



**Peterborough
Public Library**

To: Peterborough Public Library Board of Trustees

From: Jennifer Jones, Acting Library Manager/CEO

Meeting Date: January 31, 2017

Subject: Report PPL17-001
Library Association Memberships

Purpose

A report to inform the Board of the option to renew its memberships to AMPLO and FOPL.

Recommendations

That the Library Board approve the recommendations outlined in Report PPL17-001 dated January 31, 2017, of the acting Library Manager/CEO, as follows:

- a) That Report PPL17-001 be received for information;
- b) That the Administrators of Medium-Sized Public Libraries of Ontario (AMPLO) membership be renewed for 1 year; and,
- c) That the Federation of Ontario Public Libraries (FOPL) membership be renewed for 1 year.

Budget and Financial Implications

Though there is a cost for the memberships, there is no budget or financial implication resulting from the approval of the recommendations of this report as they have been included in the 2017 budget.

Background

The library has received its annual membership renewal notices for FOPL (for \$3000) and AMPLO (for \$100).

FOPL's mandate is to focus on advocacy, marketing, and research and development for public libraries. They represent over 400 public library systems across Ontario with one voice. (See Appendix A.1 and A.2 or <http://fopl.ca/>).

Given the current staffing situation at the library and the demands of the renovation project, the proper time and effort has not been committed to examining the value of remaining a member of FOPL at this time. After a cursory glance, I do not see the cost/benefits of this membership. However, while the financial commitment is rather high, I would suggest that the Board renews the membership for the 2017 year and that staff are provided with the opportunity to more closely examine the membership before renewal in 2018.

AMPLO has proven to be a valuable resource. (See Appendix B.1 and B.2). It consists of the CEO's of medium-sized public libraries in Ontario who request membership. The group provides a forum for discussion through the use of a listserv and 4 in person meetings a year. I have been able to ask a number of questions of other CEOs and participate in conversations on a variety of topics through the listserv. They also work with other library groups/associations (i.e.: OLA, FOPL, etc.) in the best interests of the membership. I have no reservations in recommending the renewal of this membership.

Submitted by,

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Attachments:
Appendix A.1 - FOPL information
Appendix A.2 - FOPL letter and invoice
Appendix B.1 - AMPLO invoice
Appendix B.2 - AMPLO constitution