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To: Toronto Public Library Board – June 9, 2003

From: City Librarian

Subject: **Runnymede Branch Library – Closure for Reconstruction**

Purpose:

To seek Toronto Public Library Board approval for the one-year closure of the Runnymede Branch.

Funding Implications and Impact Statement:

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

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Runnymede Branch be closed for renovation for a period to last approximately one year.

Comments:

The Runnymede Branch is scheduled to close for approximately one year to allow for the demolition of the old addition, construction of a new addition and renovation of the original part of the building.

The local community has been aware of the proposed renovation of the library since last October. Public meetings were held on September 19, 2002 and November 14, 2002. An Open House was held on January 15, 2003. The closure date will be publicized and alternative service plans will be put into place. These include extending hours at the Annette Street Branch to open at 10:00 a.m. weekdays instead of 12:00 p.m. and extending hours at Swansea Memorial Branch to open on Mondays. Additional programs will be offered through both Annette Street and Swansea Memorial including Summer Reading Club, Storytime for preschoolers and school visits. Plans have been made to ensure that multilingual materials are available at appropriate locations for the languages that are part of the Runnymede collection. Staff will be redeployed to surrounding branches and elsewhere in the South/West Region.

Conclusion:

Board approval is being requested for an estimated one-year closure of the Runnymede Branch.

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List of Attachments:

Not applicable.