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Ms. Josephine Bryant
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Dear Ms. Bryant:

Thank you for your letter and copy of the Toronto Public Library's new strategic plan for 2004-2007, *Urban Stories: The Next Chapter*.

When you wrote to me last February outlining the consultations being undertaken to develop this plan, I was impressed with your commitment to obtaining community feedback. This process not only demonstrated the Toronto Public Library's responsiveness to the needs of existing public library patrons, but also the future needs of a changing urban population.

As the Minister responsible for the administration of the *Public Libraries Act*, I am always interested in hearing about the activities of public libraries in communities across Ontario. I am delighted that the Public Library Operating Grant program is contributing in some part to the realization of the strategic priorities your community has identified.

I also recognize that the Toronto Public Library plays a very significant role in the context of its special provincial mandate to provide resources and services to the Ontario library community. I know that my staff have met with you recently, and that they have been discussing province-wide initiatives such as the Virtual Reference Library with you. I am equally delighted that the provincial grant for the Virtual Reference Library contributes to such an excellent endeavour that benefits people throughout the province.

Thank you again for keeping me informed of your activities and the special needs of library patrons in Toronto. I have forwarded your planning document to my staff in the Libraries Unit, and I know that they will continue to work closely with you to realize our shared vision for vital public library services for Torontonians, and Ontarians throughout the province.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'mmeilleur'.

Madeleine Meilleur
Minister