



Hastings Highlands Public Library

Area : Board Bylaws

Policy Title: Powers and Duties of the Board

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The Board bears legal responsibility for the Hastings Highlands 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 Hastings Highlands 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 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 Documents:

Hastings Highlands Public Library. **Gov 01 – Purpose of the Board**
Public Libraries Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P44.