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To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Letter of Support for London Public Library's LCRN Recovery Funding application.

This letter is being submitted in support of London Public Library's LCRN Recovery Funding application seeking funding to construct street access to the Library's Reading Garden from Dundas Place in London.

Dundas Place is a destination for shopping, dining, art, and celebration. From Wellington to Ridout Street, Dundas Place is a flexible street shared by pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists. With extra wide sidewalks and no curbs, parking spaces can easily transform into patios, be used for sidewalk sales, or by street performers. Dundas Place opened on Dec 9, 2019, just prior the Pandemic and its potential as a downtown destination has yet to be tapped.

The Library's Central Library sits at the east end of Dundas Place and has one of its largest footprints. The Library's Reading Garden is beloved by our patrons, and although its visible from Dundas through a wrought-iron fence, the only access point is through the first floor of the Central Library. To promote cultural vibrancy on Dundas Place, the Library is seeking to provide entry from the flex street for easier access to the garden and the free programs for children and adults that the Library regularly holds during the warmer months. These programs often support the great work of the City's arts and community organizations.

We look forward to working with London Public Library on this exciting initiative.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Finn". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "C" and a long, sweeping underline.

Cheryl Finn

