

# Working Group Report

<b>Report To:</b>	FOPL Board and Members, Annual General Meeting
<b>Report Name:</b>	Research and Development Working Group –AGM 2023
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<b>Location:</b>	Virtually, on Zoom/Teams

## Recommendation

**THAT the FOPL Research and Development Working Group Report be received as information.**

## Purpose

The Research and Development working group has a mandate to:

- (1) Identify and coordinate training opportunities for FOPL Members such as seminars, workshops, symposia, and webinars
- (2) collaborate in creation of FOPL Trustee training tools
- (3) increase awareness of professional development grant and subsidy opportunities
- (4) create content for the FOPL website relevant to ongoing advocacy initiatives

## Activities of the Working Group 2022

Pursuant to *creating content for FOPLs website relevant to ongoing advocacy initiatives*, the Research & Development working group has completed an interactive dashboard that will replace the annual data report sent out to FOPL members. The 2022 Ministry of Sport, Culture and Tourism – Annual Survey of Public Libraries (ASPL) will be updated once the Ministry completes the annual update (est. July 2023).

### FOPL Data Dashboard Updates:

- The working group has entered into preliminary discussions with Toronto Public Library to merge the results of the IMPACT survey (Formerly known as 'Bridge') with the outputs from the Ministry survey.
- Over the course of 2023, the Research and Development working group will continue to explore how the data pipeline and workflows can be completed to link the 2 datasets.
- The working group is investigating adding additional datasets available through Statistics Canada's web interface, API(s) or open data.
- The WG is looking into the possibility of hiring a support staff through grant related initiatives.

#### **Working Group Composition:**

- Given the amount of work conducted in 2022, the group agreed to expand the composition of the working by 2 additional members.
- Adjustments to the Terms of Reference require approval.
- Rosemary Minnella , Head Librarian/CEO for West Perth Library has joined the WG.
- Monika Machacek, CEO for Clarington Public Library, will be leaving the WG.
- As a succession measure, the working group has also changed the terms of reference to include a co-chair.

#### **Next Steps:**

1. Prepare training & informational webinar series.
2. Finalize the working group's composition.
3. Build out additional dashboard capabilities.

#### **Information sessions and webinar to members in 2023 on topics such as:**

- Ramifications of Bill – C – 23
- Asset Management Legislation & Consolidated Financial Management
- Artificial Intelligence