Ontario Public Library Guidelines Monitoring and Accreditation Council
Monday, April 27, 2026, 2pm-4pm – via Zoom

Present:
Elise C. Cole [Chair] (OLA: OPLA)
Catherina Moskau (Francophone)
Adam Haviaras (MTCG)
Eric Guernsey (OLBA)
Allison Pilon (OLS)
Caroline Goulding [Vice-Chair] (Small Lib-North)
Karen Milligan (CELUPL)
Feather Maracle (First Nations)
Kelly Bernstein (AMPLO)

Regrets:
Cathy Fairbairn (Small Lib-South)

1. Call to order
Elise called the meeting to order at 2:02pm.

2. Approval of the Agenda
Motion 26-06 – It was moved by Catherina and seconded by Kelly that the agenda be approved. CARRIED.

3. Approval of the Minutes of January 26, 2026
Motion 26-07 – It was moved by Caroline and seconded by Kelly that the minutes for the January 26, 2026, meeting be approved. CARRIED.

4. Business Arising from the Minutes:

Elise, on behalf of the OPLG Council, congratulated Feather on her election to the OLA Board of Directors and to Caroline for her award at the OLA Super Conference Gala.

Elise also offered support from Council to Feather on the unexpected recent closure of the Six Nations Public Library.

5. New Business:

a. **Area 1:** Caroline led the discussion of Area 1 of the guidelines working documents noting that the preambles only exist in Area 1 and whether to remove them. Council agreed for consistency to remove the preambles from Area 1. Advocacy from staff was also reviewed in 1 and decided that it was a better fit in Area 5.

   Council decided to use "board" in Area 1 rather than "governing body" to ensure consistency and alignment with the Public Library Act (PLA). For this area, there

will also be a link to the PLA for reference which will be added to the appropriate guidelines.

b. Area 2

Section 9, planning for services, was considered and left with questions from the review team. It was decided that the review team (Caroline, Allison and Catherina) will meet again and finalize the wording for this section.

6. Other Business:

None.

7. Motion to adjourn

Motion 26-08 – It was moved by Catherina that the meeting be adjourned at 2:45pm. CARRIED.

Next meeting – Monday, July 27, 2026 at 2pm ET