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**RE: Toronto Public Library Board Meeting of April 20, 2009
Agenda Item 12**

Thank you for your letter of May 5, 2009, forwarding the clauses adopted by the Library Board regarding the provision of parking in conjunction with the development of the proposed Scarborough Centre Library Branch.


I would advise that the Toronto Parking Authority has been in ongoing discussions with staff from the TPL and the City's Facilities and Real Estate Department for the past 6 months regarding this subject. We are of the opinion that the inclusion of municipal parking as part of the Library construction is an excellent initiative and are prepared to build the parking at our expense, subject to a reasonable construction cost being achieved. As a minimum, we feel that the concept presented on page 14 of the ZAS report of October 20, 2008 which indicates 14 spaces at the grade level of the library and 12 spaces in the truck court is easily achievable (Drawing attached) (in fact our estimate is that based on the Library building footprint provided, the grade level parking under the library could accommodate 24 spaces). In addition, it is likely that the scheme indicated on the concept drawing attached wherein another 26 spaces are constructed on the first sublevel is likely achievable at a reasonable cost as the area will need to be excavated as part of the library construction in any event. The City's Facilities and Real Estate Department has indicated that to facilitate this, they are willing to transfer jurisdiction of the parking strata to the Toronto Parking Authority.

I am aware that the ZAS proposal was only conceptual and TPL is intending to retain a consultant to conduct a more detailed design process. As such, the configuration of the building may change. As a general consideration you may presume that the TPA is interested in establishing a single level of parking under any building that results from the design process. This is subject to a reasonable construction cost being achieved and approval from the Toronto Parking Authority Board and City Council.

I would advise that the Facilities and Real Estate Department has requested the TPA to consider other possible parking garage concepts similar in nature to those indicated as Parking Option A (page 17) and Parking Option B (page 18) of the ZAS report. These are being reviewed but as they provide a parking supply well in excess of the area need would only be considered in conjunction with the removal of the existing staff parking deck and capital financing external to the Authority.

I trust this addresses the TPL Board motion.

Yours truly,


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