

Madawaska Valley Public Library Policy Manual

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Policy Title: Purpose of the Board

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Objective

To set the work of the Township of Madawaska Valley Public Library Board (the Board) and the ways in which the Board achieves its purpose.

Scope

The Board is to govern the affairs of the Madawaska Valley Public Library (the library) in providing service to the community.

1. The Board oversees the development of a comprehensive and efficient public library service by:
 - a) Developing and expressing the library's philosophy and values
 - b) Articulating the library's mission, priorities and long term strategy
 - c) Setting policies on governance and service
 - d) Delegating authority to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and evaluating her/his performance
 - e) Planning for further library development
 - f) Advocating for library service
 - g) Securing resources to achieve the intended results
 - h) Exercising financial control
 - i) Evaluating results of activities and services and assessing outcomes and impact.
2. The Board governs effectively by:
 - a) Setting an annual Board agenda that reflects current goals and strategic issues
 - b) Working proactively and making decisions that focus on the library's future and place in the community representing the interests of the community
 - c) Providing opportunities for Board development and training
 - d) Working effectively as a team
 - e) Working collaboratively with the CEO and the municipal council
 - f) Evaluating the Board's performance
 - g) Engaging the community in determining responsive and dynamic library service
 - h) Behaving with integrity.

Related Documents:

Policy Number BL-04

Powers and Duties of the Board