

## Selected sections highlighting changes to the Public Libraries Act

R.S.O. 1990, CHAPTER P.44

### Definitions

1. In this Act,

“board” in Part I means a public library board, a union board, a county library board or a county library co-operative board ~~and in Part II means an Ontario library service board; (“conseil”)~~

### PART I PUBLIC LIBRARY SERVICE

#### Meetings

~~16. (1) A board shall hold regular meetings at least once monthly from January to June and from September to December, both inclusive, and at such other times as it considers necessary. R.S.O. 1990, c. P.44, s. 16 (1).~~

16. (1) A board shall hold regular meetings once a month for at least 10 months each year and at such other times as it considers necessary.

#### Powers and duties of board

20. A board,

- (a) shall seek to provide, in co-operation with other boards, a comprehensive and efficient public library service that reflects the community’s unique needs;
- (b) shall seek to provide library services in the French language, where appropriate;
- (c) shall operate one or more libraries and ensure that they are conducted in accordance with this Act and the regulations;
- (d) may operate special services in connection with a library as it considers necessary;
- (e) shall fix the times and places for board meetings and the mode of calling and conducting them, and ensure that full and correct minutes are kept;
- (f) shall make an annual report to the Minister and make any other reports **or provide any other information** required by this Act and the regulations or requested by the Minister from time to time;
- (g) shall make provision for insuring the board’s real and personal property;
- (h) shall take proper security for the treasurer; and
- (i) may appoint such committees as it considers expedient. R.S.O. 1990, c. P.44, s. 20.

#### Estimates

24. (1) A public library board, county library board or county library co-operative board shall submit to the appointing council, annually on or before the date and in the form specified by the council, estimates of all sums required during the year for the purposes of the board. R.S.O. 1990, c. P.44, s. 24 (1).

#### Approval of estimates

(2) The amount of the board’s estimates that is approved or amended and approved by the council shall be adopted by the board and shall be paid to the board out of the money appropriated for it. R.S.O. 1990, c. P.44, s. 24 (2).

#### Idem

(3) The board shall apply the money paid to it under subsection (2) in accordance with the estimates as approved, subject to subsection (4). R.S.O. 1990, c. P.44, s. 24 (3).

#### **Council may authorize variation**

(4) The council may, in its approval of the board's estimates or at any time at the board's request, authorize the board to apply a specified amount or percentage of the money paid to it under subsection (2) otherwise than in accordance with the items of the estimates as approved. R.S.O. 1990, c. P.44, s. 24 (4).

#### **Idem: union board**

(5) A union board shall submit its estimates to each of the councils of the municipalities for which the board was established, and subsections (1), (2), (3) and (4) apply to the union board with necessary modifications. R.S.O. 1990, c. P.44, s. 24 (5).

#### **Where two or more municipalities concerned**

(6) A union board shall submit with its estimates a statement as to the proportion of the estimates that is to be charged to each of the municipalities, and if the estimates of the board are approved or amended and approved by the councils of the municipalities representing more than one-half of the population of the area for which the board was established, they are binding on all the municipalities. R.S.O. 1990, c. P.44, s. 24 (6).

#### **Audited financial statements**

~~—(7) A public library board, county library board or county library co-operative board shall submit its annual financial statements, audited by a person appointed under section 296 of the *Municipal Act, 2001* or section 139 of the *City of Toronto Act, 2006*, as the case may be, to the council annually on or before the date specified by the council. R.S.O. 1990, c. P.44, s. 24 (7); 2002, c. 17, Sched. C, s. 24 (10); 2006, c. 32, Sched. C, s. 53 (3).~~

#### **Idem: union board**

~~—(8) A union board shall submit its annual financial statements to each of the councils of the municipalities for which the board was established, and subsection (7) applies to the union board with necessary modifications. R.S.O. 1990, c. P.44, s. 24 (8).~~

#### **Contract for library services**

29. (1) The council of a municipality, a local service board or the council of an Indian band may, instead of establishing or maintaining a public library, enter into a contract with a public library board, union board or county library board, ~~or, where subsection 34 (2) applies, with the Ontario library service board that has jurisdiction,~~ for the purpose of providing the residents of the municipality or local service board area or the members of the band, as the case may be, with library services, on the terms and conditions set out in the agreement. 2002, c. 17, Sched. C, s. 24 (13).

#### **Annual and other reports**

~~—(2) The municipal council, local service board or band council entering into a contract under subsection (1) shall make an annual financial report to the Minister and shall make any other reports required by this Act or the regulations or requested by the Minister. 2002, c. 17, Sched. C, s. 24 (13).~~

#### **Reports**

(2) The municipal council, local service board or band council entering into a contract under subsection (1) shall make any report required by this Act or the regulations or requested by the Minister.

## **PART II**

### **ONTARIO LIBRARY SERVICE**

**THIS WHOLE SECTION WAS REMOVED.**

## **PART III GENERAL**

#### **Special library service boards**

40. (1) The Minister may establish special library service boards to provide the resources and services that the Minister specifies and may make grants to special library service boards out of legislative appropriations for library purposes. R.S.O. 1990, c. P.44, s. 40 (1).

**s. 37 applies**

~~(2) Section 37 applies to a special library service board with necessary modifications. R.S.O. 1990, c. P.44, s. 40 (2).~~

**Information to Minister**

(2) A special library service board established under (1) shall submit to the Minister any information requested by the Minister.