



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

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2011 Capital Budget Adjustment – Scarborough Centre Library

Date:	February 2, 2011
To:	Toronto Public Library Board
From:	City Librarian

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to request Toronto Public Library Board approval of a \$200,000 gross (\$0 debt) addition to the 2011 capital budget request.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The City Librarian recommends that the Toronto Public Library Board:

1. approves a 2011 capital budget addition of \$200,000 gross and \$0 debt to the Scarborough Centre Library capital project; and
2. forwards a copy of this report and Board decision to the City’s Budget Committee for consideration.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Funding for the Scarborough Centre Library capital project is being increased by \$200,000 gross and \$0 debt in 2011. Funding is being provided from the City’s Land Acquisition Reserve Fund and does not affect the City’s debt targets.

The Director, Finance and Treasurer has reviewed this financial impact statement and is in agreement with it.

DECISION HISTORY

A revised capital budget request, which included adjustments to meet recommended City debt targets was approved by the Board at its meeting of December 13, 2010.

<http://www.torontopubliclibrary.ca/content/about-the-library/pdfs/board/meetings/2010/dec13/10.pdf>

COMMENTS

Toronto Public Library plans to open a new library branch at the south side of the Scarborough Civic Centre. Project planning commenced in 2009 and, subject to the necessary approvals, construction will start in 2012. The total capital budget for the project is \$8.8 million, including a construction budget of \$5.2 million.

Locating a public library in the Civic Centre presents an opportunity for the City to achieve some of the long-term goals related to the broader Scarborough Civic Centre Precinct planning process which is now formally underway. The plan envisions building a pedestrian link between the library and the Civic Centre to animate the south side of the Civic Centre by creating a north-south axis to join Borough Drive with the Civic Centre and Albert Campbell Square, the LRT, and the Scarborough Town Centre.

To facilitate this link, a mixed-use interior concourse could be constructed extending north from Borough Drive along the west side of the library main entrance, to the Civic Centre. The concourse would be used by library customers, as well as clients and employees of the City, the Toronto District School Board and their employees, and any additional pedestrian traffic moving between Borough Drive and the north part of the precinct.

The Library's budget has no provision for the costs associated with the construction of the proposed link and concourse.

In order to fund design development, working drawings and contract administration for the proposed link and concourse at the same time as the final design and working drawings are developed for the Scarborough Centre Library in 2011, Council approval is required to draw from the Land Acquisition Reserve Fund (XR1012).

Construction of the link and concourse areas after the design and working drawings are completed is dependent on the City's priorities for this area and available City funding. Construction of the library can proceed independently.

CONCLUSION

Funding for the Scarborough Centre Library capital project is being increased by \$200,000 gross and \$0 debt in 2011. Funding is being provided from the City's Land Acquisition Reserve Fund to cover the cost to develop the design and working drawings for a pedestrian link and concourse between the library and the Scarborough City Centre.

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ATTACHMENT

Attachment 1: Memo from Raymond David, Director, Community Planning,
Scarborough District: *Funding to complete design development and
working drawings for the alternate concourse and link for the
Scarborough Civic Centre Branch Library – 150 Borough Drive –
dated January 18, 2011*