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Subject: Ontario is on track to enter Step 2 soon and here's what will reopen

To: Vickery Bowles <vbowles@tpl.ca>, Philippa Williamson <pwilliamson@tpl.ca>

Dear Ms Bowles and Chairman of the TPL board, Nutter..

Please note in paragraph 11 of the attached stage two reopening of the province of Ontario's reopening plan, that Public Libraries are only now being listed as being allowed to reopen, all branches should have been closed, and only online services should have been available to the general public, and your staff should have been ordered to stay and work from home. Instead you arbitrarily chose to disregard the clear Provincial Stay at home order, and forced your staff to come to work at TPL libraries, risking their lives, the lives of their families, and the general public, who left their homes, to pick up and return curb side TPL property. It was a totally, I'll advised, decision, which all members of TPLs board, are responsible for allowing to happen.

You all seem to be more interested in the internal working of the library, rather than the overall safety of your staff, their families and the general public, which is inexcusable in the middle of the ever escalating deadly variants, of the Covid 19 pandemic, the worst pandemic in the history of the entire world, since the Spanish Flu pandemic of 1918.

The Covid 19 pandemic has killed over three million people worldwide, over six hundred thousand people in our neighbors, the USA. It has sickened nearly two hundred million people and counting, some of them so severely that it is considered a life changing illness. In spite of all of the data available to you all, you chose to follow the wrong, very self serving path, without any concern for your staff Ms Bowles, how many vaccines were you able to get for your 2000 +TPL staff on a preferential basis, since your feeble explanation, concerning your tentative attempt, to contact the relevant authorities at the start of April 2021, and lauded by Chairperson Nutter in your, in your April 2021 TPL board meeting, all of which should have been minuted.

I am not in any way attempting to embarrass the TPL board legally or in the media. So not to worry.

It is hoped and prayed for that we are finally seeing light at the end of a very dark 15 month long tunnel of darkness. But we will have won only the battle, not the war. They are still over six billion people, in third world countries, still to receive, two shots of the vaccine, most of them have not even received one shot as yet. They will continue to incubate and spread stronger and more deadly variants, and millions of first world fully vaccinated tourist hungry for an exciting, entertaining holiday, will visit many of these unvaccinated countries believing they are immune, to Covid 19 and all its variants, and will be received with open arms by new variant carriers, as they really need the tourist dollars, and will bring back with them all the new and deadlier variants, so we must not lower our guard.

Finally I need you to reflect of how many people you facilitated in being contaminated Covid 19 virus, how many of their families they passed it on to, the same reflection, must be considered, for the unknown number of the general public, and their families, you facilitated the contraction of the Covid 19 virus I have not mentioned deaths, as I hope none occurred, but based on Medical facts and statistics, and extrapolating those figures to the TPL staff, at least one or two deaths would have occurred.

Was it worth it, following your Chairperson and City Librarian's very self serving and mutual admiration directions.

I hope you indeed think hard on this, as changes are needed, at the highest level, to prevent further dangerous precedents for personal gain.

I remain.

Leon P Willems.

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