



# Peterborough Public Library

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**To:** Library Board of Trustees

**From:** Jennifer Jones, Library CEO

**Meeting Date:** January 7, 2020

**Subject:** Report PPL20-001  
Library CEO Report January 2020

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## Purpose

A report to inform the Library Board of Trustees on general matters concerning Library operations and services.

## Recommendation

That the Library Board approves the recommendation as outlined in Report PPL20-001 dated January 7, 2020, of the Library CEO as follows:

That the report be received for information.

## Budget and Financial Implications

There are no budget or financial implications resulting from the approval of the recommendation of this report.

## Background

### Café

Things are progressing and we hope to have the café up and running in early 2020, pending a passed health inspection.

## Library Service Review

Planning is on track for the 2020 Library Service Review. We are organizing four in-person feedback sessions and a number of pop up survey opportunities, along with online surveys and an interactive online forum at <https://www.connectptbo.ca/>

We are aiming to launch the Service Review February 1, 2020.

## OLA Super Conference

The annual conference is taking place January 29-February 1, 2020. The theme is “Dream Here.” The OLBA Boot Camp taking place on Saturday is examining the following topics:

- Government relations Update
- Municipalities: What Public Library Boards Need to Know
- Community Engagement: What it looks like and why it’s important
- Board + CEO: The Crucial Governance Partnership
- Governance Spotlight: Leslie Weir (Librarians and Archivist of Canada)

## Public Libraries Act – changes

Two amendments to the **Public Libraries Act** (PLA) that came into effect December 10, 2019 as part of the government’s **Better for People, Smarter for Business Act, 2019**.

The first amendment, to section 10(1) of the PLA, will permit Canadian permanent residents to serve as public library board members. Prior to this amendment, only Canadian citizens were permitted to serve on public library boards. This amendment provides boards with a larger and more diverse pool of potential board members.

The second amendment, to section 16(1) of the PLA, reduces the minimum number of annual public library board meetings from ten (10) per year to seven (7) per year. This amendment provides more flexibility for public library boards to determine the appropriate number of meetings needed for their local circumstances.

## Collections

Our term with Overdrive officially ended December 31, 2019. We are now fully transferred over to our new ebook platform **Cloud Library**.

There will be a few new digital products launched in January, including a subscription to “RBdigital Streaming Video” which includes award-winning comedies, documentaries, drama, animation, shorts, classic TV, British TV and film, Spanish telenovelas and movies, and more.

## Snofest

Snofest 2020 kicks off on Sunday, January 19 at the Peterborough Sport and Wellness Centre with the Mayor's Pancake Breakfast hosted by the East Peterborough Lion's Club, followed by activities, arts and crafts. The week has some traditional events and some new ones to help us all enjoy the winter. Please dress for the weather conditions for outdoor events.

<b>Date &amp; Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Details</b>
Sunday, January 19 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	Mayor's Pancake Breakfast and Family Day	Peterborough Sport and Wellness Centre, 775 Brealey Dr.	Mayor's Pancake Breakfast, activities and crafts
Monday, January 20 6:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.	Fun Swim	Peterborough Sport and Wellness Centre, 775 Brealey Dr.	Free swim for all ages. Slide & therapy pool open
Tuesday, January 21 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.	History Walking Tour	Meet at Confederation Square, 499 George St. N.	Join Don Willcock for a downtown walking tour (registration required)
Wednesday, January 22 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.	Lunchtime Winter Walk	Meet at City Hall, 500 George St. N.	Enjoy a walk along London Street footbridge and Rotary Trail - 2 or 4K
<b>Wednesday, January 22 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.</b>	<b>Craft Time for Kids</b>	<b>Peterborough Public Library, 345 Aylmer St. N.</b>	<b>Drop-in craft session with Pete and Patch</b>
<b>Wednesday, January 22 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Craft Time for Teens/Adults</b>	<b>Peterborough Public Library, 345 Aylmer St. N.</b>	<b>Paint your own pair of snowscape mugs, hot chocolate (registration required)</b>
Thursday, January 23 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.	Lumberjack Bash	PACE@PCVS Downtown Youth Space and lower level gym, 201 McDonnell St.	Floor hockey, Dohjo Maury Thai kickboxing demo, inflatable axe throwing and photobooth
Thursday, January 23 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.	Art Mingle	Art Gallery of Peterborough, 250 Crescent St.	Tour exhibits and Art Gallery of Peterborough vault, refreshments
Friday, January 24 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.	Word on the Hill	Peterborough Museum and Archives, 300 Hunter St. E.	Historical storytelling by Dennis Carter-Edwards and tea
Saturday, January 25 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.	Family Skate	Peterborough Memorial Centre, 151 Lansdowne St.	Skate, popcorn and hot chocolate

A full schedule of events is available on the website at [www.peterborough.ca/snofest](http://www.peterborough.ca/snofest).

Pick up your guide to Snofest at City Hall, Peterborough Sport and Wellness Centre, Peterborough Public Library, all our arenas and other local facilities.

## **2020 Budget**

The 2020 budget is to go to Council for approval the week of January 13<sup>th</sup>.

## **Programs**

The Library will be participating in Family Literacy Day again this year January 25<sup>th</sup> at Peterborough Square.

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