

## Government Relations Working Group AGM Report

**Report To:** FOPL Members and Board  
**Report Name:** Government Relations Working Group AGM Report  
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### A. Recommendation

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THAT the FOPL members receive the Marketing Working Group Report as is as information.

### B. Background

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This Working Group has been a standing committee of FOPL for a number of years. Since reauthorizing Working Groups in the Fall of 2021, this committee has met several times and expanded their membership to include a wider variety of representation from our member libraries.

### C. Discussion of Needs, Issues and Work Completed

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This working groups has discussed, endorsed, and advised a variety of topics that have been brought to the FOPL board for deliberation. These include, but are not limited to:

- Discussing the potential implications of the new enacted *Not-For-Profit Corporations Act, 2010* on Public Libraries and seeking legal opinions from their internal library and municipal resources
- The application of historical FOPL documents to future advocacy and government relations activities, the creation and utility of new documents
- Formally endorsing FOPL/OLA joint Government Relations priorities and budget asks
- Discussion of the Public Libraries Act regarding item 16.1(4) for closed sessions of board business, indicating a possible issue with consistency across libraries



- Advocacy strategies leading up to the election such as creating and using a Toolkit for members, reviewing current advocacy materials and focusing on “priority ridings” where there is likely to be a party change

#### **D. Next Steps**

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The working group will meet in late June, after the Provincial election, to discuss post-election engagement and advocacy. The Working Group will also support advocacy efforts related to the municipal elections upcoming in October later this year.