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Dear Mr. Booth:

Thank you for your letter dated September 20, 2006 regarding the Library Board's recommendations related to the *City of Toronto Policy and Processes for Public Appointments and Nominations to City Agencies, Boards, Commissions and Corporations and External Special Purpose Bodies* that was submitted to the Policy and Finance Committee for consideration at its meeting on September 18, 2006.

Please be advised that a staff report is being submitted directly to City Council for consideration at its meeting on September 25, 26 and 27, 2006 recommending an amendment to the staff recommendations regarding the timing of appointments in accordance with the Library Board's comments.

A copy of the staff report is attached for your information. If you have any questions please contact Nancy Autton, Manager – Strategic and Corporate Policy at 416-397-0306.

Yours truly,

Shirley Hoy
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Enclosures

cc: Josephine Bryant, City Librarian
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TORONTO STAFF REPORT

September 22, 2006

To: City Council

From: City Manager

Subject: Minor Amendment to Report 7 of the Policy and Finance Committee, Clause 2

Purpose:

To amend the staff recommendation regarding the timing of appointments to the Library Board in accordance with the Library Board's comments attached to this report.

Financial Implications and Impact Statement:

There are no financial implications arising from the adoption of the recommendation contained in this report.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that the portion of Recommendation (10) (a) in the September 1, 2006 report of the City Manager requesting a change in legislation around the timing of appointments to the Library Board be deleted, so 10(a) of the Recommendations would read as follows:

“(10) (a) the City Manager request the Province of Ontario to amend the *Public Libraries Act* to eliminate the requirement for Canadian citizenship on the Toronto Public Library Board, and permit the City of Toronto to determine board eligibility”.

Background:

The September 1, 2006 report of the City Manager proposed that the Province be requested to make certain changes to the *Public Libraries Act*, pending comments from the Toronto Public Library Board. Comments have now been received from the Board that request a change in the staff recommendation.

Comments:

The Library Board advised in a letter dated September 20, 2006, that it supports the recommendations in the September 1 report, except for the recommendation for a legislative change to permit the City to determine the timing of appointments. The current legislation

requires that appointments to the Library Board be made at Council's first meeting after the election or within 60 days. This requirement has never been met in the past.

The Board advised that it feels strongly that a timely appointment of new citizen Board members is important for the successful functioning of the Board, and it is opposed to any changes to the *Public Libraries Act* which would affect the timeliness of such appointments.

Rather than request a legislative change in terms of the timing of board appointments, staff will bring the legislative requirement to the attention of the Civic Appointments Committee (which replaces the Nominating Committee in the new governance structure) in order that appointments may be made at the earliest opportunity.

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Attachment:

Letter from Toronto Public Library Board dated September 20, 2006