

Board Development

1. Introduction

The Library Board is appointed and functions in accordance with the Public Libraries Act, with its Constitution, including the Relationship policy with the Town of St. Marys, and with current Library accepted practice.

Within this framework the Board shall be knowledgeable about the process of library governance and the current status of and issues facing the Library. This policy sets out the identified areas of action necessary to achieve this goal.

1.1. Definitions

“Library” shall mean The St. Marys Public Library

“Board” shall mean the Library Board of the St. Marys Public Library

“CEO” shall mean the Chief Executive Officer of the St. Marys Public Library

“SOLS” shall mean the Southern Ontario Library Service

“Town” shall mean the Town of St. Marys.

2. New Board Members – Orientation

New Board members will be provided with information on:

The Board - including the Constitution and any appendices or by-laws, The Public Libraries Act, and available information on library governance such as the SOLS Library Board Development Kit, Cut to the Chase: Ontario Public Library Governance at a Glance from the Ontario Library Boards' Association.

The Library - including the current Strategic Plan, the mission, vision and values, the current budget, the Policy Manual, the current format and explanation of the reports received regularly from the CEO.

The current plan – including objectives and timelines for the Library's current goals

3. Board Member Information

The Board will be provided with timely information on the progress of Strategic Planning goals and on other issues facing the Library at each regular Board meeting. The CEO will develop the format of the information in conjunction with the Board. Board information will be sent out in a timely manner in accordance with the Constitution so that all members review the information prior to the meeting.

History

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Related Documents

Constitution of the Board Public Libraries Act