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Subject: Chief Executives of Large Urban Public Libraries

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The CELUPL Working Group met on April 6 and November 9, 2012. Several updates and actions items resulted. They are outlined below:

Ministry Update

Kevin Finnerty, Assistant Deputy Minister for the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport accepted the Working Groups invitation to attend the November meeting. He responded to requests for information on specific topics as well as a general request to speak about the public library's role in the government's overall strategic priorities and how public libraries in Ontario can contribute to the government's achievement of successful outcomes for Ontarians.

Survey of Provincial Ministries regarding Library Sector

Mr. Finnerty provided details surrounding a survey that Deputy Minister Steven Davidson has sent to all Deputy Ministers throughout the provincial ministries regarding engagement with the library sector.

Cultural Funding Grants

Mr. Finnerty confirmed that all cultural grant programs have been rolled into one program. The total funding has been reduced from 7 million to 3 million. The reworked grant program will be launched in the next fiscal year; however, consultations will be taking place with culture sectors, including libraries before the end of April 2013.

CNIB Digital Hub Proposal

Mr. Finnerty indicated that the Province has no position, at this time, regarding its support of the proposal.

RECOMMENDATION:

CELUPL to work with the Federation in order to address specific feedback from Inter-Ministerial Survey results if appropriate;

CELUPL and the Federation to monitor the impact of the overall reduction in cultural funding to the membership and to work collaboratively to address with the Ministry if necessary;

The CELUPL Working Group and the Federation to collaborate on drafting future position statements regarding the CNIB's Digital Hub Proposal.

CELUPL Activity for 2013

The CELUPL Working Group identified several actions for the upcoming year.

- ✓ Nominating Committee will fill Executive positions as quickly as possible as a result of vacancies in both the Chair and the Vice-Chair's positions in 2012.
- ✓ Subgroup was formed to do some background work on the issue of Copyright for CELUPL members
- ✓ Continue outreach to CULC Group regarding the e-Book Taskforce

In addition, the group will put forward position papers on topics and initiatives, as requested by the FOPL Board; forward ideas for research projects in light of the FOPL Board's focus for 2013 and in general, to work towards Ontario specific initiatives affecting large urban public libraries in an effort to drive sector change and innovation by highlighting new models of service as best practices.

Conclusion

The Libraries in the CELUPL Working Group are engaged and positioned to be a strong voice on behalf of the Federation. We look forward to continued collaboration and alignment in 2013.