



To: Toronto Public Library Board – May 13, 2002

From: City Librarian

Subject: **Malvern District Library – Closure for Construction**

Purpose:

To provide the Toronto Public Library Board with information about the one year closure of the Malvern District Library.

Funding Implications and Impact Statement:

The Malvern construction is funded through the capital budget.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Malvern District Library be closed for construction for a period to last approximately one year.

Comments:

The Malvern District Library will close for construction early in 2003 for approximately one year to allow for the construction and renovation of the branch.

The local community is aware of the building project at the Library. A public meeting was held on March 7 and a second one is planned for June. A series of seven focus groups have been held with members of the community to review the building plans with particular attention on services to youth, children, adults and the multicultural community.

The closure date will be publicized well in advance and alternate service plans will be put into place. These include offering Sunday service and extending the hours of operation at the Burrows Hall Branch for the duration of the closure and the relocation of literacy programs to nearby facilities. Bookmobile service will be offered from the parking lot of the Malvern Community Recreation Centre two weekdays per week and on Saturday.

Conclusion:

Board approval is being requested for an estimated one-year closure of the Malvern District Library.

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Not applicable.