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Meeting of: September 23, 2011

Preamble

From February 3, 2011 to September 23, 2011, the FOPL Executive, Directors of the Board, Library CEOs and library members advanced FOPL advocacy positions primarily related to our four top priorities:

- (1) Increasing Provincial Operating Funding (PLOG) to Ontario Public Libraries
- (2) Gaining Access to Government Funding Streams related to Emergent/Early Literacy Programming
- (3) Obtaining Ontario Public Library Infrastructure Support
- (4) Educating Government on the Federation Role of Advocating for Ontario Public Libraries

in a series of 18 face to face meetings with Government Ministers and senior officials, MPPs, stakeholders, and individuals outlined herein.

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Feb. 3 Toronto	Ministry of Finance government officials	#1 FOPL PLOG	Jim Bennett, Sonia Lewis Dave Allen
Feb. 28 Ottawa	Yasir Naqvi, MPP-Ottawa Centre, President – Executive Council of OLP	#1 FOPL PLOG Pre- Budget Ottawa Roundtable	Jim Bennett
Mar. 4 Toronto	K. Wynne, Minister of Transportation	#1 FOPL PLOG	Jim Bennett, Dave Allen
Apr. 30 Greely	Yasir Naqvi, MPP-Ottawa Centre, President – Executive Council of OLP	#1 Govt. PLOG	Jim Bennett
June 16 Sault Ste Marie	Sault Ste Marie Community Leaders Sault Ste Marie Public Library Board Members & CEO Liz Rossnagel	Networking, Advocacy #1 FOPL /Govt PLOG, #2, #3, #4	Jim Bennett, Dave Allen

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July 6 Toronto	Ministry of Research & Innovation government official	#1 FOPL/Govt PLOG, #2, #3, #4	Jim Bennett, Jane Pyper, Dave Allen
July 12 Fergus	T. Arnott, PC MPP – Ministry of Tourism & Culture critic	#1 FOPL/Govt PLOG, #2, #3, #4.	Jim Bennett, Jane Diamanti, Dave Allen
July 20 Kitchener	J. Milloy, Minister of Colleges, Universities, & Training	#1 FOPL/Govt. PLOG, #2, #3, #4.	Jim Bennett, Sonia Lewis, Dave Allen
Aug. 8 Ottawa	J. Fraser, EA to Premier McGuinty	#1 FOPL/Govt. PLOG, #2, #3, #4,	Jim Bennett, Barb Clubb, Dave Allen
Aug. 18 Beamsville	R. Dkystra, Senior Aide to PC Party Leader – T. Hudak	#1 FOPL/Govt. PLOG, #2, #3, #4.	Jim Bennett, Jill Nicholson, Dave Allen
Aug.22 London-AMO	M. Chan – Minister of Tourism & Culture	#1 FOPL/Govt. PLOG	Jim Bennett, Dave Allen
Aug. 22 London-AMO	AMO Conference Presentation	Sustaining Communities - PLs and local Govt.	Barb Clubb
Aug. 23 London-AMO	R. Johnson – PA to Minister of Infrastructure & govt. officials	#3 Infrastructure	Jim Bennett, Dave Allen
Aug. 23 London-AMO	L. Broten – Minister of Children & Youth Services	#2 Emergent/Early Literacy	Jim Bennett, Dave Allen
Aug. 23 London-AMO	London Public Library AMO Ice Cream Social & Library Tour	#4 Ontario Public Libraries in 21 st century	Susanna H. Krimmer & LPL staff, Jim Bennett, Dave Allen
Aug. 24 Toronto-GTA	Deputy Minister & ADM of Ministry of Tourism & Culture	FOPL Library Tour of 3 libraries in GTA: Newmarket, Whitchurch- Stouffville, & Markham Public Libraries	Jim Bennett, Dave Allen, Erin Menzies, Todd Kyle & staff, Carolyn Nordheimer James & staff, Lloyd Pinnock, Catherine Bliss & staff.
Sept. 2 Toronto	G. Murray – Minister of Research & Innovation	#1 FOPL/Govt PLOG, #2, #3, #4.	Jim Bennett, Dave Allen
Sept. 13 Ottawa	CEO R. Jock & COO P. Dinsdale of Assembly of First Nations	FOPL First Nations Agenda	Jim Bennett, Dave Allen, Daphne Johnston, Sheri Mishjibijima