

Notice of Motion

Date: December 3, 2013

To: Toronto Public Library Board

Topic: **Report Request – Toronto Music Library**

Moved By: Michael Foderick, Vice-Chair

Seconded By: Ken Stewart

Background:

This report request asks staff to report back on the existing music collections and services at TPL and the feasibility of establishing a Toronto Music Library.

The Toronto Music Library could be modelled loosely on similar institutions in other cities, for example, New York’s Library for the Performing Arts, and may likewise represent a special opportunity for Toronto Public Library Foundation participation. The Toronto Music Library branch could be a location where the TPL’s music collections, including music itself and the literature about music, and collections such as sheet music, for example, could be amalgamated under one roof and the branch redesigned and branded around that theme. It could also be a focal point for music-related programming, for example, *Make Some Noise*. In the right location this branch theme could be accomplished without being mutually exclusive to regular branch services. It is hoped that with participation and support of the local community, an existing branch or part of a branch could be transformed into the Toronto Music Library.

Recommendations:

The Toronto Public Library Board:

1. requests the City Librarian to report back to the Board on the existing music collections and services at TPL and the feasibility of creating the Toronto Music Library. This report to include a discussion of:
 - a. the feasibility of designating an existing branch or part of a branch the “Toronto Music Library”;
 - b. the feasibility of amalgamating some music collections, including music itself and literature on music, and programming under one roof;
 - c. examples from other jurisdictions, and their applicability to Toronto;
 - d. a statement on the TPL Foundation’s assessment on the potential for fundraising for this idea.