



**Peterborough  
Public Library**

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**To:** Library Board of Trustees

**From:** Jennifer Jones, Acting Library Manager/CEO

**Meeting Date:** February 28, 2017

**Subject:** Report PPL17-010  
OLA Super Conference Report February 2017

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## **Purpose**

A report to inform the Library Board of Trustees on the Ontario Library Association (OLA) Super Conference 2017.

## **Recommendation**

That the Library Board approve the recommendation in Report PPL17-010 dated February 28, 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 recommendation of this report.

## **Background**

The OLA Super Conference in downtown Toronto is a top educational and networking event for library staff. For over 20 years, the conference has challenged attendees to transform both themselves and their libraries. With over 4,600 attendees from across the nation, the conference has an outstanding track record for bringing long-term

professional benefits, including sharing ideas and best practices throughout the field.

The theme for this year's OLA Super Conference was *All in*. The three featured keynote speakers for this year were: Sunni Brown, Lindy West, and Mohammed Fahmy.

There is always a wide range of sessions for all different types of libraries, areas of expertise and interests. Three staff members from the Library were able to attend the whole conference in Toronto February 1-3, 2017.

The three staff members split up to attend different sessions in order to maximize our learning. We will be bringing back new ideas and innovations to the Supervisors Committee for further discussion and planning. I particularly enjoyed attending sessions on leadership, staffing challenges and successes, real life public library experiences with challenging patrons, and the key note speakers. The keynotes in particular were three fascinating talks from three very different points of view.

There were also two board members who attended the Ontario Library Board Association (OLBA) Boot camp on Saturday February 4, 2017.

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