



Subject: FOPL Executive Director's Report

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DOC 7: FOPL Activities Short Report

Given the short time between our last BoD meeting and this one, I am providing the highlights without all of the background. You can note from the documents that a great deal of activity is in process.

Highlights since Oct. 7, 2016

1. The Group of 4 (FOPL, OLA, SOLS, and OLS-North) have met regularly and created a first draft of the base document and recommendations for the Ministry of Culture's Public Library Funding Review. This is my top priority. We (Shelagh & I) will meet with the civil service level staff from the Ministry before the end of November to start the communication process. We expect that the public library consultation will be on the Wednesday afternoon of OLA Super Conference. We are planning the post-conference activities for the ADM, DM and Ministerial levels of the relevant ministries. Shelagh and I are making the rounds this month to ensure that the doc and recommendations are acceptable and endorsed by FOPL, OLA, OLBA, OPLA, CELUPL, AMPLO, ARUPLO, SOLS, and OLS-North. This is a key discussion point at our BoD meeting on Nov. 18th.
2. We are seeing good take-up of the Tagline across Ontario.
3. I meet weekly with Both/And – Twinfish about our social marketing campaign and we are making good progress. A report will follow as a separate doc.
4. We have the First Nation Libraries statistical analysis in house, on the FOPL.ca site and distributed to members after the board meeting.
5. We await the finalization of the Libraries 2025 website but it's coming soon (in SOLS hands right now)
6. As you are aware our FOPL administrative assistant resigned. There are ESA issues in process that can be addressed but we have not been contacted further.

7. We have had over 400 applications for the position so I am overwhelmed but we are interviewing now.
8. We have managed to keep to our scheduled of bi-0weekly promotions of the LearnHQ CDF funded library trustee training modules.
9. OPLW was launched and the shortlist of nominees promulgated. Good luck to all.
10. I have edited the new FOPL Strategic Plan and it is ready for your review/approval and then we can send it to members and post to FOPL.ca
11. I have created a list of ED goals for 2016-2017 for your discussion and approval based on the strategic plan.

Thank you to the FOPL Board for their support and leadership in their volunteer roles supporting our entire community. I am committed to FOPL work for about 12 days per month so progress isn't as fast as we'd like but we are making progress.

As always, I'm just at the end of the phone or e-mail if you have any questions, comments, or suggestions.

Cheers,

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