions, programs, maintenance, or upgrades when necessary.

7. Code of Conduct for Internet and Workstation Use

All users of Library public workstation and internet services must adhere to the following Code of Conduct:

7.1 Permitted Use

- Use public workstations and the internet for lawful, educational, informational, and recreational purposes that comply with Library policies.

7.2 Prohibited Activities

Users must not:

- Attempt to modify, access, or damage files, passwords, or data belonging to others
- Seek unauthorized access to any computer, system, or network
- Damage, alter, or tamper with Library software, hardware, or equipment
- Display, send, or receive content that is illegal, obscene, or reasonably deemed offensive
- Engage in noisy, disruptive, threatening, or abusive behaviour, including foul language, while using Library computers or internet services.
- Use Library computers in any manner that violates federal, provincial, or municipal law, including copyright, privacy legislation, and the Criminal Code of Canada
- Attempt to bypass or disable filtering on children's workstations

8. Staff Assistance

Library staff can provide basic assistance with public workstations; however:

- Staff cannot enter personal, confidential, financial, or legal information on behalf of users
- Staff cannot provide advanced technical support beyond the scope of their duties
- The Library is not responsible for damage to personal devices or loss of data resulting from staff assistance

9. Liability

Aurora Public Library is not responsible for:

- The content of any material accessed through the internet
- The privacy or security of confidential or sensitive information transmitted online
- Loss or damage to personal files, storage devices, or equipment used with Library computers
- Any direct or indirect damages or claims arising from the use of public workstations or internet access
- The availability, security, privacy, or performance of the public Wi-Fi network, which is owned and operated by the Town of Aurora

10. Guidelines and Procedures

To ensure equitable access and efficient use of resources, APL establishes procedural guidelines for the use of public computer workstations and internet Service. These guidelines may be updated or modified as necessary to support Library operations.

11. Related Policies

- Rules of Conduct
- Accessibility Policy
- CLA Position Statement of Intellectual Freedom

Assisted by: Mario Baleno, Manager, Information Technology

Jodi Marr
Chief Executive Officer

Approval Date:	Motion #:...
Date of Last Revision: June 2020	



Aurora Public Library Board

REPORT SR2025.42

SUBJECT: *PROCUREMENT REPORT – Purchase of the Epilog Fusion Maker 12 Laser Cutter*

FROM: Jodi Marr, Chief Executive Officer

DATE: December 10, 2025

RECOMMENDATION

That the Aurora Public Library Board approve the staff recommendation to purchase the Epilog Fusion Maker 12, including accessories, for a total of \$24,995.60

Executive Summary

Aurora Public Library's existing Dremel LC40 laser cutter has reached end-of-life and cannot be repaired due to discontinued parts and hardware failure. To maintain current makerspace services, staff recommend purchasing the Epilog Fusion Maker 12. The base cost is \$18,500, and with add-ons, freight, and HST, the total cost is \$24,995.60.

The total procurement cost falls within the \$10,000 to \$25,000 threshold. Three quotations were not practical due to vendor exclusivity. Epilog equipment is distributed solely by Synergy Products in Canada, meeting acceptable single-source justification. Standardization benefits will also apply because Epilog is widely used across Ontario libraries.

Background and Need

The Dremel LC40 laser cutter is no longer operational. Laser cutting remains a core Creative Studio service supporting programs and community use.

Procurement Process Summary

Staff evaluated eight machines, shortlisted four, attended demonstrations, compared features, and consulted peer libraries. The Epilog Fusion Maker 12 was the strongest candidate. A formal quotation from Synergy Products was obtained.

Evaluation Criteria

Key requirements included reliability, sufficient working area, material compatibility, safety classification, vendor support, and availability of replacement parts.

Recommendation Rationale

A weighted evaluation was conducted for the four short-listed laser cutters under consideration, resulting in the recommendation of the Epilog Fusion Maker 12. In addition to the scoring outcomes, several qualitative criteria further supported this decision. The Epilog demonstrated proven reliability and has a strong presence in Ontario public libraries, reinforcing its suitability for public use. Its RF metal CO₂ laser tube offers a long lifespan and high performance, while the 24 by 12 inch working area meets the needs of our community and Creative Studio programs. The machine also benefits from robust Canadian distributor support through Synergy Products, ensuring reliable access to parts, service, and training. Overall, the Epilog Fusion Maker 12 offers balanced long-term value and aligns well with both operational requirements and procurement standards.

Financial Summary

Epilog Fusion Maker 12: \$18,500
Rotary Attachment: \$2,400
Air Assist Pump: \$770
Subtotal: \$21,670
Freight: \$450
HST (13%): \$2,875.60
Total: \$24,995.60

CONCLUSION

Staff recommend the Aurora Public Library Board approve the purchase of the Epilog Fusion Maker 12, including accessories, for a total of \$24,995.60.

Assisted by: Polly Ross-Tyrrell, Manager, Customer Opportunity

*Jodi Marr
Chief Executive Officer*



Aurora Public Library Board

REPORT SR2025.43

SUBJECT: *CEO Updates Report*

FROM: Jodi Marr, Chief Executive Officer

DATE: December 10, 2025

RECOMMENDATION

That the *CEO Updates Report dated December 10, 2025* be received as information.

BACKGROUND

The CEO Updates highlight the work completed and in progress since the previous Board meeting. Previously this had been a verbal report, but at the request of the Board in September 2024, it will now be a written summary.

Strategic Highlights

Town of Aurora

- **Town of Aurora Budget – Strong Mayor Powers Veto**

On November 21, 2025, Mayor Tom Mrakas used his SMP to veto amendment 010 that proposed “the Community Partner budget requests for 2026 shall be considered and funded through identified savings, efficiencies, or reallocations within the existing budget framework, rather than through any increase to the overall budget”. The final Town of Aurora budget will be adopted on December 14, 2025.

- **Aurora Town Square Programming Collaboration Meeting**

J. Marr, P. Ross-Tyrrell, and S. Collins attended the ATS Programming Collaboration meeting on December 3, 2025. The focus of this meeting was to review joint marketing between ATS, TOA, ACC, AMA and APL as well as review what each partner is doing for shared celebrations to activate and collaborate in our shared facility.

Strategic Plan Updates

The Strategic Planning Committee membership has been confirmed, consisting of representatives from the Library Board, Library management team and staff. Committee meeting dates have been emailed out to the team members for review.

Operational Updates

- **Facilities & Capital Projects – Upstairs Entrance Service Desk**

The design work for the new staff desk at the upstairs entrance is reaching its final stages.

Organizational Leadership

- **Executive Coaching**

As per the Board's direction, J. Marr has initiated executive coaching to further strengthen organizational leadership and support our strategic priorities.

- **Board Chair One on One**

J. Marr met with Library Board Chair L. Hanna on December 4, 2025, and will maintain monthly one-on-one meetings to support ongoing communication and Board updates.

- **ELT Meeting – Goals & Objectives 2025**

ELT met on December 2, 2025 to review the status of our 2025 goals and the development of our 2026 goals. These will be reported to the board at our February 2026 meeting.

We are happy to report that we are on track to achieve 95% of the goals from 2025 with our only deferral being the strategic plan.

Community Engagement

- **Events - Jingle Jubilee**

The Library hosted an afternoon of activities leading up to the opening of the Christmas Market at Aurora Town Square on November 28th, 2025. We had very high attendance and engagement. Offering events like this is one of the ways that we support Town Square events that occur after Library hours.

Staffing and Professional Development

- **Staffing Updates – Job Postings**

The Library currently has two job postings. We are hiring a contract CSA and a contract IPS.

- **Ex Libris Webinar – Library Violence and Staff Safety**

J. Marr attended a webinar provided by PAVE Prevention. Best known for their training with Alameda County Library in the US, this organization has recently expanded to Toronto and presented statistics and data from Library staff that addresses workplace safety and staff wellbeing.

Labour Relations

- **Bargaining CUPE 905.27**

J. Marr, V. Dillon and M. Rae have completed three days of bargaining with the CUPE 905.27 Collective Agreement for Pages and Contract staff. Our next bargaining dates are scheduled in January.

Governance & Compliance

- **MFIPPA Request**

On December 5, 2025, APL responded to our third MFIPPA request for the year. We continue to demonstrate our commitment to open and transparent governance as we meet our legal requirements through MFIPPA.

- **Information Privacy Commission**

December 3, 2025, J. Marr met with the IPC regarding an MFIPPA appeal, and we are actively working through mediation with the IPC to uphold transparency and meet statutory obligations.

Employee Appreciation & Events

- **Staff Holiday Dinner**

We extend our sincere thanks to the Board for their support for the staff holiday dinner on December 5, 2025. This gesture reinforces our shared commitment to staff appreciation and organizational culture.

Assisted by: Maida Rae, Human Resources Coordinator/EA

Jodi Marr
Chief Executive Officer

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Jingle Jubilee will kick off holiday season at Aurora Public Library

November 20, 2025 · 0 Comments



Kick off the holiday season with a cavalcade of family fun as the Aurora Public Library hosts its inaugural Jingle Jubilee on Saturday, November 29.

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Among the crafting opportunities set to take place throughout the event are Christmas tree ornaments, jingle bells, cards and colouring, while festive contests will be built around the themes of candy canes, Christmas trees, snowmen, and more.

At the heart of it all will be The Giving Tree.

The Giving Tree will be an opportunity for event-goers to take a close look at the "ornaments" on the tree, each of which will bear a Christmas wish – a current need for the Aurora Food Pantry.

People can take one of the "wishes," go out and fulfil the wish, and bring it back to APL for collection.

"They really need a lot of non-perishable food, items like diapers, and we thought we'd add a little twist on it and include items like mittens, hats, and chocolates," says Collins.

Adds Ross-Tyrrell: "We want people to know the Library is a vibrant and fun place. We love holidays – the more the better – and we love our community partners, so if there's anybody out there who feels that we're not celebrating their holiday, we would be delighted if they came to us and said they would love to help us make it even more special. We would love that so much.

"Community partners are what keep us going, so if we're not representing your particular holiday correctly, let us know and we'll work with you to make it exactly right."

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By Brock Weir
Editor
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

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FOR OUR NEIGHBOURS

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Booked for the Day was a full day of celebration throughout Aurora Public Library on October 18th, in recognition of Canadian Library Month & Ontario Public Library Week. There was live music with Sonshine & Broccoli, Repair Café and Philosophy Café discussion, Drag King storyline, a balloon artist, celebration cake, giveaways, a photo booth, a magic Show by Nevil from Top Talent Entertainment, a jigsaw puzzle tournament, a Just Dance groove party, Chinese singing lessons, plus, a social media contest to win a Booked for the Day prize pack!



Team Canada Dance is a non-profit organization that brings together Canada's most elite dancers and choreographers to compete on the world stage, proudly representing Canada. The organization allows dancers to travel, meet other dancers worldwide, and compete as a unified team with dancers across Canada. Team Canada Dance also allows Canadian dancers to learn from master teachers and choreographers both within Canada and abroad. This November, Team Canada will be traveling to the Northern region of Italy, along the boundary of the province of Milan, in the Lombardy region. With over 100 dancers representing Canada from across the country in varying styles of dance, the girls are hitting the stage to compete in Acro and Showdance and have been following a very vigorous training schedule, rehearsing every week for about 7-8 hours a day since the beginning of August. Chanel Cairney, Quinn Cairney and Quinn Cartwright can hardly wait to represent their country!



On October 8th, the **Aurora Chamber of Commerce 2nd Annual Business Engaging Youth** Event welcomed over 175 Aurora high school students, connecting them with local companies in manufacturing, skilled trades, and business. The event was all about inspiring the next generation and creating opportunities for meaningful connections. Earlier this year, the Aurora Chamber also awarded three scholarships in these fields to graduating students. None of this would be possible without the generous support of sponsors, thank you for investing in the future of our youth and community!

