



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

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Paid Parking Pilot Project at Fairview Branch – Toronto Parking Authority Assessment

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| Date: | September 23, 2013 |
| To: | Toronto Public Library Board |
| From: | City Librarian |

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide the Toronto Public Library Board with the assessment from Toronto Parking Authority (TPA) of the proposed paid parking pilot project at the Fairview Branch.

At the meeting on June 24, 2013, the Board reviewed the *Paid Parking Pilot Project – Toronto Parking Authority Assessment* report and adopted motions that recommended receiving the information from the Toronto Parking Authority, not proceeding with the paid parking pilot project at Parkdale Branch and deferring consideration of Toronto Parking Authority parking at Fairview Branch to the September meeting of the Library Board to allow for a presentation from the Toronto Parking Authority and the local City Councillor to be invited.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The City Librarian recommends that the Toronto Public Library Board:

1. considers the additional information provided by Toronto Parking Authority, including the advice that the Board reconsider its decision to proceed with the paid parking pilot projects at Fairview Branch.

DECISION HISTORY

At the meeting on June 24, 2013, the Board reviewed the *Paid Parking Pilot Project – Toronto Parking Authority Assessment* report and adopted the following motions:

That the Toronto Public Library Board:

1. *receives the information from the Toronto Parking Authority and not proceeds with the paid parking pilot project at Parkdale Branch; and*

2. *defers consideration of Toronto Parking Authority parking at Fairview Branch to the next meeting of the Library Board to allow for a presentation from the Toronto Parking Authority and the local City Councillor to be invited.*

BACKGROUND

Please see attached report from the City Librarian to the June 24, 2013 meeting of the Board regarding the *Paid Parking Pilot Project – Toronto Parking Authority Assessment*.

COMMENTS

The Library takes a proactive approach to ensure that the Fairview parking lot is accessible to Library customers. A gate that was locked overnight until the branch opened in the morning was used for a number of years. In addition, in 2009 periodic security guard patrols were introduced and the Library began to issue parking tickets to people observed using the lot for non-library purposes such as commuting, shopping and visiting the nearby medical centre. The use of security has proved to be effective and a regular schedule of security guard patrols throughout the parking area was established from Monday to Friday from 8 am to noon. The guard patrols the lot, intercepts people observed parking their cars for non library uses and requires that the cars be moved. In addition, issues related to illegal parking in the fire routes and exits are addressed. An average of 8 to 10 tickets are issued daily. The guard monitors and patrols the branch as well, as the frequency of parking issues drop off later in the morning.

With the upcoming re-opening of the branch, the installation of a new gate is under consideration, depending on decisions taken with regards to the paid parking pilot.

Marie Casista, Vice President of Real Estate, Development and Marketing, Toronto Parking Authority and Councillor Shelley Carroll, Ward 33 Don Valley East have confirmed their attendance at the September 23, 2013 meeting.

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ATTACHMENT

Appendix 1: *Paid Parking Pilot Project – Toronto Parking Authority Assessment – Report to the June 24, 2013 Board meeting*