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**To:** Members of the Peterborough Public Library Board

**From:** Jennifer Jones, Library CEO

**Meeting Date:** June 6, 2023

**Subject:** Library CEO Report June 2023, Report PPL23-023

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## **Purpose**

A report to inform the Library Board on general matters concerning Library operations.

## **Recommendation**

That the Library Board approves the recommendation as outlined in Report PPL23-023 dated June 6, 2023, of the Library CEO as follows:

That the report to inform the Library Board on general matters concerning Library operations 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**

### **Legacy Space**

The official Legacy Space launch took place on Saturday May 27 from 11am-1pm. There were approximately 60 people in attendance for the ceremony. Mitch Champagne emceed the event with a representative from the Downie-Wenjack Legacy Fund as a guest speaker. Sarah Lewis performed an emotional piece, and attendees were able to partake in some delicious food courtesy of Grandfather's Kitchen, from Curve Lake.

Now that the focal point has been recognized and the space is officially launched, the work begins. Staff are planning several programs throughout the end of the year with an Indigenous focus. We'll also be created an internal Truth and ReconciliACTION plan as part of our strategic initiatives and our agreement with the Downie-Wenjack Fund to guide us over the next 5 years.

### **Staff Professional Development Day**

The Library will be closed on June 12, 2023, so that all staff can come together for a training day. We'll be starting at 9 am with a DEI training session from the City's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Advisor Reem Ali. After lunch we'll have a H&S briefing and the staff-led discussion about workplace culture. We'll finish off our day with guest speaker Mitch Champagne to talk about reconciliACTIONS.

### **Library of Things**

The Library of Things has a new thing: Birdwatching kits.

These kits have been made possible with the support of our partners Bird Friendly Peterborough and Peterborough Field Naturalists; and through a generous donation by the Hunter family in memory of Terry Hunter.

Each kit is contained within a backpack and features a pair of binoculars and several books and pamphlets, including a checklist to the Birds of Peterborough County.

### **Braille signage**

A couple of representatives from the Council for Persons with Disabilities toured the library in early May. They were able to help us update some of our Braille signage, as well as add additional labels to signage in braille.

### **Loading Dock**

The first phase of the loading dock area has been completed. The concrete pad has been repoured, a metal staircase was installed along with a rolling door, and the rear access points repaired.

As part of the Bethune Street revitalization, there is NO parking permitted at our loading dock for anyone at any time. It is an area to be used for deliveries and pickups only. Signage should be arriving soon, and parking enforcement has already given me a heads up that they will be ticketing.

The next phase will involve repaving the damaged asphalt and the installation of an exterior garbage bunker.

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