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

**Selwyn Public Library is
looking for Board
members for the
2022-2026 term**

**Consider joining the
Selwyn Public Library
Board**

**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!



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:

- Advocating for the Library
- Guide the vision, mission, and strategic direction for the Library
- Creating and revising policy required for the operation of the Library
- Hiring and evaluating the CEO
- Provide oversight of Library Finances

The Board delegates responsibility for the daily 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 and the community, and willing to advocate on behalf of the Library. As a Board member, you have good communication skills, diverse interests and skills, and you're willing to work as a member of a team committed to community service. You're also ready to learn about public library issues.

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.

