



To: Toronto Public Library Board – November 19, 2001

From: City Librarian

Subject: **Redevelopment Opportunities for Reconstruction of Libraries**

Purpose:

This report has been prepared in response to a request from the Budget Advisory Committee during the 2001 budget process to investigate the potential for assisting with the construction costs for libraries through the pursuit of redevelopment opportunities on existing library sites.

Funding Implications and Impact Statement:

None.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that the Toronto Public Library Board:

1. Undertake the identification of library sites with redevelopment potential including the potential revenue or other benefits that might be derived from such redevelopment opportunities with the assistance of the Facilities and Real Estate Division at the City of Toronto; and
2. Provide notice to the Budget Advisory Committee of the action undertaken by forwarding this report to the Committee.

Background:

When reviewing the Library's proposed capital budget for 2001 – 2005 during the 2001 budget process, the Budget Advisory Committee requested that:

The Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services and the City Librarian be requested to report at a later date on the potential for raising development charges on new construction projects across the City which could lead to new and efficient libraries on these sites.

This report has been prepared in response to that request.

Comments:

The Library Board has a number of libraries which are located in areas of the City currently experiencing significant redevelopment activity.

Some of these library-owned sites might be very suitable for redevelopment, but Library staff require expert assistance in identifying such sites and determining the revenue potential from the sale/lease of surplus development rights. Library staff have consulted with staff from the Facilities and Real Estate Division at the City of Toronto, who have indicated a willingness and capacity to assist in this review. It is recommended that the Library undertake the identification of library sites with redevelopment potential including the potential revenue or other benefits that might be derived from such redevelopment opportunities with the assistance of the Facilities and Real Estate Division at the City of Toronto.

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Not applicable.