

**Strategic Planning Steering Committee: Expanding Access, Increasing Opportunity, Building Connections – Toronto Public Library’s Strategic Plan 2016-2019**

<b>Date:</b>	December 14, 2015
<b>To:</b>	Toronto Public Library Board
<b>From:</b>	Strategic Planning Steering Committee

**SUMMARY**

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The purpose of this report is to request the Toronto Public Library Board’s approval of the Strategic Planning Steering Committee’s recommendations regarding the draft priorities and outcomes for the 2016–2019 strategic plan.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

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**The Strategic Planning Steering Committee recommends that the Toronto Public Library Board:**

1. receives the update on the consultation process to date for information as outlined in Attachment 1;
2. approves the draft priorities, goals and outcomes as outlined in Attachment 2;
3. approves the draft key activities for 2016 and indicators as outlined in Attachment 3; and
4. requests staff to create a public-facing version of the strategic plan and a communications plan for Toronto Public Library Board approval in January 2016.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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The costs of creating the strategic plan have been provided for in the 2015 operating budget. These costs are up to \$45,000 and include a user/non-user survey, focus groups and other consultation with users and non-users, meeting and focus group facilitation, and online and print communications. Activities requiring additional funding have been included in the 2016 operating and capital budget submission.

The Director, Finance and Treasurer has reviewed this financial impact statement and is in agreement with it.

## DECISION HISTORY

At its April 20, 2015 meeting, the Library Board approved the *Creating a New Strategic Plan: 2016-2019* report.

<http://www.torontopubliclibrary.ca/content/about-the-library/pdfs/board/meetings/2015/apr20/14.pdf>

At its June 22, 2015, meeting the Library Board approved the *2016-2019 Strategic Plan: Themes, Draft Priorities and Consultation Plan* report.

<http://www.torontopubliclibrary.ca/content/about-the-library/pdfs/board/meetings/2015/jun22/13a-spsc-strategic-plan-2016-2019-draft-priorities-and-consultation-plan.pdf>

At its October 26, 2015 meeting, the Library Board approved the draft priorities and outcomes for the Strategic Plan 2016-2019 and requested staff to prepare a final draft of the strategic plan for approval by the Library Board in December 2015.

<http://www.torontopubliclibrary.ca/content/about-the-library/pdfs/board/meetings/2015/oct26/10b-spsc-strat-plan-2016-2019-draft-priorities-outcomes-results.pdf>

At its November 30, 2015 meeting, the Strategic Planning Steering Committee endorsed the draft priorities and outcomes for the Strategic Plan 2016-2019 and recommended that the Library Board approves the draft priorities, goals and outcomes for the plan, the draft key activities in 2016 and requests staff to create a public-facing version of the strategic plan and a communications plan for Library Board approval in January 2016.

## COMMENTS

The *Expanding Access, Increasing Opportunity, Building connections – Toronto Public Library’s Strategic Plan 2016-2019* report considered at the November 30, 2015 meeting of the Strategic Planning Steering Committee is provided as Appendix 1.

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## SIGNATURE

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## ATTACHMENTS

- Appendix 1: *Expanding Access, Increasing Opportunity, Building Connections - Toronto Public Library's Strategic Plan 2016-2019* – report to the November 30, 2015 Strategic Planning Steering Committee
- Appendix 2: *Expanding Access, Increasing Opportunity, Building Connections - Toronto Public Library's Strategic Plan 2016-2019* – presentation at the November 30, 2015 Strategic Planning Steering Committee meeting