LONDON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD
STATEMENT ON ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

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PURPOSE

To articulate the Library Board's commitment to promoting the responsible and equitable use of Artificial Intelligence (AI), supporting community understanding of emerging technologies, and ensuring that AI-related initiatives align with the Library's values and strategic priorities.

BACKGROUND

According to the *Government of Canada's National Artificial Intelligence Strategy*, "Artificial intelligence (AI) is quickly becoming part of daily lives — at work, at school, at home, and in the businesses, organizations, and governments that shape our communities. What we are seeing today is only the beginning. The speed and scale of this transformation bring both promise and uncertainty about how AI will affect our jobs, privacy, security, and the institutions we rely on."

STATEMENT

The Library Board recognizes the potential of AI to create efficiencies, foster innovation, and enhance library services and operations. The Board supports the responsible exploration and use of AI where it aligns with the Library's purpose, values, and strategic priorities, while ensuring appropriate safeguards for privacy, security, equity, transparency, and accountability.

The Board also supports the Library's role in helping the community understand and navigate AI by promoting digital literacy, informed decision-making, and equitable access to emerging technologies. Through education, engagement, and responsible leadership, the Library will endeavour to assist Londoners in realizing the benefits of AI while fostering awareness of its ethical, social, and privacy implications.