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Communications Report

Date: February 26, 2024

To: Toronto Public Library Board

From: City Librarian

It is recommended that the Toronto Public Library Board:

1. receives Communication (a) from Gloria Lindsay Luby to TPL Board Members, dated January 30, 2024, regarding the renaming of the Jane/Dundas branch, for information.

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City Librarian

Philippa Williamson

From: Gloria Lindsay Luby
Sent: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 6:11 PM
To: Philippa Williamson
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Subject: Renaming of Jane Dundas Library

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Sent: Tuesday, January 30th 2024, 18:05
Subject: Renaming of Jane Dundas Library

Chair and Members

Toronto Public Library Board,

I am writing to you as the Board will shortly be selecting a Naming Committee which may consider renaming the above library.

My personal history with the Jane St. library goes back many years. I took my toddlers there for the children's programs and activities. It gave me an opportunity to impress upon them the importance of having so many accessible books to broaden their minds. It has been a treasure to have this local, modest sized library which has always been known as the Jane St. library in our community.

My background with libraries also goes back many years. I was appointed a board member of the Metro Toronto Reference Library in its early years. Then, as an Etobicoke Councillor, I sat on the Etobicoke Library Board. And finally, as a City of Toronto Councillor for many years, I continued to support any increase to the library budget as I am a strong advocate of the importance of public libraries. I am proud that Toronto has so many that reach into all corners of our great city.

As some of you reading my letter may not be familiar with this local library or have even seen it, I felt it important to make the following points for your consideration.

1. The library is located at 620 Jane St. with its driveway off Jane. Other than being on a corner of Dundas St., it has no connection to Dundas, so I am unable to fathom why it needed both streets in its name in the first place.
2. It is the only library on Jane St. from Bloor St. to Steeles Ave. so there is no confusion about its location.
3. The Annette and Brentwood libraries also sit on corners but only their street address names are identified.
4. There is minimal cost and disruption to simply change the name to Jane St. library.
5. Maintaining the single name of Jane St. library precludes unnecessary controversy in the community.
6. In the end, it is a small, local library that has existed comfortably in the community for many years.

I trust you will bear these facts in mind when the issue is discussed and make a sound, reasoned decision. Hopefully you will rename the library branch simply the Jane St. Library.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Gloria Lindsay Luby

