

Board Succession Planning

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An effective library board is comprised of people who collectively have the knowledge, and the skills and background necessary to govern with excellence and to lead the library in the realization of its vision. Municipal council appoints members to the library board, however to assist the council and to be advocates for the library, the library board works to influence and shape appointments to the board. This policy sets out the requirements for recruiting board members and planning for board succession.

1. The library board recognizes that the Public Libraries Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P44, s. 10(4) requires that the council appoint library board members. To support the appointment process, the library board will collaborate with council on a preliminary selection process.
2. In the third year of the current term, the library board will:
 - a) undertake a review of the board's effectiveness in governing and accomplishing the strategic plan
 - b) solicit input from the Chief Executive Officer (CEO)
 - c) match the board's needs with the expertise and interests of the current members and identify the gaps that will need to be filled
 - d) **develop a board member's position description to highlight qualities and desired skills**
 - e) undertake a review of the board's effectiveness in governing and accomplishing the strategic plan
3. Six months before the end of the current term, the board may:
 - a) identify suitable candidates, and solicit their willingness to serve
 - b) inform the potential candidates of the imminent appointment process
 - c) meet with council to discuss the needs of the library and provide council with a list of recommended candidates
4. Potential candidates will be provided with briefing materials and information about library governance and services, which may include:



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- a) information on the library's vision, mission and values
- b) information on the role, structure, code of conduct, and function of the library board
- c) an introduction to the Public Libraries Act
- d) a tour of the library
- e) a copy of the current strategic planning document

Related Documents:

- Public Libraries Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P44