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To Whom It May Concern:

RE: Support of Review of Library Services Division Services for Improvement and Investment Report

We, the undersigned members of the City Centre Library Advisory Committee (LAC), are in full support of this report outlining increases in the investment in Library Services to the Winnipeg Public Library (WPL). These increased investments will substantially improve and harmonize hours of operation over the city on a consistent annual basis, increase collections and programming and provide more robust technology to ensure safety and enhanced communication with library patrons. Lastly, staffing should benefit from additional training and professional development.

The report clearly outlines that Winnipeg has reduced fiscal support compared to other comparable Canadian cities resulting in fewer hours of operation and services. As you can appreciate, the WPL offers a wide variety of services besides lending reading material. It is time that the WPL aimed to achieve parity with other cities so that Winnipeggers can benefit.

Sincerely,

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