

REPORT

Oakville Public Library Board

Meeting Date: June 23, 2022

FROM: Oakville Public Library

DATE: June 14, 2022

SUBJECT: CEO Update – June 23, 2022

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 has started with the branch closing to the public as of Sunday, June 5.
- The Sixteen Mile Sports Complex Pop-up opened on Tuesday, June 7.
- The Provincial Election was on June 2 and a majority PC government was elected. Both Oakville MPP's retained their seats.
- A North Park Development Update – Community Centre, Library and Park report is going to Council on Monday, June 20 and will address the financial pressures currently facing the project.

BACKGROUND:

N/A

COMMENT/OPTIONS:

Sixteen Mile Branch Relocation

Sixteen Mile Branch successfully closed as of Sunday, June 5 with the Sixteen Mile Sports Complex Pop-up opening in Tuesday, June 7. Response to the pop-up has been positive to date. The expansion of additional lockers and the Browse and Borrow Kiosk should be operational by the end of June.



An update on the move of the branch will come to the board meeting on June 23 as part of the CEO Update report presentation.

Provincial Election

Ontario residents went to the polls on Thursday, June 2 and elected Premier Ford to his second term with a strong majority government. Oakville retained its two existing PC MPP's (Stephen Crawford and Effie Triantafilopoulos). OPL has sent letters of congratulations to both (Appendix A) to both MPP's.

PC Party of Ontario:

The Ontario government released their [2022 Budget on April 28, 2022](#). No new library commitments are mentioned in this budget, and OLA is working to confirm whether existing provincial funding in support of public libraries is maintained at the previous level. The budget does highlight the previously announced investments in broadband upgrades at libraries:

- "Supporting broadband upgrades at approximately 50 libraries with a provincial investment of \$4.85 million through the Connecting Public Libraries initiative." (p. 45)

North Park

As previously mentioned, the estimated costing for North Park has been updated to reflect current financial pressures and a report (North Park Development Update – Community Centre, Library and Park) is going to Council on June 20. OPL will provide a copy of the report to the Board once it becomes available as well providing an update regarding any decisions and/or items that arise from Council as a result of the report.

Ally Leadership Council

On Thursday, June 9, the first meeting of the Ally Leadership Council was held at the Coach House. Members of the Council (listed below) met with members of Mississaugas of the Credit First Nations, the Debwewin Advisory Council and the Oakville Community Foundation to discuss the purpose of the Ally Leadership Council to introduce the group to each other.

- Bindu Cudjoe, *General Counsel Laurentian Bank and Foundation Board Chair*
- Don Pangman, *Founder & Executive Director, ArtHouse*
- Andrew Tyrrell, *President, Canadian Caribbean Association of Halton*
- Andrea Rowe, *Director Sustainable Programs, Halton Environmental Network*
- France Fournier, *President & CEO, Oakville Chamber of Commerce*
- Sarah Iley, *Interim Executive Director, Oakville Galleries*
- Tara Wong, *CEO, Oakville Public Library*
- Jeff Bradley, *Regional Vice President, RBC*
- Dr. Jane Ngobia, *Vice President, Inclusive Communities, Sheridan College*
- Blair Richardson, *Chair, Justice and Servant Ministries, St Jude's Church*
- Kyle Barber, *President & CEO, YMCA Oakville*
- Susanna Zagar, *CEO Ontario Energy Board & Oakville resident*
- Eddy Robinson, *Indigenous Lead Halton Region*

It was an informal event design to allow members to get to know each other and speak to the work that their organizations have been leading locally, and/or their personal commitment and passion to move local Truth & Reconciliation forward.

The leadership of this Council is to help bring community to community allyship and reciprocity forward into the present and to reimagine the treaty relationship between two communities that are distant and have limited relationships.

APPENDICES:

Appendix A - Congratulatory letter to S. Crawford

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