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To: Toronto Public Library Board – December 13, 2004

From: City Librarian

Subject: **Long Branch Branch – Closure for Renovation**

Purpose:

To seek Toronto Public Library Board approval for the closure of the Long Branch Branch for approximately one year.

Funding Implications and Impact Statement:

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

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Long Branch Branch be closed for renovation for approximately one year.

Comments:

The Long Branch Branch is scheduled to close for up to one year commencing January 31, 2005 to allow for its renovation.

The local community has been aware of the proposed renovation of the branch since the summer of 2003. Public meetings were held on July 21, 2003 and May 27, 2004. The closure date will be publicized. Library customers will be encouraged to visit the other branches in the district, particularly Alderwood and New Toronto. The demand for additional programs will be assessed and implemented at Alderwood and New Toronto branches as required. Staff will be redeployed to surrounding branches and elsewhere in the South/West Region.

Conclusion:

Board approval is being requested for the closure of the Long Branch Branch for up to one year.

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Not applicable.