



To: Toronto Public Library Board – January 27, 2003

From: City Librarian

Subject: **2003 Capital Budget - Update**

Purpose:

To provide the Toronto Public Library Board with a copy of the Toronto Public Library (TPL) five-year \$50 million capital budget report that was submitted to BAC for review at its meeting on January 24, 2003 and a copy of a report on a *Long-Term Capital Strategy for Toronto Public Library* from the CAO/CFO.

Funding Implications and Impact Statement:

The City funds TPL's capital budget.

The establishment of a five-year \$50 million capital budget at \$10 million per year would provide stability to funding levels and allow for better planning.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Toronto Public Library Board receive the *2003 Capital Budget – Update* report for information.

Background:

At its meeting on December 6, 2002, BAC passed a number of motions requesting information from TPL, one of which is for Library staff to submit a long-term, five-year, \$50 million capital budget at \$10 million per year.

At its Special Meeting held on March 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8, 2002, City Council recommended that the Chief Administrative Officer report back in 2003 on a long-term capital budget strategy for the Toronto Public Library.

Comments:

Attachment 1 is a report detailing TPL's proposed adjustments to its five-year capital budget in order to meet the five-year \$50 million capital funding target as requested by BAC. Also included in the report is a proposal to show how the 2004-2008 capital program with an annual target of approximately \$10 million could be administered, as well as the impact of the \$27.7

million capital funding reduction required to achieve the capital funding target. While the annual capital target of \$10 million for maintaining existing facilities may be reasonable given the City's financial constraints, given TPL's aging buildings, the significant increase in library use, and the capital underfunding since amalgamation, there is a short-term need over the next few years for additional funding to address a backlog of repairs. In addition, the proposed five-year \$50 million capital plan does not account for any anticipated population growth. The City of Toronto Urban Development Services Department estimated that Toronto's population is anticipated to grow by approximately 130,000 people over the next five years. Depending on where the growth occurs in the City, new Library branches and/or expansion of existing branches may be necessary to respond to this need for additional library service.

Attachment 2 is a report from the CAO/CFO recommending a long-term capital funding envelope for TPL that would allow for improved capital planning. Based on a preliminary methodology or guide of allocating City funding, the report recommends that the target for TPL be established at \$10 million (net) for 2004 through 2008.

Conclusion:

It is recommended that the Toronto Public Library Board receive the *2003 Capital Budget – Update* report for information.

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List of Attachments:

- Attachment 1: Toronto Public Library Long-Term Five-Year \$50 Million Capital Budget
- Attachment 2: CAO/CFO Recommended Long-Term Capital Strategy for Toronto Public Library – **Report is unavailable electronically. Please contact Nancy Marshall at 416-393-7215 if you require a copy.**