

Volunteer Opportunity

Burk's Falls, Armour & Ryerson Union Public Library Board Member

The Township of Ryerson is seeking a new member for
The Public Library Board

The **Public Libraries Act**, R.S.O. 1990, c.P44 and its Regulations outline the powers and duties of public library boards in Ontario. Municipal Council is responsible for determining the composition of 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.

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
- Building strong relationships with municipal council
- Being aware of the municipal planning context
- Developing strategic partnerships with community groups and leaders

In order to fulfill the above, Burk's Falls, Armour & Ryerson Union Public Library 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 aspects 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
- A resident of the Township of Ryerson
- Not employed by the library

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
- 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

Additional Information

Additional information on the Burk's Falls, Armour & Ryerson Union Public Library and the Library Board may be obtained by contacting:

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