

**Type:** System**Authority:** Board**Resolution No.:** BMPL 2018-135 on 6-21-18; POL-SYS.2018.71**Associated Documents:****SYS.2018.71.1 Purpose**

1. The mission statement articulates the Board's and the Personnel's shared understanding of the core purpose of the System: Library, Museum/Archives and Gallery. All strategic decisions need to support the mission.
2. The mandate specifies more closely the core function of each of the areas of the Gallery, Library, Archives, and Museum (GLAM).

SYS.2018.71.2 Mission Statement of the Blue Mountains Public Library System

The Blue Mountains Public Library is the dynamic centre of community engagement where everyone is free to create, explore, learn, research and connect in an inclusive environment.

SYS.2018.71.3 GLAM

The BMPL is comprised of a Gallery, Library, Archive and Museum. At the time of the establishment of BMPL in 1995 and the opening of L.E. Shore in 1996, the organization was an early trail blazer of the GLAM by including a gallery within the building. For this, and the design of the facility, BMPL won awards. In 2016 the Board and TBM further established the organization as a GLAM when the Craighleith Heritage Depot community museum became a part of the BMPL. GLAMs are now understood to be the culture hubs of communities across the province, and more regularly have been seen to have a single operational body, such as in the BMPL model.

SYS.2018.71.4 Library Mandate

The Blue Mountains Public Library supports 21st Century literacies by ensuring equitable access to information in all its forms to grow an informed and connected citizenry. As a community hub we offer programs and spaces which enable people to gather, socialize, learn, and play.

SYS.2018.71.5 Museum Mandate

The Craighleith Heritage Depot community museum provides tangible links to the community, via artifacts, and intangible associations via memory, stories, and folklore. Through conservation and collection management the museum is a steward of local culture and natural heritage. As a designated heritage building, the Depot is not only the community museum facility, but a significant part of the collection.

SYS.2018.71.6 Gallery Mandate

The Gallery at L.E. Shore acts as a centre for arts and culture in The Town of the Blue Mountains. The Gallery has a focus on artists and art forms of The Blue Mountains and our local area, as well as providing education to the community in the area of arts and culture.

SYS.2018.71.7 Archive Mandate

The archive acquires and preserves local documentary objects at the Craighleith Heritage Depot in support of the community museum mandate. The wide range of archival material is a key resource that

assists museum exhibition, education and programming as well as individual and community interests in the area of history, heritage and culture.

SYS.2018.71.8 Review Cycle

The mission statement is developed, reviewed and/or revised by the Board according to the Board's Policy Review Schedule is developed by the board as part of the planning cycle.

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