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**TORONTO PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MEETING – October 26, 2015**

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It is recommended that the Toronto Public Library Board:

1. receives Communication (a) – Lobbying Disclosure Form as provided for in the Board’s Lobbying Disclosure for Board Members Policy from Ron Carinci, Chair, and Lindsay Colley, Vice Chair, Toronto Public Library Board dated September 17, 2015 regarding a meeting with Maureen O'Reilly, President, Toronto Public Library Workers Union Local 4948, CUPE, for information;
2. receives Communication (b) from Vickery Bowles, City Librarian to Pam McConnell, Deputy Mayor, City of Toronto dated September 28, 2015 regarding the *TO Prosperity – Interim Poverty Reduction Strategy*, for information;
3. receives Communication (c) from John Wilson dated October 6, 2015 requesting to make a presentation at the October 26, 2015 Board meeting regarding *Toronto Public Library Programming for Women* (see Agenda Item No. 16), for information;
4. receives Communication (d) from Anne Bailey, Director, Branch Libraries to Diana Fancher dated August 25, 2015 regarding the St. Clair/Silverthorn Branch rebuilding/renovation, for information;
5. receives Communication (e) from Diana Fancher to Anne Bailey dated September 11, 2015 regarding the St. Clair/Silverthorn Branch rebuilding/renovation, for information;
6. receives Communications (f) and (g) from Diana Fancher to the Toronto Public Library Board dated September 13 and 28, 2015 regarding the St. Clair/Silverthorn Branch rebuilding/renovation, for information;
7. receives Communication (h) from Anne Bailey to Diana Fancher, dated October 9, 2015 regarding the St. Clair/Silverthorn Branch rebuilding/renovation, for information.

8. receives draft Communication (i) from Ron Carinci, Chair, Toronto Public Library Board to be dated October 27, 2015 to The Honourable Michael Coteau, Minister, Tourism, Culture and Sport; and
9. endorses the importance of providing e-resources funding for libraries by the Province.

**Background Information:**

The Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport recently announced the end of public library e-resources funding (\$2 million+) to Ontario public libraries as of December 31, 2015. This is a direct cut to community resources that limits mandates for access and equity in serving Ontarians.

The Federation of Ontario Public Libraries has requested that Library Boards write to The Honourable Michael Coteau concerning the loss of e-resources and the impact it will have on library systems and users.