



**Peterborough
Public Library**

To: Peterborough Public Library Board of Trustees

From: Jennifer Jones, Acting Library Manager/CEO

Meeting Date: January 31, 2017

Subject: Report PPL17-005
Partnership with Ontario Genealogical Society

Purpose

A report to inform the Board of a potential change in the partnership agreement with the Kawartha Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society.

Recommendation

That the Library Board approve the recommendation in Report PPL17-005 dated January 31, 2017, of the Acting Library Manager/CEO as follows:

That the report be received for information.

Budget and Financial Implications

There is no budget or financial implication resulting from the approval of the recommendations of this report.

Background

The library has enjoyed a partnership with the Kawartha Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society (KBOGS) since 2000 (see Appendix A).

The Kawartha Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society (OGS) was formed in 1975. We are a group dedicated to supporting genealogical research in the Counties of - The City of Kawartha Lakes (formerly known as Victoria), Halliburton, Northumberland and Peterborough through our meetings, events, beginners' courses, library collection, and publications.

[<http://www.ogs.on.ca/kawartha/index.htm>]

KBOGS is currently using a display cabinet, a microfilm reader and a computer at the DelaFosse branch to house their genealogical materials. Many of these materials are also collected by the library at the main branch on Aylmer Street, though each party has their own unique items.

It has been proposed that the two genealogy collections be combined into one collection at Aylmer Street once the renovations are completed. This would enrich both collections and provide access to complimentary resources in one location. Among other things, KBOGS would be able to enjoy longer access hours than are currently available at the DelaFosse branch, and the community would benefit from more access to special workshops hosted by KBOGS as well as their expertise in genealogical research.

The existing agreement would need to be updated and there are a few terms to be discussed; such as the process for cataloguing the materials so they are properly incorporated into the library catalogue for easy discovery, and access to the collection would be restricted similar to that of the Peterborough Collection which is stored in a locked cabinet.

Further discussion is still needed with KBOGS before final terms are agreed upon, however a continued partnership is believed to be favourable to both parties.

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Appendix A - OGS partnership agreement