

OLA contributed to the response to the Community Hub Consultation in partnership with The Association of Library Consultants and Coordinators of Ontario (TALCO), Canadian Urban Libraries Council, and the Federation of Ontario Public Libraries.

We recognize Ontario's libraries as key community hubs. The submission focused on how our libraries:

- Increase the efficiency and cost-effectiveness of the delivery of services through coordinated inter-ministry efforts through the network of Ontario Public Library systems and school libraries.
- Enhance the ability of government programs and policies to have greater positive impact and implementation through Ontario's Public Libraries in every city, town, or reserve – all of our communities.
- Increase the ability of Ontarians to compete and learn on an international scale through a collaborative effort with Ontario's Public Library systems.
- Achieve savings while increasing strategic impact on lifelong learning, the economy, and the social good.

[Read the full submission on OLA's website.](#)

Ontario Municipal Legislation Review

[Ontario is reviewing three key pieces of legislation](#) to ensure that municipalities across the province have the tools, powers and flexibility they need to effectively serve their communities.

The Municipal Act and the City of Toronto Act are reviewed every five years to ensure they are responsive to changing circumstances and new challenges. This year, the government is also reviewing the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act at the same time. These three pieces of legislation set out the rules, responsibilities and powers of Ontario's municipalities, as well as the conflict of interest rules for municipal councils and local boards.

The review will examine whether the municipal legislation currently provides sufficient accountability and transparency, whether local governments have the powers and tools they need to deliver services effectively, and what barriers municipalities face in achieving financial sustainability.

Call Letter for Library and Archives Canada's New Contribution Program

Library and Archives Canada (LAC) is pleased to announce the launch of its new Documentary Heritage Communities Program (DHCP). This contribution program is a collaborative approach which will ensure the outreach of Canada's local documentary heritage communities.

The contributions will support the development of Canada's local archival and library communities, as well as their professional associations, by increasing their capacity to preserve, provide access to and promote documentary heritage and will provide opportunities for local documentary heritage communities to evolve and remain sustainable.

LAC invites all eligible organizations to apply at their earliest convenience. The deadline for the 2015 funding cycle is September 4, 2015 at 11:59 p.m. Pacific Time.