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SEVERN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY

The purpose of the Severn Township Public Library Board is to govern the affairs of the public library in service to the community of Coldwater and the Township of Severn. This policy sets out the work of the Board and the ways in which the Board achieves its purpose.

1. The Board oversees the development of a comprehensive and efficient public library by :
    a. Expressing the Library`s philosophy and values
    b. Articulating the Library`s vision, mission and priorities
    c. Evaluating results of activities and services used to achieve goals
    d. Setting policies on governance and service
    e. Delegating authority to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and evaluating her / his performance
    f. Planning for future Library development
    g. Securing the resources to achieve the intended results
    h. Advocating for Library service

2. The Board governs effectively by :
    a. Representing the interests of the community
    b. Acting as a bridge between the Library and the council
    c. Working collaboratively with the CEO and the council
    d. Working proactively and making decisions that focus on the Library's future and place in the community
    e. Evaluating the Board's performance