

January 14, 2020

Dear Members of the Toronto Francophone Affairs Advisory Committee,

I believe that protecting and promoting French language reading materials in the Toronto Public Library system is an important responsibility of the City of Toronto. Likewise, it is important that we ensure that our French language materials are of good quality and of interest to the large and growing Francophone and Francophile population of Toronto.

On January 10, 2020 we notified the committee about media reports regarding changes to the Toronto Public Library's French collection, including the article << Les bibliothèques de Toronto retirent des milliers de livres en français >> by Étienne Fortin-Gauthier, ONfr+. There have since been several additional media articles that indicate proposed cuts to the French collection have been reversed.

In response to these media reports, I have reached out to Mrs. Céline Marcoux Hamade, French-language Services Specialist at the Toronto Library, who has been retired for the past two years. She has agreed to make a presentation for our committee on the recommendations that we think the Toronto Public Library should make.

RECOMMENDATION:

I hereby recommend that:

The Toronto Francophone Affairs Advisory Committee receive a presentation from Mrs. Céline Marcoux-Hamade at its February 11, 2020 meeting regarding her recommendations for the French Collection.

Sincerely,



Serge Paul, Chair
On Behalf of ACFO-Toronto Board

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