

## Town of Grimshaw Library Board Policy 3/G

### **Subject: Board: Code of Ethics**

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Library boards exist to develop, promote and monitor library services as a public trust. To this end, library board trustees should be committed to the following principles:

1. The primary goal of public library board trustees is to ensure that the public has access to the highest quality of library services possible.
2. Members should ensure that each person has access to the most complete library service possible compatible with equal service to others. Where limitations in service are unavoidable any inherent inequality or service should favour those residents least able to obtain alternate service.
3. Library board trustees should observe ethical standards with truth, integrity and honour
  - a. Trustees should avoid situations where personal advantage or financial benefits may be gained at the expense of the library users.
  - b. Trustees should distinguish between their personal views and those of the institution by respecting the position of the Board, even though they may disagree.
  - c. Trustees should respect the confidential nature of library records within the framework which allows for the monitoring of material usage and the need for public accounting
4. Board trustees should respect the establishment structure of the library
  - a. Trustees should attempt to work harmoniously with the board and ultimately accept its will
  - b. Trustees should limit their trusteeship role to policy governance and advocacy
5. Board members are expected to take responsibility for their personal development through continuing education opportunities and participation in provincial and national library organization.
6. Trustees should support intellectual freedom in the selection of library material

We acknowledge the Louisiana Trustees of Public Libraries, whose code of ethics was used as a model in drafting the ALTA version.

