



To: Toronto Public Library Board – February 4, 2002

From: City Librarian

Subject: **Maria A. Shchuka District Branch Library – Closure for Reconstruction**

Purpose:

To provide the Toronto Public Library Board with information about the one-year closure of the Maria A. Shchuka Library.

Funding Implications and Impact Statement:

The Maria A. Shchuka reconstruction is funded through the capital budget.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Maria A. Shchuka Library be closed for its reconstruction as of March 2, 2002 for a period to last approximately one year.

Comments:

The Maria A. Shchuka District Library is scheduled to close effective March 2, 2002 for approximately one year to allow for the demolition of the Branch and construction of a new facility.

The local community has long been aware of the proposed reconstruction of the library; public meetings were held on October 21, 1999 and June 21, 2000. The closure date will be publicized well in advance and alternative service plans will be put into place. These include offering Sunday service at Oakwood Village Library and Arts Centre beginning in September 2002 for the duration of the closure and the relocation of the Leading to Reading, English Can Be Fun and additional preschool programs to Oakwood. Arrangements are being made to provide programming related to the Summer Reading Program at the Fairbank Community Centre and a monthly service to St. Hilda's Seniors Residence will continue with the selection and delivery of materials taking place at Brentwood Library. Staff will be redeployed to surrounding branches in the West Region.

Conclusion:

Board approval is being requested for an estimated one-year closure of the Maria A. Shchuka Library.

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Not applicable.