



Leeds and the Thousand Islands Public Library Board

Policy

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1.0 Policy Statement

1.1 The purpose of the Leeds and the Thousand Islands Public Library Board is to govern the affairs of the public library in service to the community. This policy sets out the work of the library board and the ways in which the library board achieves its purpose.

2.0 Overseeing the Development of Library Services

2.1 The library board oversees the development of a comprehensive and efficient public library service by:

- developing and expressing the Leeds and the Thousand Islands Public Library's philosophy and values
- articulating the mission and vision of the Library, and developing service priorities and long-term strategy
- setting policies on governance and service
- planning for further library development
- appointing a Chief Executive Officer (CEO); providing direction to the CEO through board motions, policies, and plans; providing feedback to the CEO through a performance appraisal process
- delegating authority for the management of library operations to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO)
- securing the financial resources to achieve the library's goals and long-term plans
- exercising financial control
- advocating for library services
- evaluating library services and activities, and the progress of library plans and strategic initiatives.

3.0 Governance Role

3.1 The Leeds and the Thousand Islands Public Library Board governs effectively by:

- Representing the interests of the community
- Engaging with the community to develop responsive and dynamic library services
- Providing opportunities for board training and development
- Working collaboratively with the CEO and Municipal Council
- Acting as a bridge between the Leeds and the Thousand Islands Public Library and Municipal Council
- setting an annual library board agenda that reflects current priorities and strategic goals of the Library
- Working effectively as a team
- Evaluating the board's performance
- Working proactively and making decisions that focus on the Leeds and the Thousand Islands Public Library's future and place in the community
- Behaving with integrity

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