



Meaford Public Library
Friends of the Meaford Library (FOML)
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The Board of the Meaford Public Library supports the Friends of the Meaford Library (FOML) as a valuable community endeavor that will benefit the Library and its patrons. The Friends' mission is to raise money and public awareness in the community to support the resources, services and programs of the Library.

Section 1: Relationship

- The Friends of the Meaford Library is an organization separate and apart from the Meaford Public Library.
- The Friends of the Meaford Library has its own board and its own goals and purposes.
- The Library Board does not supervise the activities of the Friends of the Meaford Library.
- The Friends of Meaford Library is an organization comprised solely of volunteers distinct and separate from Library staff.
- Library staff may act in an advisory capacity for Friends' activities.
- The working relationship between the Library and the Friends shall be outlined in an operating agreement that is acceptable to both the Library and the Friends. This agreement will stand until and unless it is modified by mutual agreement of the Friends executive board and the Meaford Public Library Board.

Section 2: Monies

- Operating expenses of the Meaford Public Library are provided through allocation of tax monies that are audited by an independent auditor through the Municipality.
- Friends' funds and Library funds shall not be commingled or integrated, except that gifts from Friends may be accepted by the Library, whereupon said gifts shall become solely the property of the Library but shall be expended for the specific purpose for which the gift or donation has been made by the Friends.
- In the event the Meaford Public Library becomes the custodian of any Friends funds, those funds shall be kept as separate "funds" for audit and bookkeeping purposes.
- Public relations programs adopted by Friends shall not be part of the budget of or funded by the Meaford Public Library.

Related Documents:

Operating Agreement between the Meaford Public Library and the Friends of the Meaford Library

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