

REPORT TO THE LIBRARY BOARD

SEPTEMBER 24, 2026

SUBJECT: Policy Review - Business Closure Policy

PURPOSE: For Approval

PREPARED BY: Michael Ciccone

PRESENTED BY: Michael Ciccone – CEO & Chief Librarian

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Library Board approve the revised Business Closure Policy.

BACKGROUND

This Policy establishes the Library's business days for the year. The current policy, summary of changes and revised policy are appended.

NEXT STEPS

This policy is scheduled to be reviewed in September of the final year of each Library Board's term.

CURRENT POLICY

PURPOSE

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POLICY STATEMENT:

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- Good Friday (varies)
- Easter Monday (varies)
- Victoria Day (3rd Mon in May)
- Canada Day (Jul 1)
- Civic Holiday (1st Mon in Aug)
- Labour Day (1st Mon in Sep)
- National Day for Truth & Reconciliation (Sep 30)
- Thanksgiving Day (2nd Mon in October)
- Christmas Eve (half day) (Dec 24)
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- Boxing Day (Dec 26)
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and on any day proclaimed by the Canadian government as a statutory holiday, by the Ontario legislature as a public holiday, and/or any other days as the Library Board shall direct.

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Occasionally, locations may be closed during the Library's established business days due to extreme weather or other kinds of emergencies that make it unsafe to open and/or for occupancy. The authority to close the system or any branch under such circumstances shall be vested in the CEO or designate. The Library shall endeavor to provide public notice of such closures as soon as reasonably possible.

INQUIRIES:

CEO & Chief Librarian

SUMMARY OF CHANGES

- Minor formatting changes.

REVISED POLICY

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