



**Resolution #02-184 from the
Toronto Public Library Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, November 25, 2002**

02-184 Toronto Library Board Composition and Expense Reimbursement Status

Moved by M. Ibrahim, seconded by Councillor Feldman, and carried:

That the Toronto Public Library Board:

- (1) *receive the Toronto Library Board Composition and Expense Reimbursement Status report for information; and*
- (2) *provide feedback to the City of Toronto's ABC Ad Hoc Committee concerning the report and the proposals outlined in the report.*

Karen Cooper, Corporate Management and Policy Consultant, Chief Administrator's Office, City of Toronto provided the Board with the ABC Ad Hoc Committee's proposal concerning the Library Board's composition as revised at a Committee meeting on November 22, 2002.

The Board presented Ms. Cooper with the following comments concerning the Committee's report and proposals:

It was requested that:

- * (1) the number of school board citizen representatives remain the same (two nominated by the Toronto District School Board and one nominated by the Toronto District Separate School Board);
- (2) the school boards be asked to comment on the ABC Ad Hoc Committee's proposals relating to the Library Board composition;
- (3) the School Boards be asked to submit a slate of nominees beyond the minimum number required for Council appointment;
- (4) the School Boards' nominees be subject to the same criteria as other citizen members;
- (5) consideration be given to obtaining nominations from the six Community Councils to ensure geographic representation;
- * (6) all nominees for board membership be subject to the same Council endorsement process;
- (7) the current number of eight citizen representatives on the Board be viewed as the minimum number required;
- * (8) the presence of a majority of the board for quorum remain the same.

As well, the Board expressed its support for the Committee's proposal that the number of councillor representatives on the Board be reduced.

*These items are requirements of the *Public Libraries Act*. Changes to the Act, if possible, would involve a lengthy process that would likely infringe on the timetable for implementing the Committee's proposed changes to the Library Board's composition.

Ms. Cooper advised that the Committee's recommendations concerning Expense Reimbursement to Library Board members will be provided as soon as available.