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Honourable Cathy Cox, Minister
Manitoba Sport, Culture and Heritage
118 Legislative Building
450 Broadway
Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 0V8

Dear Minister Cox

One of the outstanding matters we raised in our letter of September 7th, welcoming you to your new position as Minister, was the *Public Library Policy and Program Review*, initiated earlier this year. We had written to Minister Squires on March 30th, 2017 (copy enclosed) to advise of our interest in the review, and to request a meeting to share the Manitoba Library Trustee Association's perspective on public library development in Manitoba, and in particular the review. In Minister Squires' response of June 13th, we were advised that a summary report was expected to be distributed by late summer.

As we approach the end of the calendar year, public library boards across the Province will be planning their programming and operations for the upcoming year and preparing their budgets. Public libraries are both interested in the results of the review, but also how this may affect their budgets going forward.

We would appreciate hearing from you as to when the summary report will be shared with the public library community, and what your Department plans for next steps. Once the summary report has been distributed, MLTA will study it closely, as we expect all public library boards will, and will take the opportunity to respond. In that regard, we again reissue our request to meet with you to discuss and work together, along with public library boards across the Province, to address public library needs and provide for appropriate public library resources and services.

Sincerely,

Andrew Robert, MLTA Chair