

## **PUBLIC MEETING PLACE USE**

### **PURPOSE**

The City of Lethbridge Library Board recognizes that areas of its facilities not normally used for library purposes should be available to the public. This policy is in accordance with the Province of Alberta *Libraries Regulation*.

### **PERSONS AFFECTED**

Board/Library employees/public

### **POLICY STATEMENT**

The Board provides access to its facilities as a public meeting place for educational, literacy, social, recreational, cultural and business activities.

Areas designated as public meeting places within the Lethbridge Public Library facilities shall be utilized first for Lethbridge Public Library purposes.

Meeting rooms and event spaces are made available on an equitable basis regardless of the beliefs or affiliations of individuals or groups requesting use, in accordance with the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, the Alberta Human Rights Act, and the Board's Intellectual Freedom Policy (LB17).

Use of Library meeting rooms and event spaces must be conducted in a manner consistent with the Library's Code of Conduct, Meeting Room Policy, Lethbridge Public Library Bylaws, and according to the terms, conditions, and regulations outlined in the Facility Rental Terms and Conditions Agreement.

### **RESPONSIBILITIES**

The CEO will develop an operational policy which specifies public meeting place terms and conditions.

### **REFERENCES**

- Province of Alberta *Libraries Regulation*
- *Bylaws of the City of Lethbridge Public Library Board for the Safety and Use of the Library*
- *Facility Rental Terms and Conditions agreement*
- LB17 Intellectual Freedom
- LOP-LO1 Code of Conduct Policy
- LOP-LO5 Meeting Rooms Policy

### **REVISION HISTORY**

- March 12, 2014: New policy

- June 13, 2018: Revised
- March 23, 2021: Reviewed
- June 12, 2024: Revised