



Section of Policy Manual: Governance	Policy No. : GOV-01
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The purpose of the Library Board is to provide governance for the Gravenhurst 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.

1. The Library Board oversees the development of a comprehensive and efficient public library service by:
 - a) developing and expressing the Library Board’s philosophy and values
 - b) articulating mission, vision, service priorities and long term strategy
 - c) setting policies on governance and service
 - d) delegating authority to the CEO/Chief Librarian and evaluating her/his/their performance
 - e) planning for further library development
 - f) advocating for library service
 - g) securing the resources to achieve the intended results
 - h) exercising financial control through the Board’s Finance Committee
 - i) evaluating results and assessing outcomes and impact

2. The Library Board governs effectively by:
 - a) developing, implementing and reviewing the GPL Strategic Plan through the Board’s Strategic Planning Committee
 - b) ongoing review and development of policies through the Board’s Policy Committee
 - c) setting ongoing Library Board agendas that reflect current goals and support directions as outlined in the Strategic Plan
 - d) working proactively and making decisions that focus on the Library’s future and place in the community while representing the interests of the community
 - e) providing opportunities for Board Member development and training
 - f) working collaboratively as a team in support of the CEO/Chief Librarian



- g) communicating effectively with Gravenhurst Town Council on a regular basis
- h) evaluating the GPL Board's performance
- i) engaging the community in determining responsive and dynamic library service
- j) behaving with integrity and transparency

Related Documents:

GOV-05 Policy Development
GOV-08 Board – CEO / Chief Librarian Partnership
GOV-11 TOR – Finance Committee
GOV-13 Planning
GOV-17 TOR – Policy Committee
GOV-18 TOR – Strategic Planning Committee