

REPORT

Oakville Public Library Board

Meeting Date: March 20, 2025

FROM: Oakville Public Library

DATE: March 11, 2025

SUBJECT: CEO Update – March 20, 2025

RECOMMENDATION:

That CEO Update report be received for information.

KEY FACTS:

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

- The Future of the temporary Sixteen Mile is still being determined as a number of key factors are still uncertain. An update will be provided in Q3 of 2025.
- OPL's 5 Storywalks® are getting their spring refresh in mid-March
- OPL annual Seed Library program launched March 3 for the 2025 growing season.
- OPL in partnership with Oakville Fire will be undergoing an emergency incident exercise in early April to test OPL's draft Cyber Security Response plan.

BACKGROUND:

N/A

COMMENT/OPTIONS:

Future of the temporary Sixteen Mile Branch

As part of the July 2024 OPL Board agenda package, the Sixteen Mile Temporary Library Branch report provided the OPL board with an overview of the work being done to identify the next phase for the temporary facility.

Since July, OPL has been working with Planning, Realty Services to identify possible future locations however there are a number of factors that are still influx

that are needed before a recommendation can be made. The most important factor being the development plans for Palermo which currently sit with a provincial tribunal. The latest update for Palermo will be provided at the March 20th board meeting.

OPL is also working with Facilities Services, Roads and Works and Parks and Open Space departments as a potential use option once OPL has vacated the facilities in 2026 as an interim measure.

OPL had indicated targeting a recommendation for OPL Board consideration regarding the future location of the temporary facility in Q1 2025, however that recommendation is delayed until Q3 2025.

Spring StoryWalks®

OPL's 5 Storywalks® will get their Spring updates starting in mid-March and the selections are as follows:

- Bronte Heritage Waterfront Park – *Here are the Seeds*, by JaNay Brown-Wood, Olivia Amoah (Ill.)
- Tannery and Waterworks Parks – Tentative: *You are Brave*, by Margaret O'Hair/ Backup - *The Duck Says*
- George Savage Park – *The Shape of You*, by Mượn Thị Văn
- **NEW** – Memorial Park – *Fast Friends*, by Heather M. O'Connor, Claudia Dávila (Ill.)

OPL's Seed Library launches for 2025 Growing season

The OPL Seed Library is an educational project that provides customers with the opportunity to grow their own plants, harvest their own food, and participate in a community-wide sharing initiative.

Starting March 3, customers can visit any OPL branch to pick up free seed packets of your choice (while supplies last).

How it works

Borrowing seeds from OPL is simple - no checkout required! Stop by any branch, choose up to three seed packets, and start your home gardening.

The Spring 2025 seed selection includes:

- **Herbs and Vegetables:** Basil, Bush Beans, Chives, Early Cal Wonder Peppers, Kale, Parsley, Pole Beans, Snow Peas (Oregon Sugar Pod II), Squash (Butternut), Tomatoes (Bonny Best, Sweetie - Cherry)
- **Flowers:** Four O'Clocks, Marigold

- **Various Donations:** Limited stock of assorted flowers and vegetables

OPL also offers a variety gardening programs and curated reading lists. Whether customers are introducing little ones to the magic of growing plants or expanding their own knowledge of native wildflowers, OPL has something for everyone:

Emergency Management Exercise

In early April, Oakville Public Library (OPL) will partner with Oakville Fire's Emergency Management team, members of OPL's leadership team, and the Town of Oakville's IT team to conduct a simulated emergency incident exercise.

This exercise is designed to test and refine OPL's draft Cyber Security Response Plan, ensuring a coordinated and effective response to potential cyber threats.

These types of exercises are essential in strengthening OPL's cybersecurity posture by identifying vulnerabilities, improving response protocols, and enhancing collaboration between key stakeholders. By involving OPL leadership and IT staff members, OPL (and the Town of Oakville) will be able to assess decision-making processes, communication strategies, and technical responses in a controlled, real-world scenario.

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