



# Leeds and the Thousand Islands Public Library Board

## Policy

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### 1.0 Policy Statement

1.1 The Leeds and the Thousand Islands Public Library Board recognizes advocacy as a key responsibility of all Board members. It is the role of the Board to ensure that the community is aware of the importance and value of library service. The Library Board must also ensure that funding bodies fully understand the important role which the Library plays in the community. Through its advocacy work, the Library Board seeks to promote the profile of the Library and enhance its importance to the community. This policy outlines the advocacy responsibilities of the Library Board.

### 2.0 Responsibilities

2.1 The board chair (or delegate) shall be the official spokesperson for the Leeds and the Thousand Islands Public Library on advocacy issues approved by the Library Board.

2.2 In pursuing its advocacy activities, the library board shall:

- Provide reports and presentations informing council of the needs of the community, the development of library services, upcoming plans, and recent achievements;
- Request council support in lobbying higher levels of government regarding library advocacy issues;
- Meet with council members or Township leadership to review library projects/priorities and discuss future funding needs;
- Regularly participate in activities that build relationships with individuals and organizations that share interests with those of the Leeds and the Thousand Islands Public Library;
- Identify and respond to issues, concerns and government policies that may directly or indirectly affect the Leeds and the Thousand Islands Public Library and ensure that government decision-makers at all level are aware of the value of the library and its benefit to individuals and to the community.

### 3.0 Memberships

3.1 As part of its advocacy role the Leeds and the Thousand Islands Public Library shall, as funding allows, retain membership in the following organizations:

- The Ontario Library Boards Association
- The Federation of Ontario Public Libraries

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