

Working Group Report

Report To: FOPL Board and Members, Annual General Meeting
Report Name: CELUPL Report – AGM 2023
Prepared by: CELUPL Executive

CELUPL Executive Committee:

Lauren Jessop	Barrie Public Library	Chair
Lita Barrie	Burlington Public Library	Vice-Chair
Rae-Lynne Aramburo	Brantford Public Library	Secretary

Location: Virtually and in-person

Recommendation

THAT the CELUPL Report be received as information.

Purpose

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 this year and beyond.

Activities of the Working Group 2022

The CELUPL Group met twice in 2022. Key topics and activities from the meetings are noted below:

April 1, 2022

- Ministry staff provided an update on the Annual Survey and reminded everyone to suggest changes, additions, and deletions throughout the year
- OLS celebrated their first anniversary
- FOPL Caucus meeting; elections toolkit, CELA funding, Intellectual Freedom challenges, polarization
- Coming out of the pandemic; many libraries hiring new staff, renovating and building new facilities

November 4, 2022

- This was CELUPL's first in-person meeting since November 2019
- Ministry encouraged nominations for the Ontario Public Library Service Awards

- FOPL advocacy around *Strong Mayors, Building Homes Act*, Ontario Digital Public Library and other priorities
- FOPL introduced the Data Dashboard, a new advocacy tool to see trends and create comparisons
- OLS working with ministry to connect libraries to broadband through the *Connecting Public Libraries Initiative*
- Safety and security issues in libraries
Discussed Bill 23 *More Homes, Built Faster Act* and the impact of this legislation on Development Charges

2023 Meeting dates:

April 14, 2023 (virtual), TBD