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September 6, 2016

Dear Mr. Cochrane:

Thank you for your letter of August 8, 2016, with respect to the Moncton Public Library/Moncton High School proposal. I appreciate both your efforts to provide more details about the plan and your offer to meet with the APLA leadership for further discussion.

The move of a library from one location to another is not an Association matter per se. Our open letter of July 27 to elected municipal and provincial officials was meant simply to advise caution; we sought to reiterate concerns already expressed about the plan, as well as to underscore the critical importance of approved library standards and the need for appropriate consultation with library experts within your province.

I don't think I am speaking out of turn in saying that the members of our Association are supporters of heritage preservation, and on their behalf I applaud the work of your group to save a Moncton landmark. However, the MPL, in its current location, has been and continues to be a success story and a jewel in the crown of New Brunswick's public library system. The potential risks to this well-

established and thriving institution must be fully considered before a final decision is taken.

Sincerely,



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APLA President 2016-17

Cc to:

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