

**Naming Committee – Naming for Peter J. Bassnett at
Toronto Public Library**

Date:	December 15, 2008
To:	Toronto Public Library Board
From:	City Librarian

SUMMARY

In accordance with the terms of reference for the Naming Committee, the Committee's decisions are not binding on the Library Board. The Committee may make recommendations for Board approval.

At its meeting on December 8, 2008, the Committee approved recommendations for consideration by the Library Board about the naming for Peter J. Bassnett at Toronto Public Library.

The purpose of this report is to present the Committee's recommendations to the Library Board and seek Board approval.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Naming Committee recommends that the Toronto Public Library Board:

1. approves the naming of a meeting room at Goldhawk Park Branch after Peter Bassnett; and
2. approves the naming of an award, in principle, to assist Library staff in furthering their library education, provided the funds raised meet a minimum of \$10,000 net, or in the event that less than \$10,000 net is raised, using the funds to supplement the Library's tuition reimbursement program.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The *Naming Policy* requires details on costs when naming is contemplated without a gift. Funds raised to commemorate Peter Bassnett have been identified for a named award, not for the naming of a room at the Goldhawk Park branch.

Costs of naming a room in a branch may include a launch event and signage. It is estimated the cost for these components is \$2,500 which would be covered by the funds raised.

The Director, Finance and Treasurer has reviewed the Financial Impact Statement and is in agreement with it.

DECISION HISTORY

At its October 20, 2008 meeting, the Library Board received a communication regarding commemoration for Peter Bassnett. The communication was referred to the Naming Committee for consideration and consultation with supporters of the request.

At the December 8, 2008 Naming Committee meeting, it was recommended that the Board be requested to:

- approve the naming of a meeting room at Goldhawk Park Branch after Peter Bassnett; and
- approve the naming of an award, in principle, to assist Library staff in furthering their library education, provided the funds raised meet a minimum of \$10,000 net, or in the event that less than \$10,000 net is raised, using the funds to supplement the Library's tuition reimbursement program.

COMMENTS

The Naming Committee recommends approval of the naming of a meeting room at Goldhawk Park Branch after Peter Bassnett and the naming of an award, in principle, to assist Library staff in furthering their library education, provided the funds raised meet a minimum of \$10,000 net; or in the event that less than \$10,000 net is raised, using the funds to supplement the Library's tuition reimbursement program. To date \$11,000 has been raised by the supporters of the proposal to commemorate Peter J. Bassnett. A family member has confirmed that they are supportive of the proposal. Specific details are provided in Appendix 1.

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ATTACHMENTS

Appendix 1: Naming Committee report titled Naming for Peter J. Bassnett at Toronto Public Library