

Special Meeting of the Toronto Public Library Board
Meeting No. 7: Friday, August 21, 2020, from 10:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.
Via Webex and Teleconference

Members Present:

Ms. Sue Graham-Nutter (Chair)
Mr. Jonathan Hoss (Vice Chair)
Councillor Paul Ainslie
Mr. Fenton Jagdeo
Ms. Jennifer Liu
Ms. Alison Menary
Ms. Andrea Geddes Poole

Regrets:

Mr. Sarwar Choudhury
Councillor Gord Perks
Mr. Alim Remtulla

20-126 Call to Order

Sue Graham-Nutter, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. She welcomed all participants to the Toronto Public Library Board tele/video conference special meeting.

Ms. Graham-Nutter gratefully acknowledged that while the meeting is taking place via tele/video conference, it is important to acknowledge that the land on which Toronto Public Library is located is Indigenous. She indicated this is the traditional territory of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy (also known as the Six Nations Confederacy), the Wendat, and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. Toronto Public Library gratefully acknowledges these Indigenous nations for their guardianship of this land. Ms. Graham-Nutter reminded and reaffirmed as Torontonians and Canadians, accountability to these Indigenous nations, and to all Indigenous peoples and communities living in Toronto.

Ms. Graham-Nutter further indicated that this land is also part of the Dish with One Spoon territory, that includes a treaty between the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, the Anishinaabek and allied nations, to peaceably share and care for this land, its waters, and all of the biodiversity in the Great Lakes region. All those who come to live and work here are responsible for honouring this treaty in the spirit of peace, friendship, and respect.

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20-127 Declarations of Conflicts of Interest

There were no *Declarations of Conflicts of Interest* by members of the Library Board at the August 21, 2020 special meeting.

20-128 Approval of Agenda

Moved by Councillor Ainslie, ***seconded by*** F. Jagdeo:

That the Toronto Public Library Board:

1. *approves the agenda for the August 21, 2020 special meeting.*

Recorded Vote Required:

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| In Favour – 7 Councillor Paul Ainslie, Andrea Geddes Poole, Sue Graham-Nutter, Jonathan Hoss, Fenton Jagdeo, Jennifer Liu and Alison Menary. Opposed – 0 |
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Carried

20-129 Communications

There were no *Communications* items for consideration at the August 21, 2020 special meeting.

20-130 Presentations

There were no *Presentations* at the August 21, 2020 special meeting.

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20-131 Potential Use of TPL Facilities by Toronto School Boards

Vickery Bowles, City Librarian, reviewed highlights of the report and responded to questions from Board members.

In addition to an amendment to the staff-recommended motions as outlined below, at the request of Jonathan Hoss, staff were directed to include language that the agreements with school boards be subject to termination in June 2021.

Motions:

See the following:

Moved by A. Geddes Poole, **seconded by** F. Jagdeo:

That the Toronto Public Library Board:

1. *approves select TPL facilities, as shown on Attachment 1, by the TDSB and/or TCDSB for its exclusive use;*
2. *authorizes the City Librarian, in consultation with the Board Chair, to adjust and add to the list of locations to be used exclusively by the school boards, based on the changing conditions and circumstances with the TDSB, TCDSB, the City and elsewhere;*
3. *authorizes the City Librarian to enter into agreements for temporary leases and licenses for the TPL facilities and to seek City of Toronto approvals as required; and*
4. *directs staff to monitor library activity and the impact of closed branches, and report back to the Board in six months.*

Carried as amended

Moved by A. Geddes Poole, **seconded by** F. Jagdeo:

That the Toronto Public Library Board:

1. *approves select TPL facilities, as shown on Attachment 1, by the TDSB and/or TCDSB for its exclusive use;*
2. *authorizes the City Librarian, in consultation with the Board Chair, to adjust and add to the list of locations to be used exclusively by the school boards, based on the changing conditions and circumstances with the TDSB, TCDSB, the City and elsewhere; and*
3. *authorizes the City Librarian to enter into agreements for temporary leases and licenses for the TPL facilities and to seek City of Toronto approvals as required.*

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Potential Use of TPL Facilities by Toronto School Boards – continued

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| In Favour – 7 Councillor Paul Ainslie, Andrea Geddes Poole, Sue Graham-Nutter, Jonathan Hoss, Fenton Jagdeo, Jennifer Liu and Alison Menary. Opposed – 0 |
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Amended

Moved in amendment by J. Hoss, seconded by J. Liu:

That the Toronto Public Library Board:

- 1. directs staff to monitor library activity and the impact of closed branches, and report back to the Board in six months.*

Recorded Vote Required:

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| In Favour – 5 Andrea Geddes Poole, Jonathan Hoss, Fenton Jagdeo, Jennifer Liu and Alison Menary. Opposed – 2 Councillor Paul Ainslie and Sue Graham-Nutter. |
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Carried

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20-132 Voluntary Separation Program – Toronto Public Library

Vickery Bowles reviewed highlights of the report and responded to questions from Board members.

Moved by Councillor Ainslie, **seconded by** Andrea Geddes Poole:

That the Toronto Public Library Board:

1. *the Toronto Public Library Board approves the implementation of a Voluntary Separation Program, which has the same terms and conditions as the Voluntary Separation Program at the City, and will be extended to staff who are eligible for retirement with an unreduced pension to provide for:*
 - a. *a lump-sum payment of one-month's salary per completed year of service to a maximum of three months;*
 - b. *payment for ancillary vacation and sick leave;*
 - c. *a proposed departure date of no later than December 31, 2020;*
2. *if the Toronto Public Board approves the Voluntary Separation Program then this be reported to the City's Executive Committee through the Budget Committee.*

Recorded Vote Required:

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| In Favour – 7 Councillor Paul Ainslie, Andrea Geddes Poole, Sue Graham-Nutter, Jonathan Hoss, Fenton Jagdeo, Jennifer Liu and Alison Menary. Opposed – 0 |
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20-133 Adjournment

Moved by A. Geddes Poole, ***seconded by*** J. Liu:

That the Toronto Public Library Board:

1. *adjourns the August 21, 2020 Toronto Public Library Board special meeting.*

Carried

The meeting ended at 10:45 a.m.

Signed: _____