

## Toronto Public Library Board – 2020 Meeting Dates and Locations Schedule

<b>Date:</b>	January 27, 2020
<b>To:</b>	Toronto Public Library Board
<b>From:</b>	City Librarian

### SUMMARY

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This report provides the dates and locations for Toronto Public Library Board meetings in 2020 for approval by the Toronto Public Library Board as required by the Board's Procedural By-law. It includes a change to the schedule to remove the December 2020 meeting date from the proposed schedule provided to the Board in October 2019, given recent amendments to the Public Libraries Act.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

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**The City Librarian recommends that the Toronto Public Library Board:**

1. approves the Toronto Public Library Board 2020 meeting dates and locations schedule, including removal of the December 2020 meeting from the earlier proposed schedule.

### FINANCIAL IMPACT

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There is no financial impact arising from the information in this report.

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

## **ISSUE BACKGROUND**

A recent amendment to the *Public Libraries Act* that came into effect on December 10, 2019 reduced the minimum number of annual public library board meetings from ten per year to seven per year, and expands the qualifications for appointment of Board members to include permanent residents as well as Canadian citizens. The purpose of the schedule amendment was to provide more flexibility for public library boards to determine the appropriate number of meetings needed for their local circumstances. At TPL, there is often less than four weeks between the November and December Board meetings, and fewer agenda items. Should there be any urgent issues requiring the Board's consideration, a meeting could be scheduled between the November 2020 and the January 2021 meetings of the Board.

In accordance with the Toronto Public Library Board Procedural By-law, the schedule of Board meetings for the year is approved each year at the First Meeting. The first meeting of the Board is defined as: *After a municipal election, the first meeting of the new Board following its appointment by Council. In other years, the first meeting of the Board in the calendar year.*

The City provides a proposed meeting schedule for Council and its Committees allowing time for the City's agencies, corporations and special purpose bodies to schedule their own meetings. The Board's 2020 schedule provides for the requirement to hold at least seven regular meetings in a year.

Beginning in 2014 at the Board's request, two meetings each year in the spring and fall have been scheduled in alternate branches to the Toronto Reference Library (TRL). Continuing this practice, alternate locations have been selected for meetings in the spring and fall of 2020.

## **COMMENTS**

The following dates, start times and locations are proposed for meetings of the Toronto Public Library Board in 2020:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
Monday <b>Jan. 27</b>	6:00 pm	TRL	Monday <b>June 22</b>	6:00 pm	TRL
Monday <b>Feb. 24</b>	6:00 pm	TRL	Monday <b>Sep. 21</b>	6:00 pm	TRL
Monday <b>Mar. 23</b>	6:00 pm	TRL	Monday <b>Oct. 19</b>	6:00 pm	<b>Agincourt Branch</b>
Monday <b>Apr. 27</b>	6:00 pm	<b>Bloor / Gladstone Branch</b>	Monday <b>Nov. 16</b>	6:00 pm	TRL
Monday <b>May 25</b>	6:00 pm	TRL			

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## **SIGNATURE**

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