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Dear Dr. Rose,

Thank you for your letter expressing the views of the Atlantic Provinces Library Association (APLA) on the Organizational and Service Review of the Newfoundland and Labrador Public Libraries.

The report is comprehensive and there is much to consider with respect to its recommendations. Considerable work remains before decisions can be made about next steps for the system, and implementation of some of the recommendations would require long term changes.

It would be premature to speculate on any potential changes to the system's funding, governance or service delivery models at this point. Some of the recommendations in the report would require legislative changes and longer-term governance changes/transitions, representing multi-year undertakings.

The Provincial Information and Library Resources Board is committed to working with the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador and is focused on the process of development of an action plan that will utilize the recommendations in the report to inform the decision making process.

Thank you for outlining the concerns of APLA, and your interest and support for Public Libraries in Newfoundland and Labrador.

Sincerely,

Andrew Hunt
Executive Director
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