



Dryden Public Library Board

POLICY

SECTION: GOVERNANCE	NO: GN-03
TITLE: Advocacy	Date: January 2024
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1.0 Scope of the Policy

1.1 The Dryden Public Library Board recognizes advocacy as a key responsibility of all Board members. It is the role of the Board to ensure that the community is aware of the importance and value of library service. The Library Board must also ensure that funding bodies fully understand the important role that the Library plays in the community. Through its advocacy work, the Library Board seeks to promote the profile of the Library and enhance its importance to the community. This policy outlines the advocacy responsibilities of the Library Board.

2.0 Responsibilities

2.1 The Board Chair (or delegate) shall be the official spokesperson for the Dryden Public Library on advocacy issues approved by the Library Board.

2.2 In pursuing its advocacy activities the Library Board shall:

- 2.2.1 Provide reports and presentations informing council of the needs of the community, the development of library services, upcoming plans and recent achievements
- 2.2.2 Meet with council members or City of Dryden leadership to review progress and discuss funding needs
- 2.2.3 Participate regularly in activities that build relationships with individuals and organizations that share interests with those of the Dryden Public Library
- 2.2.4 Identify and respond to issues, concerns and government policies that may directly or indirectly affect the Dryden Public Library and ensure that government decision-makers at all levels are aware of the value of the library and its benefit to individuals and to the community

2.3 The Board will ensure that the CEO maintains an Advocacy Plan.

3.0 Memberships

3.1 As part of its advocacy role the Dryden Public Library shall, as funding allows, retain membership in the following organizations:

- 3.1.1 The Ontario Library Boards Association
- 3.1.2 The Federation of Ontario Public Libraries

History			
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