

Scarborough Centre Branch – Update

Date:	March 23, 2009
To:	Toronto Public Library Board
From:	City Librarian

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to update the Board about developments in securing a location for the new Scarborough Centre Branch.

At its meeting on February 9, 2009, the Scarborough Community Council endorsed the Toronto Public Library's proposed Scarborough Centre Branch to be located at 150 Borough Drive and asked the Board to consider the addition of a café/restaurant for this facility.

At its meeting held on February 23, 24 and 25, 2009, Toronto City Council adopted motions requesting the Toronto Parking Authority to consider constructing a parking lot as outlined in the Library's Feasibility Study and to submit the Scarborough Centre Branch Library to the City Manager as a City of Toronto project for funding under the Federal Infrastructure Program.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The project to construct a new 15,000 sq. ft. library branch in the Scarborough Centre area on City-owned land is included in the approved capital budget and scheduled to begin in 2009 for a total cost of \$8.2 million.

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

DECISION HISTORY

As the Board is aware, plans have been underway for a number of years to locate a library branch in the Scarborough Centre area. At its meeting on March 25, 2008, the Board approved locating the proposed Scarborough Centre Branch at 150 Borough Drive, subject to the completion of a satisfactory agreement with the City of Toronto. The report also recommended asking the City to continue to hold the Library's interest in the

nearby McCowan Precinct until the plan for the Library at 150 Borough Drive is confirmed. At its meeting on January 15, 2009, the Board approved continuing to work towards locating the Branch at 150 Borough Drive and forwarded the report to the Scarborough Community Council.

COMMENTS

Now that the preferred site for the Scarborough Centre Branch has been approved, the Library will relinquish its interest in the nearby McCowan Precinct and begin planning for the new library. Staff will continue to work with City staff and the Toronto Parking Authority to address the parking requirements so that the library design process, including the required Heritage Impact Statement, can proceed.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Scarborough Centre Library Branch Proposal Update – Communication from City of Toronto’s City Clerk’s Office dated February 11, 2009