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Subject: Building Project at the St.Clair / Silverthorn branch

Dear Ms Fancher

Thank you for your comments of May 27 and May 28, 2015 regarding the St.Clair / Silverthorn building project. Your comments have been noted and will be shared with the design team. With regard to the building permit, there must be some confusion as the library has not applied for the building permit for this project as yet. We begin the application process with the City of Toronto once the design is completed. You are correct it is a long process and we estimate that it will take from 6 - 9 months.

Addressing state of good repair issues and building deficiencies is an essential goal of any capital project at the library. The TPL design team has worked with our consultants to complete a thorough assessment of the building condition at St. Clair / Silverthorn and it was determined that rebuilding the branch is the only way to address structural, brick condition, heating and cooling, barrier free, life safety and various other issues. This will result in a better building that will meet the current and future needs of the community and reduce ongoing operating costs.

While we appreciate your affinity with the current facade, we feel that it disappears in the current streetscape. The new building will be higher by about 1/2 a storey in order to raise the ceiling heights in the branch. This will greatly improve the quality of the interior space, allowing more natural light to penetrate into the branch as well making a more visible presence on the street. We feel the new design supports overall streetscape improvement and regeneration, another important goal of the project. We could not achieve this while maintaining the current 2008 facade.

I am happy to discuss the building project further with you and answer any additional questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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