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To: Toronto Public Library Board – April 19, 2004

From: City Librarian

Subject: **Sunday Service – Relocation from Kennedy/Eglinton Branch Library to McGregor Park Branch Library**

Purpose:

To request Toronto Public Library Board approval to transfer Sunday service from the Kennedy/Eglinton Branch to the newly constructed McGregor Park Branch effective September 2004.

Funding Implications and Impact Statement:

There are no financial implications. Funding for Sunday service at McGregor Park Branch will be transferred from the Kennedy/Eglinton Branch budget account.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that the Toronto Public Library Board approve the transfer of Sunday service from Kennedy/Eglinton Branch Library to McGregor Park Branch Library effective September 2004.

Background:

The McGregor Park Branch has been a valued part of the community for over forty years. Since it opened in 1960, the library has served residents living in the Dorset Park, Ionview, and Wexford communities.

In 2002, City Council approved the capital funding to demolish the existing library and construct a new 7,500 square foot library facility in cooperation with the City of Toronto Parks and Recreation Department. The new library will be located within the McGregor Park Community Centre.

Sunday service was introduced at the Kennedy/Eglinton branch in September 2000. Both Kennedy/Eglinton and McGregor Park are in Ward 37–Scarborough Centre. The local councillor has been consulted and supports the change in locations for Sunday service.

Comments:

The \$2.3 million capital project to reconstruct the McGregor Park Branch has been underway since Fall 2003. The new building will open in the summer, and will have enhanced facilities including a comfortable reading lounge, an improved children's area, additional study spaces, computer workstations, and a community room for quiet study and programming.

In addition, library visitors will see the library's improved street presence and building access, clearly defined parking spaces for library customers, including spaces for people with disabilities, and barrier-free access throughout the library.

The new building is more suitable for a higher use on Sundays, as it will:

- promote the use of library services in a building shared with Parks and Recreation (the Community Centre is open on Sundays);
- encourage drop-in library use with a convenient visible location on a major arterial road;
- have a community room for quiet study;
- encourage library use among young families with a children's story area; and
- have an increased number of adult and children's computer workstations.

Residents who normally use Kennedy/Eglinton Branch on Sundays would either travel to the McGregor Park or the Albert Campbell branches. Both these locations are within three kilometers driving distance of the Kennedy/Eglinton Branch.

Conclusion:

Sunday service at the new McGregor Park Branch will mean that there is even greater access to this new facility with its increased study space, computers and enhanced adult, teens and children's areas. The local community will be notified well in advance of the change in Sunday service locations.

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List of Attachments:

Not applicable.