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February 10, 2012

To whom it may concern,

It is with a sense of concern that the Brampton Library is providing this letter of support for the Learning in Our Neighbourhood (LION) project.

The LION project is a mobile outreach service to underserved communities to help parents with early child development and parenting; school readiness for children; linkages to other community services; newcomer support; and connecting families who are living in isolation.

It is the library's understanding that the funding from Citizenship and Immigration Canada for the LION project is to be discontinued after June, 2012.

As a partner in the delivery of the LION service to the community, the Brampton Library is concerned that the future of this important and valuable service is in jeopardy.

Library staff are prepared to continue the in-kind support that we have provided to the program, throughout 2012 and beyond.

The Brampton Library is also prepared to redeploy some of the time from our settlement worker staff to help support the LIONS project into the future.

With six branch libraries in strategic locations throughout the city of Brampton, we are also prepared to offer space to the LIONS program to ensure that its original intentions are met, if a redesign of the service that is non-mobile is viewed as more sustainable.

We would encourage the Region of Peel to lend their support to the LION project, and work with the LION Steering Committee to determine how this valuable service can be maintained.

Sincerely,

Cathy Matyas
Chief Executive Officer

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