TORONTO PUBLIC LIBRARY

COMMUNICATIONS
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TORONTO PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MEETING – October 20, 2008

The following communication items are provided for the Toronto Public Library Board's consideration:

a) Letter to The Honourable Josée Verner, Minister of Canadian Heritage, Status of Women and Official Languages and Minister for la Francophonie and to The Honourable Jim Prentice, Minister of Industry from Kathy Gallagher Ross, Chair, Toronto Public Library Board regarding the Board's concerns about new copyright legislation.

The Library Board endorsed a similar letter at the June 16, 2008 meeting that was prepared prior to the tabling of legislation by the current government. Immediately after endorsement by the Board, the legislation came out. This latest version of the letter addresses more specific issues in the tabled legislation that is of concern to libraries.

It is recommended that the Toronto Public Library Board:
1) approves distributing a letter (attached) to The Honourable Josée Verner and The Honourable Jim Prentice, with copies to the Toronto area Members of Parliament, regarding the Board's concerns regarding new copyright legislation.

b) Letter to Kathy Gallagher Ross requesting the Toronto Public Library Board's cooperation in commemorating the late Peter Bassnett, former Chief Executive Officer of the Scarborough Public Library from 1975 to 1995.

It is recommended that the Toronto Public Library Board:
1) refers the matter of commemoration for Peter Bassnett to the Naming Committee for consideration and consultation with supporters of the request.

c)   Letter to Chair, Toronto Public Library Board, from Ken Greenberg, dated October 10, 2008, expressing support for the proposal to name the Toronto Reference Library for Jane Jacobs.

It is recommended that the Toronto Public Library Board:
1)   refers the letter from Ken Greenberg expressing support for the proposal to name the Toronto Reference Library for Jane Jacobs to the Naming Committee for consideration.