



## **SECTION 3: SERVICES OF THE LIBRARY**

### **POLICY 3.3: USE OR RENTAL OF MULTI-PURPOSE MEETING ROOMS & KNOWLEDGE GARDEN**

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#### **3.3 USE OR RENTAL OF MULTI-PURPOSE MEETING ROOMS AND KNOWLEDGE GARDEN**

- 3.3.1 The Board of Trustees of the Prince George Public Library (“The Library”) has established that Library meeting rooms and the Knowledge Garden are used for programs and events conducted and initiated by the Library. When not required for Library use, they may be rented by external groups, organizations, businesses, or private individuals, for the purpose of conducting private meetings, events, or training sessions that are not open to the general public and at which no fees will be charged to participants.
- 3.3.2 The Library provides safe and welcoming spaces for all community members. The Library values diversity, intellectual freedom, and access for all. The Library believes that freedom of expression and access to ideas and information are fundamental to the development of informed citizenry in a democratic society. The Library recognizes that its meeting rooms and spaces may be used by individuals who express ideas that are contrary to the Library’s vision and values. The use of Library meeting rooms or Knowledge Garden does not imply Library endorsement of or agreement with any of the aims, policies or activities of any group or individual using the space, or of any of the ideas, messages or information they express.
- 3.3.3 Library meeting spaces and Knowledge Garden may not be used for:
- any violation of the BC Human Rights Code, including: the publication, issuing or display of any material that indicates discrimination or an intention to discriminate against a person or group, or is likely to expose a person or group to hatred or contempt, because of their race, colour, ancestry, place of origin, religion, marital status, family status, physical or mental disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or age.
  - any violation of the Criminal Code, including the communication of statements that incite or willfully promote hatred against an identifiable group; or the advocacy or promotion of genocide.
  - any other activities that may unreasonably disrupt Library operations or prevent the lawful use of Library space by other people.
- 3.3.4 The Library may deny or cancel a meeting room or facility booking when, in consultation with legal counsel or public health officials where appropriate, it reasonably believes that the proposed use is likely to or will include any of the prohibited activities identified above.