Policy Title:	**Wireless Internet Access**
Policy Type:	**Public Service**
Policy #:	**PS 018**
Policy Authority:	**CEO**
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PURPOSE

Provide guidelines on accessing the library's Internet network using one's own wireless-enabled laptop computer or other device.

DEFINITION

A wireless LAN (or WLAN, for wireless local area network, sometimes referred to as LAWN, for local area wireless network) is one in which a mobile user can connect to a local area network (LAN) through a wireless (radio) connection.

A "**local area network (LAN)**" is a group of computers and associated devices that share a common communications line or wireless link. Typically, connected devices share the resources of a single processor or server within a small geographic area.
(http://searchnetworking.techtarget.com/definition/local-area-network-LAN)

"**Wireless**" is a term used to describe telecommunications in which electromagnetic waves (rather than some form of wire) carry the signal over part or all of the communication path.
(http://searchmobilecomputing.techtarget.com/definition/wireless)

POLICY

1. The wireless Internet access may be unfiltered. By choosing to use this service users agree to abide by the Library's Acceptable Internet use Policy. This policy states the limitations of Internet access, user responsibilities for using that access.

2. Users of the Library's wireless Internet service are also bound by the terms of Clarington's Public Library Rules of Conduct.

3. The Library's wireless access points are unencrypted connections to the Internet. The Library is not responsible for data transmitted or loss of information over the wireless network. Users should be aware that third parties may be able to obtain information about users' activities when using the wireless service to connect to the Internet. The Library assumes no responsibility for the security and the privacy of on-line transactions or for any damage caused to a user's hardware or software. Wireless users are responsible for the protection of their devices from viruses, spyware and spam.

4. The Library assumes no responsibility for laptops or other devices left unattended.

5. The Library is not responsible for the safety of laptop computer or other wireless device configurations, security, or data files resulting from connection to the Library's wireless access.

6. The Library provides basic instructions on how to connect to the network but cannot provide technical assistance on individual laptop computers or other devices. Wireless users are responsible for configuring and setting up their own equipment. The library is not responsible for any changes the user makes to the settings. The Library does not guarantee that every device will be compatible with its wireless network.

7. Users are not permitted to tamper with any equipment belonging to the Library and are prohibited from damaging or disrupting service on the Library's networks or utilizing any means to intercept other users' data.

8. The Library cannot guarantee that the wireless service will be available at any specific time.

9. Printing is not available from the wireless connections.