

## Budget Committee Consideration on November 1, 2011

Budget Committee	no.8	ACTION	Amended
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## 2012 Operating Budget – Budget Suggestions – Motions and Actions Arising from the Meeting

### COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

The Budget Committee recommends that the Toronto Public Library Board:

1. approves the recommended actions as shown in Appendix 1;
2. requests the City Librarian to report to the Board regarding the changes proposed by M. Foderick to Appendix 1:

Suggestion 3: Increase Overdue Fines – The City Librarian be asked to report back to the next meeting of the Budget Committee, to be held prior to the November 21 Board Meeting, on the projected revenue implications of the following scenarios;

- a. Increasing adult fines to 60 cents, 75 cents and \$1 per day;
- b. Increasing children's fines to 25 cents, 35 cents and 50 cents per day;
- c. Increasing Best Bests and DVD fines to \$1.10, \$1.25 and \$1.50 per day;
- d. The feasibility of a different fine schedule for low-income users;
- e. Clarifying and improving fine forgiveness thresholds for low-income residents in the policy;

Suggestion 4: New fine for holds not picked up – The City Librarian be asked to report back to the next meeting of the Budget Committee with an implementation plan for a fine for holds not picked up, to start January 1, 2012;

Suggestion 6: Introduce pay parking at branches – The City Librarian be asked to confer with the Toronto Parking Authority on the feasibility of installing pay and display machines at all potentially suitable TPL-owned parking lots: 12 joint facilities, 31 “smaller lots,” and 9 “larger branches,” as discussed in Attachment E, and report back to the next Budget Committee meeting on the results of these discussions;

Suggestion 7: Program sponsorships – The City Librarian be asked to report to the Board in Q.1 2012 on all existing and potential sponsorships, including:

- a. A full list of what is currently sponsored at the TPL;
- b. A proposed list of any programs, collections or capital renovations (not including the renaming of branches themselves), etc., that the City Librarian believes has potential to be sponsored at the TPL;

- c. Suggestions solicited from the Toronto Public Library Foundation on what they would like the Board to authorize the sponsorship of;

Suggestion 10: Sponsorship of WIFI services – Defer this item to the next Budget Committee meeting pending Budget Committee review (confidential, if necessary) of the Rogers/GTAA agreement, and the existing TPL WIFI contract;

Suggestion 11: Expand advertising channels and opportunities –

- a. The City Librarian be asked to report to the Board in Q.1 2012 on a proposed Advertising Policy, as she has recommended;
- b. The City Librarian be asked to report to the December Board meeting specifically on the feasibility of an advertising bookmark, as suggested by B. Wulffhart;

Suggestion 12: Used-book sales in branches – The City Librarian be asked to report to the Board in Q1 2012 with an update;

Suggestion 13: Sell ebooks online –

- a. The City Librarian be asked to report to the next meeting of the Budget Committee on the feasibility of partnering with Overdrive, or another appropriate partner, to sell ebooks online through the TPL's website;
- b. The City Librarian be asked to report to the Board in Q.1 2012 on the feasibility of a retail function for book sales on the Library website, including potential partnerships with existing retailers;

Suggestion 14: Individuals to purchase collections – The City Librarian be asked to report to the Board no later than Q.2 2012 on the feasibility of these ideas; and

- 3. does not recommend the closing of any library or the reduction of hours at any library, or any of the following proposals listed in Nos. 15 – 21 of Appendix 1:

15. Thermostat (further temperature setbacks);

16. Cut programming;

17. Eliminate computers;

18. Warehouse collections and reduce collections spending;

19. Reduce size of branches;

20. Close 38 branches;

21. Close North York Central.

## **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

(November 1, 2011) Report from the City Librarian to the Toronto Public Library Board Budget Committee – *2012 Operating Budget – Budget Suggestions* (Attachment 2).

## **MOTIONS**

### **Moved by Councillor Davis, and amended:**

That the Budget Committee recommends to the Toronto Public Library Board that it:

1. approves the recommended actions as shown in Appendix 1.

### **Moved in amendment by M. Foderick, and redundant:**

That the Budget Committee recommends to the Toronto Public Library Board that it:

2. disposes of the suggestions in Appendix 1 of the report of the City Librarian as follows:
  1. Sell/Redevelop Properties – as per staff recommendation;
  2. Increase Rental Fees for Meeting Rooms (Note: November 2011 Report already coming to Board) – as per staff recommendation;
  3. Increase Overdue Fines – The City Librarian be asked to report back to the next meeting of the Budget Committee, to be held prior to the November 21 Board Meeting, on the projected revenue implications of the following scenarios:
    - a. Increasing adult fines to 60 cents, 75 cents and \$1 per day;
    - b. Increasing children's fines to 25 cents, 35 cents and 50 cents per day;
    - c. Increasing Best Books and DVD fines to \$1.10, \$1.25 and \$1.50 per day;

As well as:

- d. The feasibility of a different fine schedule for low-income users;
  - e. Clarifying and improving fine forgiveness thresholds for low-income residents in the policy;
4. New fine for holds not picked up – The City Librarian be asked to report back to the next meeting of the Budget Committee with an implementation plan for a fine for holds not picked up, to start January 1, 2012;
5. Charge for library cards – Receive and take no further action;
6. Introduce pay parking at branches – The City Librarian be asked to confer with the Toronto Parking Authority on the feasibility of installing pay and display machines at all potentially suitable TPL-owned parking lots: 12 joint facilities, 31 "smaller lots," and 9 "larger branches," as discussed in Attachment E, and report back to the next Budget Committee meeting on the results of these discussions;
7. Program sponsorships – The City Librarian be asked to report to the Board in Q.1 2012 on all existing and potential sponsorships, including:
  - a. A full list of what is currently sponsored at the TPL;
  - b. A proposed list of any programs, collections or capital renovations (not including the renaming of branches themselves), etc., that the City Librarian believes has potential to be sponsored at the TPL;
  - c. Suggestions solicited from the Toronto Public Library Foundation on what they would like the Board to authorize the sponsorship of;
8. Naming rights for libraries – as per staff recommendation;
9. Book sponsorship (This will be addressed by Recommendation 7 above) – as per staff recommendation;

10. Sponsorship of WIFI services – Defer this item to the next Budget Committee meeting pending Budget Committee review (confidential, if necessary) of the Rogers/GTAA agreement, and the existing TPL WIFI contract;
11. Expand advertising channels and opportunities –
  - a. The City Librarian be asked to report to the Board in Q.1 2012 on a proposed Advertising Policy, as she has recommended;
  - b. The City Librarian be asked to report to the December Board meeting specifically on the feasibility of an advertising bookmark, as suggested by B. Wulffhart;
12. Used-book sales in branches – The City Librarian be asked to report to the Board in Q1 2012 with an update;
13. Sell ebooks online –
  - a. The City Librarian be asked to report to the next meeting of the Budget Committee on the feasibility of partnering with Overdrive, or another appropriate partner, to sell ebooks online through the TPL's website;
  - b. The City Librarian be asked to report to the Board in Q.1 2012 on the feasibility of a retail function for book sales on the Library website, including potential partnerships with existing retailers;
14. Individuals to purchase collections – The City Librarian be asked to report to the Board no later than Q.2 2012 on the feasibility of these ideas;
15. Thermostat – Receive and take no further action;
16. Cut programming – Receive and take no further action;
17. Eliminate computers – Receive and take no further action;
18. Warehouse collections and reduce collections spending – Receive and take no further action;
19. Reduce size of branches – Receive and take no further action;
20. Close 38 branches – Receive and staff to work with City Manager on the study of community infrastructure;
21. Close North York Central – Receive and take no further action;
22. Reduce size of What's On Communication (Note Q.2 2012 Report already coming to Board) – as per staff recommendation;
23. Open on public holidays – Receive and take no further action.

Due to the Committee's adoption of Motion 3 below by Councillor Davis, Motion 2 was made redundant.

**Moved in amendment by Councillor Davis, and carried:**

That the Budget Committee recommends to the Toronto Public Library Board that it:

3. adopts Recommendation 1, and refers the changes proposed by Michael Foderick to Appendix 1 to the City Librarian, and requests the City Librarian to report to the Board regarding the proposed changes.

**Moved in amendment by K. Korinek, and carried unanimously:**

That the Budget Committee recommends to the Toronto Public Library Board that it:

4. does not recommend the closing of any library or the reduction of hours at any library, or any of the following proposals listed in Nos. 15 – 21 of Appendix 1:
  15. Thermostat (further temperature setbacks);
  16. Cut programming;
  17. Eliminate computers;
  18. Warehouse collections and reduce collections spending;
  19. Reduce size of branches;
  20. Close 38 branches;
  21. Close North York Central.