

**Cedarbrae Branch – Award of Tender**

<b>Date:</b>	September 15, 2008
<b>To:</b>	Toronto Public Library Board
<b>From:</b>	City Librarian

**SUMMARY**

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To request Toronto Public Library Board approval to employ the services of a General Contractor for the renovation and expansion of the Cedarbrae Branch, as per Toronto Public Library's (TPL's) drawings and specifications, commencing September 2008.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

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The City Librarian recommends that the Toronto Public Library Board:

1. Awards the contract to the lowest bidder, M.J. Dixon Construction Limited, for the renovation and expansion of the Cedarbrae Branch, at a cost of \$5,893,000 [excluding Goods and Services Tax (GST)]; and
2. The appropriate Library staff be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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The tender amount of \$5,893,000 (excluding GST), is part of the TPL's approved capital budget.

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

**COMMENTS**

The renovation and expansion of the Cedarbrae Branch was approved as a capital project in 2007, with a total budget of \$6,500,000. Additional funding amounting to \$965,000 is included in the 2009 capital budget submission. Makrimichalos Cugini Architects was selected in 2006 for the project.

On March 25, 2008, an advertisement was placed in the Daily Commercial News for General Contractors interested in bidding on the Cedarbrae Branch renovation and expansion project. Upon evaluation of the bidders' submissions, ten (10) General Contractors were identified as best qualified for this project.

On August 28, 2008, the TPL received tenders from four (4) of the pre-qualified General Contractors.

The tender documentation submitted by the recommended bidder, M.J. Dixon Construction Limited, was reviewed by the firm of Makrimichalos Cugini Architects and TPL staff, was found to be in conformance with tender requirements and was the lowest bid received.

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## **SIGNATURE**

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