

Policy: Bylaw - Powers and Duties of the Board

Department: Library

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The board bears legal responsibility for the Bruce County Public Library. The powers and duties of the board are prescribed in the Public Libraries Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P44, to which this bylaw adheres.

1. In accordance with the Public Libraries Act, s. 20, the Bruce County Public Library Board:

- a) shall seek to provide, in co-operation with other boards, a comprehensive and efficient public library service that reflects the community's unique needs
- b) shall provide, if and where appropriate and where there is community demand, library materials in the French language.
- c) shall operate one or more libraries and ensure that they are conducted in accordance with this Act and the regulations
- d) may operate special services in connection with a library as it considers necessary
- e) shall analyze, propose changes, and adopt the annual budget
- f) shall refer the approved draft budget for ratification to council
- g) shall ensure safe financial control measures are in place to expend budget with due diligence and in accordance with board policies.
- h) shall fix the times and places for board meetings and the mode of calling and conducting them, and ensure that full and correct minutes are kept
- i) shall make required reports to the Minister and make any other reports required by this Act and the regulations or requested by the Minister from time to time
- j) shall make provision for insuring the board's real and personal property
- k) may appoint such committees as it considers expedient

2. Under the Public Libraries Act, Section 15(2), the library board must appoint a Library CEO.

Related Documents

Public Libraries Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P44
Bruce County Public Library Bylaw: Terms of Reference