

## Ontario Public Library Guidelines Monitoring and Accreditation Council

Monday, January 26, 2026, 2pm-4pm – via Zoom

### Present:

Elise C. Cole [Chair] (OLA: OPLA)  
Catherina Moskau (Francophone)  
Cathy Fairbairn (Small Lib-South)  
Eric Guernsey (OLBA)

Caroline Goulding [Vice-Chair] (Small Lib-North)  
Karen Milligan (CELUPL)  
Adam Haviaras (MTCG)  
Kelly Bernstein (AMPLO)

### Regrets:

Allison Pilon (OLS)  
Beth Rumble (ARUPLO)

Feather Maracle (First Nations)

### 1. Call to order

Elise called the meeting to order at 2:02pm. She offered Feather Council's congratulations on her election to the OLA Board of Directors.

### 2. To be reflected in the minutes of today's meeting:

**Motion 26-01** – It was moved by Catherina and seconded by Beth that the 2026 Edition be sent to the translator for translation at an estimated cost of \$600 + HST, with delivery by the end of January 2026. **Vote (via email):** 7 in favour, 3 abstentions. CARRIED.

### 3. Approval of the Agenda

**Motion 26-02** – It was moved by Adam and seconded by Caroline that the agenda be approved. CARRIED.

### 4. Approval of the Minutes of December 10, 2025

**Motion 26-03** – It was moved by Catherina and seconded by Cathy that the minutes for the December 10, 2025 meeting be approved. CARRIED.

### 5. Council Elections: Vice Chair and Chair:

Our thanks to Adam for agreeing to oversee this portion of the meeting.

Nominations were opened to Council and Caroline was nominated for OPLG Council Vice Chair. The nominations were closed. Following a vote by voice, Adam reported that Caroline was acclaimed (7-0) as elected OPLG Council Vice Chair.

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### 6. Business arising from the minutes:

- a. Prince Edward County Public Library Audit Report:

The library worked towards the deadline to provide a small number of outstanding documents; however, the audit team noted that they were well prepared overall. Eric and Karen will update the guideline counts in the audit report and circulate the revised version to Council.

**Motion 26-04.** It was moved by Catherine and seconded by Caroline that the reaccreditation report for the Prince Edward County Public Library be approved, and that the library be accredited for a period of five years to December 31, 2030.

CARRIED. Prince Edward County Public Library will receive their accreditation at the OLA Super Conference Gala on Thursday, January 29, 2026.

- b. Discussion re: 2026 Edition: Word document, change column headings on Self Assessment Spreadsheet from CEO's Notes to Teams Evidence and add Online Evidence

Update to number of guidelines in document is pending.

Discussion about which fields to note location of documentation for auditors. Council felt "CEO notes" is a good communication tool. Would like to also keep link/see reference (that field is for OPLG examples for libraries to reference). Decision change "CEO notes" to "library notes". Caroline will make changes.

Discussion about two documents (currently a word document and the excel self-assessment). Suggestion to move to one document. Decision to offer excel self-assessment and add a note to contact OPLG Council if a library would prefer a version in another format.

Catherina to provide French language translation for administrative section of audit.

## **7. New Business:**

- a. Reaccreditation request from North Perth Public Library: Auditors needed: Date TBD

Kelly and Karen volunteered to be auditors. Waiting to post 2026 guidelines for North Perth Public Library to review.

- b. 2028 Edition schedule: <https://tinyurl.com/2aarfdkh> Do we want three Council members reviewing each Area or are there key areas where three members would be beneficial?

Council reviewed/updated the spreadsheet to add a third council member to each area. Looking for a third volunteer for areas 5 (General) and 6 (Collections & Services). Timelines can be wiggled around, as required.

- i. A couple of resources that might be useful for the 2028 Edition:
- **Climate Action - Canadian Federation of Library Associations** <https://cfla-fcab.ca/en/climate-action/> and
  - **OLA Inclusive Libraries Survey Report:** <https://accessola.com/inclusive-libraries/>

Reviewed by Council.

- c. News article about Fort Frances Public Library Technology Centre's reaccreditation: <https://tinyurl.com/bdzjvxkm>

Reviewed by Council.

- d. Confirm the dates for the remaining 2026 quarterly meetings

Meeting preference survey results received by Allison. Moving forward meetings will be scheduled the fourth Monday of every quarter (up to 2 hours). Meeting invites to follow.

## **8. Other Business:**

- a. Elise shared a recent Leeds and the Thousand Islands Public Library announcement regarding reaccreditation:  
<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/16qFaAqiRW/?mibextid=wwXlfr>

## **9. Motion to adjourn**

**Motion 26-05** – It was moved by Catherine that the meeting be adjourned at 3pm.  
CARRIED.

**Next meeting** – Monday, April 27, 2026 at 2pm ET