

September 27, 2021

To support the Peter Holleley presentation to the September 27, 2021 Toronto Public Library Board meeting in respect to Agenda item #10, **Statutory Holiday: National Day for Truth & Reconciliation:**

Greetings, Honourable Toronto Public Library Board Members, staff and public;

Congratulations on the plans afoot for next Thursday when "orange shirt day" is upgraded to a National Day "to Reflect and Respect" ... maybe soon it'll be a provincial holiday too!

Three questions of the City Librarian and Directors, if I may:

1. Referencing Director Pam Ryan's email to me of February 13, 2020 (attached) – a mere month before the Big Shutdown – how much of that \$565,000 single-donor funding remains in the kitty today and how much other funding, from donors and government grants, for example, is available for TPL Indigenous Initiatives? ...
2. Now that in-person programs are opening up again, can you please update the 4-year old original Strategies for Indigenous Initiatives dated April 17, 2017 with TPL plans, programs and projects to actualize these strategies? ...
3. Two local public school boards that I know of, Toronto District School Board and York Region District School Board, have Indigenous Initiatives under way. The question is, has the TPL connected with TDSB Senior Team and Board to discuss joint ventures to further Truth and Reconciliation? ... In a nutshell; the TDSB has 540 schools each of which is required to have a volunteer Parent School Council. Libraries are open much longer than schools and it'd be nice if each TPL branch could work together and be a local after-hours hub for its local schools. (This should be a school council and Parent Involvement Advisory Committee venture, school principals and staff don't need any more work!)

Thank you all for your attention.

Best wishes,
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Subject: RE: F/u: TPL Indigenous Initiatives Finances / Clarification

Hi Peter,

Thank you for your continued interest in TPL. We are not able to provide you with a breakdown of the actual operating or capital budget expenditures for Indigenous Initiatives in each of 2017, 2018 and 2019 as we don't budget or track at that service or program level in this manner.

When we receive requests like yours, we're happy to share information that already exists in public reporting. However, when we don't have this information we are not able to allocate staff time and resources to create custom information reporting in response to public inquiries.

I can report that we have \$565,000 available from a generous donation to the Toronto Public Library Foundation to help support implementation of TPL's Indigenous Initiatives and the intention with the donor is to expend it over a five year period as we have initiatives defined that require support.

Thanks,
Pam

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Hello again;
I have learned that TPL Indigenous Initiatives are one of the programs funded by the TPL Foundation; that you receive all or most of your funding for them from the Fdn. Therefore, in addition to the expenditure and budget info requested below, please provide the incomes that you received / have budgeted for those years.
To date, I have not heard back from anyone on this; I look forward to doing so soon.
Thank you,
Peter H.