



Peterborough Public Library

To: Members of the Peterborough Public Library Board

From: Jennifer Jones, Library CEO

Meeting Date: April 8, 2025

Report: Library CEO Report, Report PPL25-016

Subject

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 PPL25-016 dated April 8, 2025, of the Library CEO as follows:

That the report to inform the Library Board on general matters concerning Library operations be received for information.

Background

2025 Budget

Documents related to the 2025 budget can be found on the city's website:
<https://www.peterborough.ca/en/city-hall/budget-and-finances.aspx#2025-Budget>

The 2025 budget was approved at the February 3, 2025, Council meeting. A motion was passed by Council early in the proceedings to reduce the library's staffing budget by \$120,000. For more details, see previous CEO reports as well as (page 216 and Appendix B of Report FCSFS24-036).

Library Management continues to work with the Union Executive on the roll-out of the plan to ensure that these savings are in place for the 2025 fiscal year. The Library's

operating budget for 2025 has been updated in the City's financial management software to reflect the \$120,000 reduction.

Staffing

The library's CUPE1833 staff continue to be in active collective agreement negotiations with the City at this time.

New Board Member

A report to Council recommending a new member to the Library Board was to be considered at the General Committee Meeting on Monday, March 31. That meeting was postponed due to the ice storm and the resulting state of emergency in the City.

The report will be brought forward to a future Council meeting. Once the appointment recommendation from the General Committee is accepted, they will then go to the next Council meeting for approval. The new member will be appointed to the Library Board at that time.

Community Conversations: Breakfast with Dr. Cathy Bruce

The Library CEO was invited to attend a Community Conversation Breakfast with Dr. Cathy Bruce at Trent University. They are undertaking a study to determine What is Trent at its best? And What should Trent look like in 10 years?

There were 4 other community members in attendance at that meeting and the discussion was quite interesting. There are many opportunities for the Library and Trent to continue to partner in the future.

New Manager, Cultural Services

On March 17, 2025, Stoyan Barakov joined the City of Peterborough as Manager, Cultural Services, bringing extensive experience in public art, cultural policy, project management, community engagement, and cultural tourism. Most recently, as Curator of Public Art for the City of Pickering, he led the implementation of the Public Art Plan, overseeing diverse projects that aligned with strategic cultural initiatives. Prior to that, he worked in the non-profit sector, focusing on public art and urban planning, and previously served as a gallery director for a French-Canadian gallery.

With a strong commitment to equity, diversity, and inclusion, Stoyan is passionate about the role of arts and culture in shaping vibrant communities and looks forward to supporting and enhancing cultural initiatives in Peterborough.

One of his first projects will be working on the Municipal Culture Plan (MCP) and will be invited to a future library board meeting to discuss the project.

Commemorative plaque for Mr. DelaFosse

The City's Heritage Resource Programs Manager has left their position for another opportunity. Until that position is filled, there will be a delay in moving forward with the commemorative plaque for Mr. DelaFosse.

Strategic Plan

Strategic Pillar: Community & Well-being

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

Budget and Financial Implications

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

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