

Federation of Ontario Public Libraries

CELUPL's Report to the AGM: 2023 Activities

April 10, 2024

The CELUPL Group met twice in 2023. Key topics and activities from the meetings are noted below:

April 14, 2023

- Ministry staff provided an update on the Annual Survey and asked for a CELUPL volunteer for the Library Service Award review committee
- CELUPL asked for and received clarity from the Ministry regarding public library participation in municipal asset management
- D. Stevens provided an overview of FOPL strategic priorities and advocacy for 2023. Discussion focused largely on advocacy for the Ontario Digital Public Library
- A review of the Terms of Reference was conducted; however, more work may need to be done to bring the CELUPL Terms of Reference in line with other FOPL working groups
- Provided feedback on the FOPL 2024 budgetary request
- Assisted in finding a new representative for the Accreditation Council

October 20, 2023

- A portion of this meeting was devoted to Large Urban Caucus; led by CELUPL/FOPL Board representative M. Chevreau
- Discussion centred around the Budget Priorities ((increase to PLOG; funding for Ontario Digital Public Library [ODPL], immediate and sustainable funding for First Nations Public Libraries)
- CELUPL had a discussion about intellectual freedom, with a focus on the challenges libraries are facing particularly around Drag Storytimes. The following motion was passed:
 - *CELUPL requests that FOPL initiate an investigation to explore potential partnerships and the hiring of a public relations agency to help develop a strategy to support libraries with matters of Intellectual Freedom, including costs and timeline.*
 - Further follow up/discussion on this item is required

2024 Meeting dates:

April 19, 2024 (virtual)

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.

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

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