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**COMMUNICATIONS
GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE**

TORONTO PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MEETING – February 26, 2018

It is recommended that the Toronto Public Library Board:

1. receives Communication (a) from Maureen O'Reilly, President, Toronto Public Workers Union, Local 4948, to Sue Graham-Nutter, Chair, Toronto Public Library Board, dated February 5, 2018, offering congratulations on her election to Chair of the Toronto Public Library Board, for information.
2. receives Communication (b) from Maureen O'Reilly, President, Toronto Public Workers Union, Local 4948, to Strahan McCarten, Vice Chair, Toronto Public Library Board, dated February 5, 2018, offering congratulations on his election to Vice Chair of the Toronto Public Library Board, for information.
3. receives Communication (c) from Sue Graham-Nutter, Chair, Toronto Public Library Board to The Honourable Daiene Vernile dated February 12, 2018 welcoming her to the position of Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport, for information;

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February 5, 2018

Ms. Sue Graham-Nutter
Chair, Toronto Public Library Board
c/o Nancy Marshall, TPLB Secretary
Toronto Public Library
789 Yonge Street
Toronto, ON M4W 2G8

Dear Ms Graham-Nutter:

Congratulations on your election as Chair of the Toronto Public Library Board.

We wish you success in your position and we look forward to working with you during your term.

On a practical matter, please feel free to contact me any time. My cell phone number is 647-206-7457

Sincerely,

Maureen O'Reilly
President,
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cc: Toronto Public Library Workers Union Executive Board

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February 5, 2018

Mr. Strahan McCarten
Vice-Chair, Toronto Public Library Board
c/o Nancy Marshall, TPLB Secretary
Toronto Public Library
789 Yonge Street
Toronto, ON M4W 2G8

Dear Mr McCarten:

Congratulations on your election as Vice-Chair of the Toronto Public Library Board.

We wish you success in your position and we look forward to working with you during your term.

On a practical matter, please feel free to contact me any time. My cell phone number is 647-206-7457

Sincerely,

Maureen O'Reilly
President,
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cc: Toronto Public Library Workers Union Executive Board

February 12, 2018

The Honourable Daiene Vernile
Minister, Tourism, Culture and Sport
9th Floor, Hearst Block
900 Bay Street
Toronto, Ontario M7A 2E1

Dear Minister Vernile:

On behalf of the staff and Board of the Toronto Public Library, please accept our congratulations on your appointment as Minister, Tourism, Culture and Sport. We look forward to working with you on advancing public libraries in the future.

By way of introduction, Toronto Public Library is the largest public library system in Canada with a network of 100 branches across Toronto consisting of 81 neighbourhood branches, 17 district branches and two research and reference facilities. The Library's collections include over ten million items in more than 40 languages.

The Toronto Public Library serves residents and communities in ways no other institution can. We empower Torontonians to thrive in the digital age and global knowledge economy through expanded access to technology, lifelong learning and diverse cultural and leisure experiences, online, in our branches and in the community.

The year 2017 was an exemplary year for Toronto Public Library:

- with support from the City of Toronto through the Poverty Reduction Strategy:
 - Sunday service hours were increased by 30 percent. This resulted in increased access to computers, Internet, study and work space, collections and programs in neighbourhoods across the city;
 - the Library created two additional Youth Hubs at Albion and Barbara Frum branches, bringing the total to eight. The Library's Youth Hubs align with and support Toronto's Poverty Reduction Strategy goals to improve access to and support growth in the number of high-quality programs for children and youth;
 - the Wi-Fi hotspot lending program expanded to over 500 devices;
- the Library Board endorsed Indigenous Strategies, with recommended multi-year initiatives approved.

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The year 2018 is the third of the Library's four-year strategic plan *Expanding Access, Increasing Opportunity, Building Connections*. There has been substantial progress made over the past three years in advancing the following six strategic priorities:

- advancing our digital platforms;
- breaking down barriers to access and driving inclusion;
- expanding access to technology and training;
- establishing TPL as Toronto's centre for lifelong and self-directed learning;
- creating community connections through cultural experiences;
- transforming for 21st century service excellence.

The strategic plan is a critical strategy in delivering library services that reflect the changing needs of Toronto residents. Successful implementation of the plan will transform service delivery, build support and usage, and achieve the vision of making Toronto's residents and communities more connected and more successful.

The Toronto Public Library Board is pleased to count the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport as one of our partners.

I would welcome an opportunity to meet with you at your convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sue Graham-Nutter".

Sue Graham-Nutter
Chair, Toronto Public Library Board

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