



To: Toronto Public Library Board – April 30, 2001

From: City Librarian

Subject: **Communications**

Purpose:

To provide the Toronto Public Library Board with communications of pertinence to it.

Funding Implications and Impact Statement:

Not applicable.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that the Toronto Public Library Board:

- (1) Receive Communications Items (a) – (d) for information; and that
- (2) Communications Item (e) be considered In-Camera as the subject relates to collective bargaining issues.

Summary of Correspondence Attached to this Report:

- (a) Letter from Donald A. Obonsawin, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Recreation, dated March 26, 2001, to Josephine Bryant, City Librarian, Toronto Public Library, congratulating the Toronto Public Library on the launch of *NewsConnect*.

Recommend: Receive for information.

- (b) Memo from Councillor Sherene Shaw, Scarborough Agincourt, Ward 39, dated March 26, 2001 to Councillor David Shiner, Chair and Members of the Budget Advisory Committee forwarding a copy to Rick Goldsmith, Chair, Toronto Public Library Board, regarding the impact of Library budget cutbacks specifically to the Steeles Neighbourhood Branch Library.

Recommend: Receive for information.

- (c) Letter from Volunteers at the LINK Community Information and Referral Service, North York Central Library, dated April 16, 2001, to Rick Goldsmith, Chair, Toronto Public Library Board, expressing concern about the loss of community information and referral service for the North York community with the closure of the LINK office in the summer of 2001.

Recommend: Receive for information.

- (d) Letter from Rick Goldsmith, Chair, Toronto Public Library Board, dated April 23, 2001, to LINK Community Information and Referral Service Volunteers, North York Central Library, in response to their letter dated April 16, 2001 regarding the Toronto Public Library's decision to close the LINK office at the end of June 2001.

Recommend: Receive for information.

- (e) Letter from Brian Cochrane, President, Toronto Civic Employees Union – Local 416 CUPE, dated April 17, 2001, outlining a proposal with respect to the Toronto Public Library budget.

Recommend: That the communication be considered in camera as the subject relates to collective bargaining issues.

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List of Attachments:

- (a) March 26, 2001 letter from Donald A. Obonsawin, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Recreation
- (b) March 26, 2001 memo from Councillor Sherene Shaw
- (c) April 16, 2001 letter from Link Community Information and Referral Service Volunteers
- (d) April 23, 2001 letter from Rick Goldsmith, Chair, Toronto Public Library Board
- (e) April 17, 2001 letter from Brian Cochrane, President, Toronto Civic Employees Union – Local 416 CUPE