

REPORT

Oakville Public Library Board

Meeting Date: March 21, 2024

FROM: Oakville Public Library

DATE: March 12, 2024

SUBJECT: CEO Update – March 21, 2024

RECOMMENDATION:

That CEO Update report be received for information.

KEY FACTS:

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

- On March 6, the Halton District School Board voted to rename Iroquois Ridge High School.
- Due to the cyber-attack impacting the City of Hamilton, two OPL local history databases remain unavailable.
- The Ontario Library Service is requesting that OPL assign a board representative to a Board Assembly for 2024.

BACKGROUND:

N/A

COMMENT/OPTIONS:

Halton District School Board votes to rename Iroquois Ridge High School

On March 6, the Halton District School Board voted to rename Iroquois Ridge High School. The HDSB staff report reads “The HDSB has received a formal request from a community member to consider renaming Iroquois Ridge High School at 1123 Glenashton Drive in Oakville, with the following rationale: “Iroquois” is a colonial settler term for the Haudenosaunee and is seen as a derogatory term and is not respectful of Indigenous peoples.”

Iroquois Ridge High School is located directly next to Iroquois Ridge Branch / Community Center. OPL and the town are working together to review and the OPL Board can expect a follow up report with recommendations later in 2024.

City of Hamilton Cyber Attack – OPL Impacts

The City of Hamilton (and the Hamilton Public Library) were hit with a cyber attack on February 26th. Hamilton Public Library houses the servers for Our Digital World which provides the back end for two of OPL’s local history databases.

- Oakville Newspaper database
- Oakville images database

Our current understanding is that these databases were not impacted directly from the cyber attack but are currently unavailable due to precautions taken by the City of Hamilton while it reviews and recovers from the incident. OPL currently has no timeline for when service will be restored. Updates will be provided as they become available.

Ontario Library Service - Board Assemblies

The Ontario Library Service has 9 Board Assemblies based on populations served, to represent Ontario public libraries at a provincial level.

All public library boards as defined under the Public Libraries Act of Ontario including Chief and Council are entitled to appoint an official representative to their respective Board Assembly. In the past, Bill Smith has served as OPL’s representative.

OLS BOARD ASSEMBLIES 2024		
Category	Number of Elected OLS Board Members	OLS BOARD ASSEMBLY MEETING DATES
Under 2,500 (Group A – Libraries A-L) (Group B – Libraries M-Z)	2	A – April 23 rd 2024 530-7PM ET B – April 24 th 2024 530-7PM ET
2,500 – 4,999	1	April 25 th 2024 530-7PM ET
5,000 – 9,999	1	April 30 th 2024 530-7PM ET
10,000 – 19,999	1	May 1 st 2024 530-7PM ET
20,000 – 39,999	1	May 2 nd 2024 530-7PM ET

40,000 – 74,999	1	May 7 th 2024 530-7PM ET
75,000 – 149,999	1	May 8 th 2024 530-7PM ET
150,000 +	1	May 9 th 2024 530-7PM ET

OLS has asked that OPL appoint a representative to our respective Board Assembly for 2024.

For more information on the OLS Board and Board Assemblies, please visit: <https://www.olservice.ca/about>.

Oakville Trafalgar Rotary Club

On March 7, OPL CEO, Tara Wong presented to the Oakville Trafalgar Rotary Club. Her presentation entitled “What Happening at OPL in 2024” highlighted successes from 2023 before focusing on “Did you know” items to draw attention to non-traditional collections and services at OPL (Life jackets, park passes, winder activity kits, CO2 monitors). The presentation ended with a review of the key projects underway for 2024 (Expanded Book Bike program, New Sixteen Mile branch, New Central Branch project, Newspaper Digitization project).

Rotary club members then proceeded to ask several questions around the following topics:

- New Central Branch and the Downtown Cultural Hub
- additional branches for Ward 7
- marketing techniques to share information more broadly.

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