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PURPOSE

The Milton Public Library Board believes that it has a responsibility to advocate on behalf of public library service for the community. Through its advocacy work, the Board seeks to promote the profile of MPL and illustrate its importance to the community. This policy sets out the advocacy responsibilities of the Board.

SCOPE

1. The Board Chair (or delegate) shall be the official spokesperson for the Milton Public Library on advocacy issues, depending on availability and nature of the issue.

2. In pursuing advocacy activities, the Board shall:
   a. Respect Federal legislation governing advocacy and lobbying, the *Public Libraries Act* and any applicable bylaws governing local Boards
   b. Comply with the Library's current Vision, Purpose values and Strategic Directions;
   c. Encourage Municipal Council to respond to the needs of the public library community

3. In pursuing advocacy activities, the Board shall:
   a. Review past advocacy initiatives and prepare an advocacy plan each year for approval by the full Board
   b. Ensure that the municipal council and administration fully understand the important role played by the library in the community and the development of library services, plans and achievements by means of reports
   c. Participate regularly in activities that build relationships with individuals and organizations that share the interests of the Milton Public Library

4. While recognizing that all Board members may have varying skills in advocacy, all Board members are required to participate in implementing the advocacy plan.

Related Documents:

Public Libraries Act. R.S.O. 1990

Milton Public Library. **FN – 01 Vision, Purpose and Values**