
**COMMUNICATIONS
GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE**

TORONTO PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MEETING – March 22, 2021

It is recommended that the Toronto Public Library Board:

1. receives Communication (a) from Sue Graham-Nutter, Chair, Toronto Public Library Board to the Hon. Caroline Mulroney, Minister of Transportation, dated March 01, 2021, requesting a meeting with the Minister or her staff to discuss provincial plans for the First Parliament site, for information.

March 01, 2021

Hon. Caroline Mulroney, Minister of Transportation,
Ministry of Transportation
5th Floor
777 Bay St.
Toronto, ON M7A 1Z8

Dear Minister Mulroney,

I am contacting you on behalf of the Toronto Public Library Board about provincial plans for Metrolinx on the First Parliament site. Plans for a district library that will better serve the changing needs of the growing community surrounding the First Parliament site have been underway for more than seven years. At the January 25, 2021 meeting of the Toronto Public Library Board, it was recommended that I communicate to the Ontario government the Board's position on the importance of including a library as part of any future development on this site.

As background, Toronto City Council approved the First Parliament site for the relocation of the existing St. Lawrence library branch in February 2013 with strong support from the local community. Toronto Public Library has since been in discussions about the new library with City staff, the Province/Ontario Heritage, Heritage Toronto, Parks Canada and more recently CreateTO, taking into account many aspects such as the site's history, including Indigenous history, and its evolution over time.

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We look forward to continuing these discussions and informing the Province about plans for a district library at the First Parliament site. I would very much appreciate a meeting with you or your staff at your earliest convenience to discuss this matter.

Sincerely,

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

Sue Graham-Nutter
Chair, Toronto Public Library

cc. Mayor Tory
Councillor Wong-Tam
Chris Murray, City Manager
Josie Scioli, Deputy City Manager Corporate Services