**Federation of Ontario Public Libraries**

**CELUPL’s Report to the AGM: 2016 Activities**

From Leslie Fitch, Chair, CELUPL

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The CELUPL Working Group met twice in 2016. As reported in November 2015, the Executive is taking a slightly different approach in the development of the agendas, by reaching out to the FOPL ED and the Ministry to identify topics for which CELUPL feedback would be helpful.

CELUPL members are also asked to bring reports forward on topics of interest.

Key activities from the meetings, as well as upcoming activities for 2017 and beyond are noted below:

**8 April 2016**

* CELUPL listserv re-established
* Ministry requested (and was provided with) feedback on the updated Annual Survey of Public Libraries new fields and definitions
* Abram provided the group with a refresher of how to use the FOPL media launch information locally
* Abram requested (and received) feedback from the group regarding FOPL’s draft Strategic Priorities
* CELUPL project to Develop New Leaders / Succession Planning was identified at the April meeting, with a survey to follow
* CELUPL Terms of Reference Task Group provided input and requested feedback of its progress at both meetings in 2016. Work expected to conclude at the April 2017 meeting
* A review of CELUPL finances was conducted and as a result, annual budget for the group was requested of FOPL. This request was approved and confirmed by Abram later in the year ($1,500/year)
* CULC update
* Best Practice Roundtable approach reconsidered to be focussed on a single topic or theme. In April, ILLO was the topic, and as a result of the discussion, a review was conducted for consideration at the November meeting
* Bill 8: Impact for Public Libraries report was considered by the group, and at that time a request was made for FOPL to seek a legal opinion. Subsequent to that meeting, it was confirmed that Public Library Boards are not included within the legislation, so the legal opinion request was set aside
* FOPL membership of ROI was requested of FOPL ED (provided at the November meeting)

**4 November 2016**

* Survey results for the Develop New Leaders / Succession Planning project were shared at the November meeting, with next steps identified
* CELUPL Terms of Reference Task Group provided input and requested feedback of its progress at both meetings in 2016. Work expected to conclude at the April 2017 meeting, and may result in a new name for the CELUPL working group
* Report developed which outlined ILLO costs at a high level, with an interest expressed about moderating some of the associated costs. SOLS staff (who received the report in advance of the meeting) were there to provide information and direction. Subsequently, the report was also shared with AMPLO
* Abram provided the group with an overview of activities, highlighting “A visit will get you thinking tagline”, the Open Media Desk, LearnHQ, and more
* Abram provided the group with a report regarding FOPL Custom Statistics Report Strategy, and subsequent to the meeting shared a sample report with the group
* Report outlining invitation for CELUPL members to provide data to Managing Cultural Change in Public Libraries for a book to be written on the topic by a CELUPL member
* Report summarizing issues of interest to public libraries regarding the Provincial Culture Strategy was reviewed at the meeting. More on this below
* CULC update
* Best practice Roundtable: The Library Story and the Elevator speech

**Provincial Culture Strategy**

* The Provincial Culture Strategy was released in the summer of 2016, and its content was informed by feedback from many interest groups, including the public library sector, including individual CELUPL members
* References to changes to funding approaches were highlighted as a potential area for concern by many in the library community, including CELUPL
* Report on the topic brought before CELUPL at the November meeting, with further input received from the Ministry staff, and the FOPL ED
* Subsequent to the November CELUPL meeting, input was solicited for the Discussion Paper on the Strategy from the CELUPL group. A large number provided detailed feedback and recommendations to further refine and improve the final version.
* Subsequent to the November CELUPL meeting, approval was solicited for the Paper’s direction. In December, an overwhelming preponderance of CELUPL members said yes to the One Voice expressed by the report. Many CELUPL libraries shared the draft Discussion Paper with their Boards in December
* CELUPL libraries have been encouraged to attend the Ministry session at the OLA Superconference, in order to further communicate the shared vision to those in attendance

**Possible 2017 Activities and beyond (this is not an exhaustive list):**

* Elections to be held in April for the incoming Executive team, who will serve a two year term
* Continued input / feedback with Provincial Culture Strategy as necessary
* Continuation of Developing New Leaders project
* Conclusion of Terms of Reference project and confirmation of new direction
* Solicit Ministry for topics where CELUPL input would provide value
* Solicit FOPL for topics where CELUPL input would provide value
* Establish list identifying guest speakers on topics of interest for CELUPL meetings
* Identify Best Practice Roundtable discussion topics
* Remote access to CELUPL meetings to be considered

**2017 Meeting dates:**

* April 28th and November 3rd

The Chief Executives of the Large Urban Public Libraries that comprise the CELUPL Working Group are committed to serve as a strong voice on behalf of the Federation and look forward to continued collaboration and alignment in 2017 and beyond.

This report is circulated on behalf of the current CELUPL Executive:

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