

TORONTO PUBLIC LIBRARY 2010-2019 CAPITAL SUBMISSION

STATUS OF 2010 PROJECTS

1. Toronto Reference Library (TRL) Renovation & Revitalization

This project is part of the continuing revitalization and retrofit of a 32 year old, five-storied, 416,035 sq. ft. central library that serves the entire City of Toronto. TRL is an architectural landmark (built in 1977), Canada's largest public research library, Canada's only public reference library and TPL's flagship branch located in the heart of the City. Revitalization of TRL will: address the needs of its service role/users; sustain its municipal and provincial mandate, and national and international reputation; and be in keeping with the City's goal to revitalize public spaces and improve public service. In addition, TRL contributes to the cultural life of the city and this has been enhanced with the opening of The Bram and Bluma Appel Salon.

The building structure, health and safety, mechanical, electrical and barrier-free deficiencies must be addressed. In addition, redesign and retrofit of the public service areas will consolidate comprehensive collections and subject-specialized "centres of excellence" to improve customer service. The next phase of the project addresses the Yonge Street extension, entrance cube, gallery and browsery.

The capital submission only includes the City portion, Section 37 and development charges which total \$15.8 million. The estimated full project cost of \$34 million will be funded through a blend of public and private financing consisting of contributions from the City and other levels of government, and private fundraising through the re:vitalize - Toronto Reference Library Campaign initiated by the TPL Foundation. An application has been made for ISF funding in the amount of \$3 million for the second phase of the revitalization of TRL.

2. Cedarbrae Branch Renovation

This busy branch (third busiest district library) is being renovated (27,164 sq. ft.) and expanded (4,805 sq. ft.). The renovation, the first since the branch opened in 1966, will include repairs to the building structure and mechanical and electrical systems, and improve accessibility. A significant redesign of the entrance and floor plan layouts will improve sightlines and branch security, and revitalize public space. The planning and design phase took place in 2007 and the construction tender was issued in 2008. The gross cost for this project is \$9.2 million and will feature an expanded Le@rning Centre, reading lounges, a *KidsStop* early literacy interactive area for young children, a Teen Zone, express check-in and check-out including TPL's first automated sorting system, wireless high speed internet access and specially designed outdoor community spaces.

3. Brentwood Branch Renovation and Expansion

This project includes a partial demolition/reconstruction, renovation and expansion (3,885 sq. ft.) of this 52 year old building, which will result in approximately 17,500 sq. ft. of floor space for the branch to respond to the needs of existing and increased population from major residential development taking place west of the library. The renovation will address structural and mechanical issues as well as provide barrier free access on all floors including access to washrooms and the community room, and

the installation of an elevator. This branch will feature a Le@rning Centre, a *KidsStop*, a Teen Zone, express check-out and wireless high speed internet access. The gross cost for the project is \$8.3 million.

4. Self Service (RFID) - Plan for Extending Branch Open Hours

Express check-out will be successfully introduced at 18 TPL branches by the end of the year, resulting in improved work flow, a healthier work environment, ability to handle increasing transaction loads with existing staff resources, increased branch open hours and improved customer service. The introduction of this technology enables the Library to expand branch open hours with existing staff and positions the library to take advantage of future efficiencies through Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) technology, such as automated or express check-in. 2010 will be the second year of this four-year project, and over the next three years, self service express check-out will be introduced at 22 more branches. The total cost of this project is \$6.6 million.

5. Malvern Expansion - Media Lab

This \$2.3 million project is one of the projects participating in the 2009 Partnership Opportunities Legacy (POL) Fund. Malvern branch is adjacent to a busy community recreation centre in the north-east sector of the City, serving a population of approximately 75,000 in one of the City's designated Priority Neighbourhoods. The project consists of a 3,770 sq. ft. expansion of the branch for a ProTech Media Centre/Youth Hub and a 13,650 sq. ft. outdoor plaza with a reading garden and staging for all-year use for cultural and community events.

6. Technology Asset Management Program (TAMP)

TPL operates its own computing center and data network which supports both public library information services and administrative and support services. TPL is responsible for the acquisition, maintenance and replacement of all Information Technology hardware and software owned by the Library. The Technology Asset Management Program (TAMP) will provide for the replacement of existing hardware and software, excluding major systems. This state of good repair project at a gross cost of \$3.2 million in 2010 will allow TPL to replace PCs, monitors, printers, servers, data switches, components of the storage area network and various related equipment and software. The TAMP budget funds the implementation costs of the high speed fiber network, which will provide more than double the bandwidth for public Internet access at no increase in operating cost.

7. Virtual Branch Services

In order to meet the needs and expectations of Torontonians, the Library must make accessibility and availability of its web services a priority, and this includes improving its Internet presence. The \$1.3 million funding for this project in 2010 will allow the library to build Chinese and French interfaces to our services and materials, enhance the library's capacity for digitizing and presenting our unique collections online, enable online library card registration, and create an interactive experience where a user's unique preferences and search terms determine what is offered or delivered to them.

8. Multi-branch Renovation Program and 9. Infrastructure Stimulus Fund

This state of good repair renovation project is an effective way of keeping some branches functional until a major renovation can be funded. The "base" request for the multi-branch program is \$1.3 million gross in 2010, which includes renovations to roofing, building systems (HVAC, elevator, fire alarm, security), flooring and replacement of shelving and furnishings at branches city-wide. Included

in the 2010 budget is \$125,000 for the renovation of the Palmerston theatre. TPL intends to apply to Cultural Spaces Canada for matching funding of \$125,000 which will be used to enhance the project.

In September 2009 TPL was approved for ISF funding in the amount of \$1.42 million to be used for five smaller library projects totaling \$4.26 million as part of the Multi-Branch Renovation Program. As a result, \$4.26 million of gross funding has been advanced to 2009 (\$0.93 million), 2010 (\$3.03 million), and 2011 (\$0.30 million) with corresponding reductions in 2012 (\$0.72 million), 2013 (\$1.77 million), and 2014 (\$1.77 million).

10. St. Lawrence Branch Relocation and Expansion

This project entails the construction of a 25,000 sq. ft. district library to relocate the existing St. Lawrence Neighbourhood Branch to 281 Front Street East to serve the St. Lawrence, West Donlands and East Bayfront communities with a projected population increase of 26,000 residents. The project will include a collection of 100,000 items, computers with internet access, open floor space, barrier free access, study and multipurpose programming space (Le@rning Centre), gallery/exhibit space, focus areas for teens, children (*KidsStop*) and adults, express check-in and check-out, ultra-broadband intelligent communications infrastructure and wireless high speed internet access. The \$15.9 million project is expected to be completed in 2014.

The development of the site is under review in conjunction Waterfront Toronto. TPL's processing centre currently occupies the proposed site and should development proceed, certain functions may need to be transferred to the Ellesmere site, which currently acts as TPL's main sorting and distribution centre. Ellesmere is a project included in the capital submission, with planning work scheduled to start in 2012, after the review with Waterfront Toronto.

11. West Waterfront Branch Construction

In partnership with Toronto Community Housing Corporation (TCHC), a new 15,000 sq. ft. neighbourhood library will be built in Block 36 of the Railway Lands Development, to serve a rapidly growing community. The project will include a collection of 50,000 items, computers with internet access, open floor space, barrier free access, study and multipurpose programming space, gallery/exhibit space, express check-in and check-out and wireless high speed internet access. The total project budget of \$8.6 million is funded entirely by developer contributions. The branch is expected to be completed in 2013.

12. Scarborough Centre Branch Construction

This project consists of the construction of a new 15,000 sq. ft. library to serve the growing east-end Scarborough centre community with a projected population of 30,000 to 40,000 residents. The project will have a gross cost of \$8.8 million and will include a collection of 50,000 items, computers with internet access, an open floor plan, barrier free access, study and multipurpose programming space, express check-in and check-out and wireless high speed internet access. The project is expected to be completed in 2014.

13. York Woods Branch and Arts Hub

This project was initiated by community groups wanting to create a local Arts Hub at the York Woods Branch which also has a theatre. The Arts Hub will require 2,740 sq. ft. of designated space in the 42,176 sq. ft. branch. In order to be able to create this space, the lower level meeting room will be relocated to create rehearsal room, storage space, office space, kitchen and washrooms for the Arts Hub. This space will be made available to the many arts groups in the Jane/Finch community at little

or no cost. The City has advised that POL funding of \$500,000 is available and the project will be completed in 2010. To enhance the project, TPL intends to apply to Cultural Spaces Canada for matching funds and if successful, the additional funds would be used to renovate the theatre.

14. Mount Dennis Branch Renovation

This branch, located within the City's designated Weston/Mount Dennis Priority Neighbourhood will be renovated within the existing footprint of 11,350 sq. ft.. This 1951 two storey building has had only one renovation in 1983/84. The planned renovation will address mechanical and structural needs, meet health and safety and Building Code requirements, redesign floor plan layouts and revitalize the entrance and street presence. As a result of the recently completed SOGR audit, the Mount Dennis project was accelerated by 5 years. The gross cost for this project is \$4.3 million and will feature meeting room space, a *KidsStop* early literacy interactive centre, upgraded computer access, increased study space and functional work spaces. The design phase will start in 2010 and project completion is expected in 2015.

15. Fairview Branch Renovation & Expansion

The Fairview Branch must enhance access and operational efficiency to meet the needs of the library and theatre users. To this end, the \$4.4 million gross budget will allow for the expansion and state of good repair improvements for the existing theatre. The expansion will include an external separate theatre entrance and marquee, a new lobby, expanded washrooms, improved production facilities and acoustic treatment. This initiative supports the Library's efforts to maximize revenue from theatre and room rentals. The planning phase for this project will begin in 2010 and this will determine the exact scope of the project, with construction completion expected in 2014.

16. Bayview Branch Renovation & Expansion

A relocation of this branch to City-owned land in a shared facility with Parks, Forestry and Recreation will respond to residential growth along Sheppard Avenue East. The expanded facility from 6,333 sq. ft. to 10,000 sq. ft. will provide space for programming, increased space for collections, computers, seating and study. Express check-out will enhance customer service. This shared facility will promote joint programming and collaboration. Planning will begin in 2010 in conjunction with Parks, Forestry and Recreation. The gross project cost is \$5.6 million.