



POLICY

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Policy Title: Green Policy

Policy:

St. Thomas Public Library Board is committed to integrating sustainable social, economic, and environmental objectives into its strategic decision making, planning, purchasing, maintenance, design and construction processes, within available resources.

- The Board will ensure its operations and everyday business activities are carried out in such a manner as to encourage sustainable resource management and minimize environmental impact.
- The Board will avail itself of energy-saving initiatives and participate in environmental initiatives and programs.
- The Board is committed to raising environmental awareness both internally and externally, to promote environmentally-friendly products and practices within the library, ensure that staff and the public are aware of what is being done and what needs to be done to promote a healthy planet.
- All renovations to the current facility, and any new library facilities will endeavour, wherever possible, to reflect LEED® (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design*) specifications.

The Board will further demonstrate its commitment to this policy, by regularly reviewing processes and practices to encourage continuous improvement in this area.

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* NOTE: LEED® stands for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design. It is an internationally-recognized standard developed by the US Green Building Council which promotes healthier indoor air and efficiency in energy and water. LEED is based on a scoring system where projects earn points for satisfying specific green-building criteria. LEED certification is available in four progressive levels: Certified, Silver, Gold and Platinum.