



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Auditor General Review of Fines and Income – Board Request for Follow-up Report

Date:	December 10, 2007
To:	Toronto Public Library Board
From:	City Librarian

SUMMARY

The *Fines and Income Review – Toronto Public Library* report was adopted by the Board in June 2006 (http://www.torontopubliclibrary.ca/abo_boa_06jun19.jsp) and contained a number of recommendations which Library staff agreed to implement. Since then, the new City of Toronto Act, which came into effect in January 2007, exempts the Toronto Public Library Board from the jurisdiction of the Auditor General. In order for the Auditor General to perform a review of the status of the implementation of their recommendations, the Library Board needs to approve a request for the Auditor General to perform the review.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The City Librarian recommends that the Toronto Public Library Board:

1. Requests the Auditor General to conduct a review of the implementation of the recommendations contained in the *Fines and Income Review – Toronto Public Library* report and that a follow-up report be provided to the Board on the results of the review.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no financial impact of this report beyond what has already been approved in the current year's budget.

The Director, Finance & Treasurer has reviewed this Financial Impact statement and is in agreement with it.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

At its meeting of June 19, 2006, the Board adopted a report from the Auditor General entitled *Fines and Income Review – Toronto Public Library*. The report contained 32 recommendations and Library staff agreed to implement 31 of those recommendations. At the same meeting, Library staff submitted a report of responses to the audit recommendations and an action plan. As part of their annual work plan, the Auditor General follows up on the status of recommendations arising from their audits.

COMMENTS

The new City of Toronto Act, which came into effect in January 2007, exempts certain boards, including the Toronto Public Library Board from the jurisdiction of the Auditor General. In order for the Auditor General to perform a review of the status of the implementation of their recommendations contained in the *Fines and Income Review* report, the Board needs to approve a resolution requesting the Auditor General to perform the review.

Once the Board approves the request for the Auditor General to perform their review at the Library, then Library staff will prepare a report on the status of implementation of the recommendations which is expected to be ready for the January 2008 Board meeting. The plan is for the Auditor General to perform their review work during the first quarter of 2008, and to issue a report to the Board in June 2008 and the Audit Committee in July 2008.

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