

# Notice of Motion

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To: Toronto Public Library Board

Topic: **Live Web Broadcasts of Board Meetings**

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## Background:

Toronto Public Library Board spends approximately \$180 million public tax dollars annually. The TPL boast more than 1.3 million people as registered library cardholders. More and more card holders and general public can and are accessing library services via the internet.

Given the time and travel it takes for members of the public from all parts of Toronto to access Board meetings, the Board can and should take steps to widen its public access to Board meetings, and in doing so take innovative steps to improve the Board's public outreach, accountability and transparency with the public. Such steps have already been taken by the Toronto District School Board, which provides live web broadcasts of its Board meetings.

Given the increased use of the internet by more and more Torontonians and given the capacity of the internet to provide web broadcasts, public decision-making bodies are making use of internet technology to provide live web broadcasts of their meetings. Moreover, these decision-making bodies are also providing the public access to view previous board meetings. This enables interested members of the public the option of accessing Board meetings from their home, their office or by attending Board meetings in person.

## Recommendations:

1. That the Toronto Public Library Board requests staff to report back to the Board in September 2013 on the feasibility of providing live web broadcasts of Board meetings and providing access to previous Board meetings' web broadcasts on its internet site.