

West Nipissing Public Library

Policy Name: MEETING ROOM	
Policy Type: OPERATIONAL - FACILITIES	Policy Number: OP-FAC-2

Meeting rooms are provided for the Library and library-related programs and meetings.

After these needs are met, the meeting room facilities are available to groups or organizations interested in the promotion of educational, cultural and leisure activities in the form of meetings, seminars, workshops, and organisations in accordance with this policy as established by the Library Board.

Exclusions:

- a) private social events;
- b) bingos, lotteries or games of chance;
- c) events promoting specific political candidates;
- d) business activities such as sales promotions;
- e) religious services or evangelism meetings;
- f) programs that are not suitable for the Library’s physical facilities.

Use of the meeting rooms by any group or organisation does not constitute an endorsement by the Library Board of the group’s policies or beliefs. The Library will knowingly permit any individual or groups to use the facilities in contravention of the *Criminal Code of Canada*.

Groups using the facilities may not limit attendance on the basis of race, colour, religion, sex, age, sexual orientation, mental or physical disability as defined by the *Constitution Act, Canadian Charter of Right and Freedom, 1982*. The Library reserves the right to attend any meeting held in its facilities.

Applications for the use of rooms shall be made to senior staff at which time the purpose of the rental, the fee and facilities available will be discussed. The West Nipissing Public Library Board reserves the right to accept or refuse a reservation, or to cancel any bookings at its discretion.

Policy History			
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Appendix Name: RULES & REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE USE OF MEETING ROOMS	
Appendix Type: OPERATIONAL - FACILITIES	Appendix Number: OP-FAC-A

1. All groups or organizations scheduling a meeting must fill out the *Application for Meeting Room* prior to the day of its use.

2. Bookings will be taken on a first come, first serve basis, up to one year in advance.

3. Information about the intended use of the room including names and affiliations of any speakers shall be made at the time of booking.

4. No administration fees or collections will be allowed for any event scheduled in meeting rooms.* The Library does not permit the sale of tickets or other promotional materials for fundraising or commercial purposes with the exception of Municipal sponsored civic events. Written applications must be made to the CEO or designate in the case of a possible sale of art or craft.

* does not include club membership fees or collection taken to defray the cost of the meeting

5. Because the purpose of providing the meeting rooms is to make them available to as many community groups as possible, reservations by the same group may not be made more than twelve times in a calendar year. This limit applies whether the meetings are held on successive days, once a week for twelve weeks, or once a month for twelve months. Library-related events are exempt from this.

6. If a question is raised as to the objective and/or activities of any organization or group requesting use of the meeting rooms, the Library Board shall be the final authority in granting or refusing permission for the use of the room.

7. Rooms are available for use during Library hours.

8. Rooms are available outside regular Library hours' subject to the availability of Library staff at an additional charge of \$25.00 per hour or any part thereafter as anticipated. Rooms are not available from Saturdays after 4:00 p.m. or Sundays and statutory holidays.

9. Confirmed public bookings take precedence over tentative public bookings.

10. Publicity and signs, provided by the organization, must not give the impression that the Library sponsors the event. All signs must be professional and removed immediately after the program.
11. Nothing is to be affixed to the walls in such a way as to damage walls or remove paint.
12. Booking, pick-up and arranging audio-visual equipment and/or materials is the sole responsibility of the applicant.
13. The Library does not have custodial staff necessary to set up the rooms for groups. Set-up of the tables, chairs, and equipment is the responsibility of the organization renting the facilities. Facilities are to be left in the same condition as found.
14. Groups are responsible for catering, food, dishes, and utensils.
15. All meetings will be confined to the meeting rooms(s) rented, and not to any other part of the building.
16. The maximum occupancy of the meeting room shall not be exceeded.*
17. Smoking is prohibited on Library premises.
18. A liquor licence is required whenever liquor is served; a copy of the licence must be given to Library staff. The renting group is responsible for obtaining the liquor licence and following its regulations.
19. Organizations or individuals who use the Library facilities are responsible for any damages incurred.
20. The Library is not liable for injuries to people or damage to or loss of property of organizations using the meeting room. The West Nipissing Public Library Board accepts no responsibility for lost or stolen articles.
21. A group booking a meeting room under false pretences will be subject to a ban from using any West Nipissing Public Library meeting room for a period of six months, in notification by letter by the CEO or designate.

*Room occupancy:

Auditorium= max 100

Boardroom= max 20

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Appendix Name: MEETING ROOM FEE SCHEDULE	
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Non-Profit Organizations and Community Groups

(A non-profit group is defined as a group whose primary function is participation in a specific recreational, cultural, community service or leisure interest; a group whose primary function is service to the community at large through support of a shared interest and which must be managed by a voluntary executive and/or board.)

Fees are waived for Municipality of West Nipissing employees conducting municipal business and for official West Nipissing board and committees.

Subject to availability, the meeting rooms at the Sturgeon Falls facility will be available to Statistics Canada at no charge for activities prescribed in this policy.

\$10.00 per half day or evening

\$20.00 per full day

\$25.00 per full day plus evening

Including use of kitchen

Business, Commercial or Profit-making Groups

\$20.00 per half day or evening

\$30.00 per full day

\$35.00 per full day plus evening

Use of kitchen \$10.00 rental

Rental includes the use of VCR/TV, overhead projector, screen

Equipment does not include scissors, tape, flip-charts, markers, extension cords, etc.

Groups may use the meeting room during non-operating hours providing that they employ a library staff member to assist with the opening and closing of the Library. The group is required to compensate the Library employee at a rate of \$25.00 per hour for the duration of the meeting.

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