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NOTICE OF MOTION

Police Surveillance Camera in Close Proximity to the Malvern Branch

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“WHEREAS the Toronto Public Library has recently made significant infrastructure and program improvements at the Malvern branch; and

WHEREAS the improvements to the Malvern branch have resulted in increased library usage that confirms its importance to the Malvern community; and

WHEREAS the Toronto Police Service has recently installed a Closed Circuit Television surveillance camera in close proximity to the Malvern branch; and

WHEREAS the Toronto Public Library was not consulted by the Toronto Police Service in their decision to install the surveillance camera; and

WHEREAS academic analysis of surveillance cameras in public space demonstrate no discernable impact on crime rates; and

WHEREAS police surveillance cameras have the potential to decrease the number of people who use the Malvern branch;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Toronto Public Library Board write a letter to the chair of the Toronto Police Services Board, the chief of the Toronto Police Service and the mayor of the City of Toronto to request that the surveillance camera at Brenyon Way and Sewells Rd. be removed; and

THAT the letter articulate the Toronto Public Library's efforts to form effective partnerships with the community and provide relevant programs that contribute to a safer Malvern for all residents.

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