



OXFORD COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD MEMBER INFORMATION SHEET

Purpose of the Oxford County Library Board:

- to provide the participating municipalities within Oxford County with comprehensive, efficient public library service reflecting Oxford County's unique needs.

Role of the Library Board:

- promotes and advocates the value of public libraries in the Oxford County library community
- establishes long-range goals and objectives
- identifies and represents local community needs and interests
- adheres to the Public Libraries Act, its regulations and legislation
- approves annual budget presented to County Council
- monitors the management of the library system within approved budget limits

Desirable qualities of a Library Board member:

- library user
- keenly interested in public library service
- prepared to represent the interests, concerns, and attitudes of their community
- open to learning about library programs and services
- interested in becoming an active participant in Board leadership activities
- available to attend Board meetings and to come prepared to contribute to the discussions
- previous board experience, strategic planning experience
- budget and organizational skills

Applicants must be:

- at least 18 years of age
- Canadian citizen
- A resident of a municipality within which the library operates
- not employed by the Oxford County Library or the County of Oxford.

Board Composition:

There are four municipal councillors and three citizen appointees on the Oxford County Library Board.

Time Commitment:

Regular Library Board meetings are held once per month, generally on the third Monday starting at 1:00 p.m. Board meetings usually do not occur during July and August.

Other meetings may be called by the Chair as required.

Library Board members represent Oxford County Library at various events throughout the participating municipalities of Oxford County.

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