



June 22, 2022

To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Letter of Support for London Public Library, London Community Recovery Network Application

Greetings,

I am delighted to provide this letter of support for the London Public Library's LCRN application seeking funding to construct street access to the Library's reading garden from Dundas Place.

Downtown is a vibrant destination of core area activities including a mix of gallery, music and performing spaces. Located in London's Culture District, *Dundas Place* is situated between Wellington and Ridout Streets, nestled amongst heritage buildings and new architecture. Dundas Place is a flexible street shared by pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists with special design treatments such as extra wide curb-less sidewalks, parking spaces that easily transform into patios, or street performance space. In its infancy Dundas Place opened to the public in early 2020 just prior to the pandemic's first provincial shutdown.

The Central Library Branch occupies a large, critical part of the Dundas Place footprint. The Library's reading garden is one of the most charming spaces along this stretch offering a garden oasis for downtown dwellers to gather to enjoy music, poetry and of course, read. Admired and appreciate by so many, its enjoyment is only limited by its accessibility to the street. Currently, its visible from Dundas through a wrought-iron fence, there is no access except through the first floor of the Central Library. To support and promote activity on Dundas Place and remain true to its mission of accessible spaces the Library is seeking to provide access from the flex street to the garden as well as the programs the Library and its community partners regularly holds in this beautiful community space.

The London Arts Council looks forward to continuing our collaborative work with London Public Library on this exciting initiative and many more. We hope we can count on your support.

With Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Eunju Yi".

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