

## **Red lake Public Library Board Member**

The **Public Libraries Act**, R.S.O. 1990, c.P44 and its regulations outline the powers and duties of the public library boards in Ontario. Municipal Council is responsible for determining the composition of the library boards and for appointing library board trustees immediately following municipal elections and when vacancies occur. Public library board positions are for four years, concurrent with the term of Municipal Council. Municipalities may appoint a minimum of 5 members and may also appoint Municipal Councillors up to one less than 50% of the total number of library board members.

### **Trustee Roles**

Along with the governance, legal and fiscal roles, library board trustees are expected to support and participate in community engagement by:

- Establishing the library as an essential community service
- Building community pride in the library
- Advocating the library's role in the community
- Maintaining an open dialogue with the community
- Being aware of the municipal planning context
- Developing strategic partnerships with community groups and leaders

In order to fulfill the above, Red Lake Public Libraries requires a well-rounded Library Board with competent, experienced trustees. The trustee's job requires the ability to work towards a vision and to think in broad, future oriented terms while maintaining a commitment to move vision to reality. This requires understanding and discussing the philosophical aspect of library service while implementing the necessary governance measures to achieve desired service. A good trustee keeps the overall vision, mission and value promise in mind while acting strategically.

A person appointed to the library board must be:

- At least 18 years old
- A Canadian Citizen or Canadian permanent resident
- A resident of the Municipality of Red Lake
- Not employed by the library or the municipality

### **Essential Competencies and Qualifications of Prospective Board Members**

- Interested in the library and its importance to the life of this community
- Prepared to devote an average of approximately 3 to 4 hours per month over the year, including 10 board meetings yearly

- Well connected to the community and be aware of its social and economic conditions and of its disparate groups
- Leadership experience
- Business acumen
- Able to work well with others, have an open mind, intellectual curiosity, and a respect for the opinions of others
- Familiar with the process of establishing policies for the successful operation of the library and impartial service to all its patrons
- Committed to fiscally responsible management
- Should have initiative and courage to plan creatively, carry out plans effectively, and with stand pressures and prejudices

### **Compensation**

Library board members are not compensated for time required to participate in the above activities.

### **Addition Information**

Additional information on the Red Lake Public Libraries and the Library Board may be obtained by contacting:

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**SCHEDULE 12**  
**MINISTRY OF HERITAGE, SPORT, TOURISM AND CULTURE INDUSTRIES**

**PUBLIC LIBRARIES ACT**

**1** Clause 10 (1) (b) of the *Public Libraries Act* is amended by adding “or a permanent resident of Canada within the meaning of the *Immigration and Refugee Protection Act (Canada)*” at the end.

**2** Subsection 16 (1) of the Act is repealed and the following substituted:

**Meetings**

(1) A board shall hold at least seven regular meetings in each year.

**COMMENCEMENT**

**Commencement**

**3** This Schedule comes into force on the day the *Better for People, Smarter for Business Act, 2019* receives Royal Assent.