



To: Toronto Public Library Board – March 5, 2001

From: City Librarian

Subject: **2001 Operating Budget and 2001 – 2005 Capital Program – Status Report**

Purpose:

To provide the Toronto Public Library Board with an update to the 2001 Operating Budget and 2001 – 2005 Capital Program, to obtain Library Board approval for the prioritization of the Capital projects, and to approve a sub-committee of the Board to provide direction on the 2001 Operating and 2001-2005 Capital Budgets.

Funding Implications and Impact Statement:

Not applicable.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that the Toronto Public Library Board:

- (1) Receive the 2001 Operating Budget and 2001 – 2005 Capital Program update for information;
- (2) Approve the prioritization of the 2001 Capital projects for resubmission to the Budget Advisory Committee; and
- (3) Approve a sub-committee of the Board to provide direction on the 2001 Operating Budget and 2001 - 2005 Capital Program.

Comments:

The Library presented the 2001 Operating and 2001 - 2005 Capital Budgets to Budget Advisory Committee at its meeting of March 2, 2001. No recommendations were passed by the Budget Advisory Committee, but they have requested further information in a number of areas. The draft motions from the Budget Advisory Committee are provided in Attachment #1.

Operating Budget

The Budget Advisory Committee requested that the Toronto Public Library Board prepare a “funding scenario at the 2000 level, plus the Library Board increase for pay equity and a cost of

living increase.” (Motion #3) Attachment #2 indicates how this budget reduction compares to the scenarios presented to the Board at its meeting of February 19, 2001.

Capital Budget

The Budget Advisory Committee has requested a prioritization of the Library Board’s capital projects (Motion #2). This prioritization is provided in Attachment #3 for the Board’s consideration. The prioritization is based on:

- (1) previously approved building projects, especially those with commitments;
- (2) addressing State of Good Repair projects;
- (3) leveraging City funding with private sponsorships; and
- (4) addressing growth areas of the City and service improvements.

Under the current schedule, it is anticipated that the Library will meet with the Budget Advisory Committee at its next meeting of March 19, 2001. It would be helpful to establish a sub-committee of the Board to provide direction to staff during the budget process.

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