



To: Toronto Public Library Board – February 19, 2001

From: City Librarian

Subject: **Friends of the Toronto Public Library – Amalgamation Agreement**

Purpose:

To seek Toronto Public Library Board approval of the Amalgamation Agreement entered into by the former Friends of Toronto Public Library, and the Friends of the North York Public Library.

Funding Implications and Impact Statement:

There are no immediate or significant funding implications to this proposal. The impact, although not measurable, is in the optics of having only one Friends group working for the greater good of the Library as opposed to identifying themselves by regional boundaries. This allows for membership to be expanded to the east and west without setting up a new structure.

Recommendation:

That the Toronto Public Library Board approve the Amalgamation Agreement with technical modifications now being developed for The Public Guardian and Trustee and The Companies Branch of the Ministry of Consumer and Commercial Relations.

Background:

The Foundation has been working with the Friends of the North York Library and the Friends of Toronto Public Library since shortly after the Library amalgamation in order to develop an acceptable amalgamation agreement. The option of maintaining the status quo was not a viable alternative as it would eventually have led to additional chapters and their resulting administrative structures in, at minimum, the East and West regions.

Both the Friends of North York Public Library and Friends of Toronto Public Library operated as separate entities, separately incorporated and each with their own Boards, Letters Patent and Charitable numbers. Each depended on the Foundation for ongoing administration.

The Amalgamation Agreement was taken to each of the respective Friends groups' Boards and was approved by each in late 2000. The approved agreement was then taken to The Public Guardian and Trustee as well as the Companies Branch for their comment and approval (required approval – governing bodies). Each had some very minor technical comments that are currently being incorporated into the document before final submission. With that final approval, the most

meaningful governing bodies approve the document. The final step will be to take the document to Canada Customs and Revenue Agency for approval. This may take up to six months, but is primarily a formality.

The document is brought to the Board of the Library for approval because the agreement calls for one member of the Board of the new organization to be appointed by the Library. The agreement also exhaustively calls for Library approval for any significant action by the Friends.

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