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Chair, Economic Development
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Toronto City Councillor
Scarborough Centre, Ward 37

March 17, 2014

Mr. Michael Foderick
Chair, Toronto Public Library
Toronto Public Library
789 Yonge Street
Toronto, Ontario
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Dear Mr. Foderick:

I am writing to ask the Library Board to approve the lease amendment and extension for the Maryvale Branch library located in the Parkway Mall in Ward 37.

The Maryvale Branch opened in 1982 and is a key service in the local community. The branch is always busy with a high circulation in the top quartile for neighbourhood branches. Due to Maryvale's small size, the branch is crowded and there is not enough space for collections and to meet the demand for computer use, quiet study and reading, collaboration, programs and meeting spaces. Newcomers, seniors, youth and children all rely on the services provided by Maryvale branch on a day to day basis.

A unique opportunity to expand Maryvale into an adjacent contiguous unit has arisen. The branch can be expanded and the lease extended at favourable lease rates to ensure continuity of service.

This expansion and lease extension will also support my efforts to expand and improve services at the Maryvale branch in the Parkway Mall. A Section 37 allocation from a proposed future development at 1973 Victoria Park Avenue was approved by Council to support further improvements at Maryvale Branch in the future when the funds are received.

Thank you for your leadership in supporting excellence in public library services and branches in communities across Toronto.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Thompson".

Michael Thompson
Chair, Economic Development and Culture Committee
Vice-Chair, Toronto Police Services Board
Councillor, Scarborough Centre
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cc: Anne Bailey

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