



To: Toronto Public Library Board – January 8, 2001

From: City Librarian

Subject: **2001 - 2005 Capital Program and Ten-Year Capital Plan**

Purpose:

To obtain Toronto Public Library Board approval of the 2001 - 2005 Capital Program and Ten-Year Capital Plan for the purpose of submitting the capital program to the City of Toronto (“City”) for consideration.

Funding Implications and Impact Statement:

Funding for capital projects is from various sources including debentures, development charges, and current funding. Debt charges resulting from debentures are budgeted for by the City.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Toronto Public Library Board approve the 2001 - 2005 Capital Program and Ten-Year Capital Plan for the purpose of submitting the capital program to the City for consideration.

Comments:

Enclosed is the Library’s proposed capital program for 2001-2005 and a further five-year capital plan. This submission is the result of extensive discussion through the City of Toronto’s administrative review process.

Within the context of the pressures facing the City’s overall capital requirements, the City’s Budget Services Division is as of December 19, 2000 recommending a five-year program valued at \$88.4 million, including \$13.8 million for 2001, for the Toronto Public Library. This program compares favourably with the \$7 million approved for 2000 and the initial target of \$9 million for 2001.

A summary of all projects has been included with this report as Appendix 1. Projects are categorized as *State of Good Repair* or *Expansion* in certain cases, eg. Malvern – the project costs are divided between the two categories.

Toronto Public Library has requested pre-approval for the Leaside and Maria A. Shchuka projects, the costs for which have increased resulting in a change of scope request, to allow these projects to commence to the tendering stage early in 2001 (see Report #14 included in agenda package). Council's pre-approval of the Leaside project will expedite this project which is currently significantly behind schedule as a result of delays caused by the OMB process. Council's pre-approval will permit the Library to be constructed within the schedule discussed with the representatives of the neighbourhood immediately surrounding the Library. Pre-approval has been requested for the Maria A. Shchuka project, a joint process with the Toronto Housing Company Inc. in the Community and Neighbourhood Services Department, to start construction early in 2001. The construction schedule proposed for the Maria A. Shchuka project is integral to the plans for *COSTI* and the *For Youth Initiative*, who will be providing services to youth from the newly constructed Maria A. Shchuka Library. Pre-approval is requested for both the projects in order to avoid any further delays and the associated increase in construction costs.

Approval of this Capital Budget will assist towards meeting the Toronto Public Library's strategic plan objectives. It is important to note that this budget has not received any formal approval as discussions are on-going. A schedule is attached as Appendix 2 to indicate the proposed upcoming meetings on the 2001-2005 Capital Program.

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List of Attachments:

- Appendix 1: TORONTO PUBLIC LIBRARY – 2001 – 2005 Capital Program and Ten-Year Capital Plan
- Appendix 2: 2001 Operating & Capital Budget Process – November 2000 to January 2001 Schedule of Meetings

Please note: Appendix 2 is unavailable electronically. If you would like a paper copy, please contact Nancy Marshall at 393-7215.