



BRACEBRIDGE PUBLIC LIBRARY POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

CATEGORY: Board By-Law
(Temporary #19 – 1)

POLICY REPLACING: New

SUBJECT: Statement of Authority & Powers of Board

BOARD APPROVAL DATE: June 11, 2019

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RATIONALE:

The Library Board bears legal responsibility for the library by ensuring that it operates in accordance with the Public Libraries Act, R.S.O. 1990, chapter P.44. The purpose of this bylaw is to define the legal authority of the board.

POLICY STATEMENT:

In accordance with the Public Libraries Act, section 3 (1), the council of the municipality of Bracebridge has established the Bracebridge Public Library by the adoption of municipal bylaw #123, March 11, 1901.

In accordance with the Public Libraries Act, section 3 (3), the Bracebridge Public Library shall be under the management and control of the Bracebridge Public Library Board which is a corporation.

The powers and duties of the Library Board are prescribed in the Public Libraries Act, R.S.O. 1990, chapter P44, to which this bylaw adheres. The role of the Library Board is to govern the affairs of the library, and in accordance with the Public Libraries Act, section 20, the 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 library services in the French language, where appropriate
- 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 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
- f) shall make an annual report to the Minister and make any other reports required by this Act and the regulations or requested by the Minister from time to time
- g) shall make provision for insuring the board's real and personal property
- h) shall take proper security for the treasurer
- i) may appoint such committees as it considers expedient

RELATED DOCUMENTATION:

- Public Libraries Act, R.S.O. 1990, chapter P44, sections. 3(1) and 3(3)
- Council of the Municipality of Bracebridge, Bylaw #123, March 11, 1901
- Governance # 1 – Purpose and Duties of the Board

PREVIOUS REVISIONS: None