

Naming Committee – Recognizing Former Chief Librarians and City Librarians

Date:	December 14, 2009
To:	Toronto Public Library Board
From:	City Librarian

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to present the Naming Committee’s recommendations for approval by the Toronto Public Library Board concerning recognizing former Chief Librarians and City Librarians.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Naming Committee recommends that the Toronto Public Library Board:

1. approves the installation of a permanent plaque displaying the names of all pre-amalgamation Chief Librarians of the former library systems, their terms of office and system affiliations, at the Toronto Reference Library; and
2. approves the installation of a plaque to recognize former City Librarians as they leave Toronto Public Library, and an official photograph and summary of achievements to be placed in the archives.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

It is anticipated that the large format plaque for all the former chief librarians of the pre-amalgamation systems and the plaque to recognize City Librarians post amalgamation will have a cost which will not exceed \$2,500, and will be accommodated in the 2010 Operating Budget.

The Director, Finance & Treasurer has reviewed this financial impact statement and is in agreement with it.

DECISION HISTORY

At the May 19, 2009 meeting of the Naming Committee of the Toronto Public Library Board, a *report was requested on the processes for recognizing former chief librarians from Toronto and predecessor systems*. The appended report recommends guidelines for the recognition of chief librarians and city librarians.

At its November 24, 2009 meeting, the Naming Committee adopted the recommendations in Appendix 1 for consideration by the Library Board.

COMMENTS

The introduction of a standardized approach for recognition of former City Librarians at Toronto Public Library is recommended. Standardized recognition of the City Librarian would not preclude other recognition as outlined in the Naming Policy. The Library Board approved a Naming Policy in 2006, and there have been requests for recognition of former chief librarians under the terms of the policy. Recently, a request to recognize Peter J. Bassnett resulted in the naming of a meeting room at Goldhawk Park branch in association with a fundraising initiative to support staff in furthering their library education.

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SIGNATURE

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ATTACHMENTS

Appendix 1: Report to November 24, 2009 Naming Committee Meeting