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To: Toronto Public Library Board – March 29, 2004

From: City Librarian

Subject: **Beaches Branch Library – Closure for Reconstruction**

Purpose:

To seek Toronto Public Library Board approval for the closure of the Beaches Branch.

Funding Implications and Impact Statement:

The Beaches Branch renovation is funded through the approved capital budget.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Toronto Public Library approve the closure of Beaches Branch for renovation for a period to last approximately one year.

Comments:

The Beaches Branch is scheduled to close for approximately one year commencing April 19, 2004 to allow for the demolition of the old addition, construction of a new addition and renovation of the original building.

The local community has been aware of the proposed renovation of the library since last Spring. Public meetings were held on June 16, 2003 and September 8, 2003. The closure date will be publicized. Library customers will be encouraged to visit the other branches in the district, particularly Main Street, Gerrard/Ashdale and Queen/Saulter. Additional programs will be offered through the Main Street branch including Storytime for preschoolers and school visits. Staff will be redeployed to surrounding branches and elsewhere in the South/West Region.

Conclusion:

Board approval is being requested for an estimated one-year closure of the Beaches Branch.

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