IF YOU WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR COMMUNITY...

Selwyn Public Library is looking for Board members for the 2026-2030 term

Consider joining the Selwyn Public Library Board

Selwyn Public Library empowers the community to read, learn, connect, be engaged, and be inspired
~~**Read, learn, connect,be inspired!**~~

HOW TO BECOME A LIBRARY BOARD MEMBER

Applications will be available from the Selwyn Township Clerk's Office following the October Municipal election.

Council may ask applicants for an interview or for further information.

Board members are appointed by the newly elected Council at its first meeting in December/early January.

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Become a Library Board Member!

SELWYN PUBLIC LIBRARY

WHAT IS THE LIBRARY BOARD?

The Selwyn Public Library Board is the governing body of the Library. The Board follows the Ontario Public Libraries Act, and members are appointed by Council following the application process. The Board is responsible for:

- Promoting ~~Advocating for~~ the Library
- Establish strategic priorities and ensure organizational alignment
- ~~Guide the vision, mission, and strategic direction for the Library~~
- Establishing ~~Creating~~ and amending ~~revising policy required for the operation of the~~ Library policies
- Hiring and evaluating the CEO
- Establish and monitor annual budgets
- ~~Provide oversight of Library Finances~~
- Undertaking fundraising activities

The Board delegates authority ~~responsibility~~ for the Library's day-to-day operations ~~of the Library~~ to the CEO/Chief Librarian.

WHO CAN BE A LIBRARY BOARD MEMBER?

The Ontario Public Libraries Act mandates Board members must be:

- At least 18 years old
- A Canadian citizen
- A resident of the municipality
- Not employed by the municipality
- Not active volunteers in the Library or New-to-You Stores

HOW MUCH TIME IS REQUIRED?

Meetings are held monthly with the exception of July and August. Summer meetings are held only if necessary. Meetings are approximately 2 hours long. There are committees such as Budget, Policy, and Evaluation which meet as needed.

Board members are also expected to participate in outreach and advocacy events such as fundraising, book sales, and volunteer appreciation. Board members serve for 4 years, concurrent with the Township of Selwyn Council.

WILL I BE PAID?

Library Board members are volunteers but receive an honorarium per meeting based on the Township of Selwyn's remuneration by-law for Board members.



WHAT MAKES A GOOD LIBRARY BOARD MEMBER?

Most importantly, board members must be passionate about the Library, be committed to continuous learning, and willing to ~~advocate~~ champion the Library and its services. As a Board member, you have good governance skills, communicate effectively, are intellectually curious, work collaboratively with fellow board members and are committed to community service. You're also committed to learning about the evolving public library sector.

HOW DO I APPLY?

Following the municipal election, the Township of Selwyn will advertise for Board and Committee vacancies. The application form will be available on the Township's website or from the Clerk's department. Township Council will appoint Board members. An information package for prospective Board members can be obtained by contacting the Library.

