

Hello Juanita Spencer,

I want to provide you with an overview of the second meeting of the Library Funding Review Committee (LFRC) which was held via Teams on May 24.

1. Communications Plan

The LFRC approved the Terms of Reference and Communications Plan for the committee. The Communications Strategy and Roll-Out as it pertains to municipalities includes the following:

Opportunity/objective(s):

- To communicate the provincial commitment to a consultative process with partners in the library community on the review of issues to make recommendations for the new funding model (2025/26 to 2029/30).
- Continue to promote the roles of public libraries and highlight the growing value of public libraries to community well-being.
- Identify and clarify other levels of funding (i.e., municipal and board).
- Maintain transparency of the process through regular updates to key stakeholders.

Communications strategy:

- Following LFRC meetings, Lynn Somers will share updates on the LFRC meetings and additional communication as needed with AMA and NSFM representatives by the end of the week following the LFRC meeting.
- Lynn Somers will also distribute updates and relevant materials to the Council of Regional Librarians (CORL) by the end of the week following the LFRC meeting.

2. Research Update

The Committee also received two separate presentations – one on Library Collections Research and one on Library Technology Research. Both presentations looked at projected funding levels for library collections and technology, based on industry research and trends. This preliminary research will help inform the LFRC as they develop library funding recommendations for government.

The next two meetings have been scheduled:

- June 7: Review of Staffing research (virtual)
- June 21: Discussion of the research presented and next steps (in person)

We will continue to share updates throughout the review process in accordance with the Communications Plan. Please share with your municipalities as appropriate.

Thank you,

Lynn Somers

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