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**To:** Jane Pyper, City Librarian  
**From:** Heather Rumball, President, Toronto Public Library Foundation  
**Date:** November 10, 2008  
**Re:** **Cultural Spaces Canada - Grant Application**

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In support of the \$34.2 million revitalization of the Toronto Reference Library (TRL) and as part of its \$10 million fundraising campaign efforts, the Toronto Public Library Foundation (TPLF) has identified an opportunity to secure funding from the federal government through its Cultural Spaces Canada (CSC) program within the department of Canadian Heritage.

The CSC program is designed to increase and improve access for Canadians to performing arts, visual arts, media arts, and to museum collections, heritage displays and exhibitions. As such, the program supports the renovation and expansion/construction of designated heritage facilities. Working with TPL staff and in consultation with CSC staff, the Foundation has identified upgrades to the Exhibit Gallery, and its positive impact on our Special Collections, as the project most likely to secure funding.

The Foundation has met with the assigned CSC representative and, based on his recommendations, prepared the full application for a total grant of \$200,585. More recently, however, the representative has identified that the Foundation would likely be deemed ineligible as an applicant since Canadian Heritage requires that the actual applicant have a heritage focus in their vision or mandate.

Therefore, to ensure success in securing this grant in support of the Toronto Reference Library revitalization campaign, the Foundation requests that the Toronto Public Library agree to be the applicant for the grant to the Cultural Spaces Canada program at Canadian Heritage in support of the revitalization of the Exhibit Gallery in the Toronto Reference Library.

Since Heritage Canada also requires that the application include a board resolution from the eligible applicant organization endorsing the application, the Foundation also requests that the Toronto Public Library seek board endorsement of the application.

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