

# REPORT

## Oakville Public Library Board

**Meeting Date: July 28, 2022**

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**FROM:** Oakville Public Library

**DATE:** July 19, 2022

**SUBJECT:** CEO Update – July 28, 2022

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### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That CEO Update report be received for information.

### **KEY FACTS:**

The following are key points for consideration with respect to this report:

- Sixteen Mile Relocation project was delayed due to negotiations with the contractor around the signing of the contract. Agreement was reached and the contract is circulating for signatures.
- Ontario Library Service is hosting the Stronger Communities 2022 Virtual Conference on September 21, 2022.
- The call for expressions of interest for the Glen Abbey Branch Kids Zone and Patio areas (stage 1) closed June 26, 2022. OPL received 66 complete applications.

### **BACKGROUND:**

N/A

### **COMMENT/OPTIONS:**

#### **Sixteen Mile Branch Relocation**

The Sixteen Mile Relocation project was delayed due to negotiations with the contractor around a number of terms in the contract. Agreement was reached and the contract is currently circulating for signatures. The contractor is mobilizing on-site and will be ready to start immediately upon the contract being finalized. Updated timelines will be provided as part of the July 28<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### **Ontario Library Service Conference**

The Ontario Library Service (OLS) is hosting Stronger Libraries. The Stronger Communities 2022 Virtual Conference is scheduled for Wednesday, September 21, 2022.

Public Library Boards are invited to join OLS for an evening of sessions related to board governance. More information on the sessions will be passed along to the board as they become available.

### **North Park Development Update**

The team continues to work with the consultant, Recreation and Facilities staff on the detailed design. Some small changes have been made to the first floor layout in the washrooms / entrance area to make better use of space. The focus is now on detailing all the requirements for the audio / video studio and the sound booth.

Throughout the summer, the team will continue to focus on delving even deeper into requirements for all the other spaces.

### **Glen Abbey Art Project – Stage 1**

The call for expressions of interest for the Glen Abbey Branch Kids Zone and Patio areas (stage 1) closed June 26, 2022. OPL received 66 complete applications.

The voting jury has been asked to submit their top seven candidates prior to a July 26 meeting, with a goal of using these submission to narrow down the field to three artists. The three artists will then be asked to prepare specific proposals for review by the jury in late August/early September.

The voting jury members are:

1. Susan Fanelli, *OPL Board Member*
2. Bill Smith, *OPL Board Member*
3. Tazeen Qayyum, *Artist, Oakville resident*
4. Rafia Shafiq, *Artist, Oakville resident*
5. Frances Loeffler, *Oakville Galleries Curator*

This is the same process we followed for Oakville Trafalgar Community Centre (2019) and Trafalgar Park Community Centre (2017).

### **CCDI Diversity and Inclusion Survey Results**

OPL and the Town of Oakville partnered with the Canadian Center for Diversity and Inclusion in a Diversity and Inclusion staff survey. The survey ran between January 27, 2022 and February 18, 2022 with 71% of OPL staff responding.

The Town has received the results and OPL is awaiting its broken out findings. Once received, the findings will be used to build an IDEA Strategy for OPL that will align with the Town IDEA Strategy work currently underway.

A board report reviewing the findings will be presented to the Board in the fall and the results are expected to be shared with staff at the Q3 all-staff Town Hall.

**Friends of the Library Book Sale**

OPL held its first book sale since 2019 at the end of June. The return was well received with over 650 people attending. The official total raised was \$6,154. A giant thank you goes to the Friends of the Library Committee and the 50+ adult and teen volunteers for helping the sale run smoothly.

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