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To: Toronto Public Library Board – January 17, 2004

From: City Librarian

Subject: **Morningside Branch – Closure for Relocation**

Purpose:

To seek Toronto Public Library Board approval for the closure of the Morningside Branch for approximately one year and the provision of bookmobile service for the duration of the closure.

Funding Implications and Impact Statement:

The cost of providing a bookmobile stop during the one-year closure is approximately \$10,300, and this can be accommodated within the operating budget.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Toronto Public Library Board approve the closure of the Morningside Branch for reconstruction for approximately one year, and that bookmobile service be provided for the duration of the closure.

Background:

At its meeting of October 20, 2003, the Library Board approved the relocation of the Morningside Branch from leased space in the Morningside Mall to the nearby community centre site at Heron Park. The Library Board approved the construction of a 7,000 square foot branch on city-owned land at the community centre. The relocation and construction was endorsed by City Council at its March 1, 2004 meeting.

Comments:

The Morningside Branch is scheduled to close for approximately one year commencing March 31, 2005.

The local community is well aware of the relocation and construction plans. There have been three public meetings and five focus group meetings since February 2004. At the last public meeting in November 2004, the architects presented the design plans for the new library.

The public will be notified of the closure and details of the alternate service plans over the next few weeks.

Conclusion:

The closure of the Morningside Branch for approximately one year is required for the relocation and construction of the branch onto city-owned land. Library Board approval is requested for the one-year closure and the provision of bookmobile service for the duration of the closure.

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