

Toronto Public Library Board

Meeting No. 2: Monday, February 25, 2008, from 6:03 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Toronto Reference Library, Beeton Auditorium, 789 Yonge Street, Toronto

Members Present:

Ms. Kathy Gallagher Ross (Chair)
Mr. Okeima Lawrence (Vice Chair)
Ms. Eman Ahmed
Councillor Paul Ainslie
Mr. Adam Chaleff-Freudenthaler
Mr. Matthew Church
Councillor Janet Davis
Ms. Ann Decter
Ms. Tina Edan
Councillor Chin Lee
Councillor Anthony Perruzza
Councillor Adam Vaughan

Regrets:

Ms. Kate Wilson

08-021 Call to Order

Kathy Gallagher Ross called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

08-022 Approval of Agenda

Moved by Councillor Ainslie, seconded by T. Edan, and carried:

That the Toronto Public Library Board:

1. *approves the agenda as revised to:*
 - a. *add a presentation under Agenda Item #7 – Presentations from Toronto Civic Employees Union – Local 416 C.U.P.E. regarding Letter of Understanding #22 – Contracting In/Out and Continuous Improvement – Library Cleaning Services; and*
 - b. *move Agenda Item #11 – Recruitment of a City Librarian, to the beginning of the meeting to accommodate a Board member's schedule.*

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08-023 Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest by members of the Library Board.

08-024 Closed Meeting

At 6:05 p.m., it was:

Moved by Councillor Ainslie, seconded by T. Edan, and carried:

That the Toronto Public Library Board:

1. *conducts a Closed meeting as the subject matter being considered involves labour relations or employee negotiations.*

At 6:30 p.m. the Board resumed its meeting in public.

Confirmation of Closed Meeting Decision

08-025 Recruitment of a City Librarian

Moved by A. Chaleff-Freudenthaler, seconded by E. Ahmed, and carried:

That the Toronto Public Library Board:

1. *adopts the confidential recommendations in Attachment 1; and*
2. *authorizes the release of the approved confidential recommendations at the time that the new City Librarian is appointed.*

08-026 Approval of January 21, 2008 Toronto Public Library Board Meeting Minutes

Moved by A. Chaleff-Freudenthaler, seconded by E. Ahmed, and carried:

That the Toronto Public Library Board:

1. *approves the Minutes of the January 21, 2008 Toronto Public Library Board meeting.*

08-027 Business Arising

There were no Business Arising items at the February 25, 2008 meeting.

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08-028 Chair's Report

1. Keep Toronto Reading:
 - a. Keep Toronto Reading One Book was launched at Toronto Reference Library on February 4. Library Board member Tina Edan welcomed the over 230 people who attended the evening of music, dramatic readings and an interview and book signing with *Consolation* author Michael Redhill.
 - b. A wide range of organizations throughout the city participated in Keep Toronto Reading as partners including Heritage Toronto, Toronto Archives City Museums, CBC and the Toronto Star.
 - c. On February 7, Black History Month was launched with Library Board member Okeima Lawrence bringing greetings from the Board. An impressive group of participants kicked off a month-long showcase of the diverse voices of African/Canadian artists, writers and performers at the event.
 - d. The Book Lover's Ball took place on January 31 with nearly 500 people gathered for great food, fun and a fantastic fashion show.
2. The Toronto Public Library Foundation has been developing a new look and a new way of speaking about the Library to potential funders. The Foundation's new engagement piece – *Toronto's Library - Absolutely Vital* – is designed to capture the attention of city builders who may not realize the many ways the Library contributes to a healthy and prosperous city. A video created for the Foundation that brings this engagement piece to life and that “premiered” at this year's Book Lover's Ball, was shown to the Board.
3. The Children's Design a Bookmark contest celebration took place on February 21st with a crowd of approximately 90 attending a party at North York Central Library to honour the 16 winners whose bookmark designs were chosen for publication by the Library from nearly 6,000 entries.
4. The Jane / Dundas Branch reopened on Monday, February 4 at 1:00 p.m. A total of 1,555 people visited the newly renovated branch on opening day. Prior to the opening, Kids Space mascot, Dewey, met customers queued up on the street, anxious for a look at their newly renovated library.
5. The Woodside Square Branch which reopened on April 30, 2007, has since seen circulation rise. Information questions and branch visits are also up over 30 percent. Computer use is up 180 percent, with an average of 2,000 users per week.

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Chair's Report – continued

6. The Cliffcrest Branch will close on March 1st for approximately one month to move to a new larger location in the same plaza.
7. The following three announcements were made last week by Library partners:
 - a. The Ontario Science Centre announced their participation in MAP;
 - b. Luminato announced the Festival of Short Stories program that the Library will be putting on as part of Luminato;
 - c. The Minister of Culture kicked off Heritage Week by featuring the Ontario Time Machine project, an educational online resource developed jointly by Toronto, Hamilton and Kingston Frontenac public libraries, which features TPL's interactive page-turning technology.
8. The Stratford Festival is presenting a series of lectures at the Toronto Reference Library this spring featuring internationally renowned academic experts talking about their favourite Shakespearian plays.
9. A tour of the New York Public Library's Humanities & Social Sciences Library at Fifth Avenue and 42nd Street was a highlight for the Board Chair on a recent visit to New York City.
9. The 2008 International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) Conference will take place in Quebec City in August. This Canadian location is a rare opportunity for the Toronto Public Library to send a greater number of staff to attend this conference than has been possible in the past.
10. The Canadian library community has been anticipating imminent changes to the copyright legislation, although to-date, nothing has been tabled in Parliament. The library community, representing the interest of all library users, wants to ensure that the principle of "fair dealing" is preserved in any new legislation. The Canadian Library Association is organizing a grassroots advocacy campaign on this issue.

***Moved by A. Chaleff-Freudenthaler, seconded by E. Ahmed, and carried:
That the Toronto Public Library Board:***

1. *receives the Chair's Report for information.*

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08-029 Presentations**Letter of Understanding #22 – Contracting In/Out and Continuous Improvement – Library Cleaning Services**

Rob Rolfe, Library Division Chair; Toronto Civic Employees' Union – Local 416 C.U.P.E. introduced to the Board Brendan Haley, Library Unit Chair, and Andrea Addario, CUPE National Representative.

In response to the recent announcement of the City Librarian's early retirement, Rob Rolfe expressed thanks to Josephine Bryant on behalf of the Union for her dedicated years of service and for the Library's many achievements under her direction.

Andrea Addario advised the Board that the Union will be submitting a proposal under Letter of Understanding #22 of the Collective Agreement to contract in for the Library's Cleaning Services. The Award of Contract for the Library's Cleaning Services is expected to come to the Board for approval at the April meeting.

It was noted that the matter will be discussed at the February 28, 2008 meeting of the Board's Employee and Labour Relations Committee.

Moved by Councillor Perruzza, seconded by T. Edan, and carried:

That the Toronto Public Library Board receives the Toronto Civic Employees' Union – Local 416 presentation on Letter of Understanding #22 – Contracting In/Out and Continuous Improvement – Library Cleaning Services for information.

08-030 Communications

Moved by Councillor Ainslie, seconded by Councillor Davis, and carried:

That the Toronto Public Library Board:

1. *receives the following Communication Item for information:*
 - a. *Letter to T. S. Gill from Kathy Gallagher Ross dated February 8, 2008 concerning his presentation at the Toronto Public Library Board meeting on January 21, 2008 regarding Toronto Public Library's multilingual collections.*

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Items for Approval:**08-031 2008 – 2012 Capital Budget and Plan Adoption**

Moved by A. Chaleff-Freudenthaler, seconded by Councillor Vaughan, and carried:

That the Toronto Public Library Board:

1. *adopts the 2008 – 2012 Capital Budget and Plan, as approved by Council on January 29 and 30, 2008, as shown in Attachments 1 and 2, comprised of:*
 - a. *2008 Budget of \$10.009 million gross (\$12.850 million debt);*
 - b. *2008 Carry-forward from 2007 of \$0.706 million gross (\$0.530 million debt); and*
 - c. *2009 – 2012 Plan of \$77.964 million gross (\$46.000 million debt).*

8-032 2008 and 2009 Fundraising Priorities

Moved by Councillor Davis, seconded by O. Lawrence:

That the Toronto Public Library Board:

1. *adopts the list of 2008 and 2009 fundraising priorities as contained in Attachment 1; and*
2. *submits the list to the Toronto Public Library Foundation for their consideration, and requests that the Foundation review and respond on the funding potential of the identified priority projects.*

Moved in amendment by Councillor Davis, seconded by A. Chaleff-Freudenthaler:

That the Toronto Public Library Board:

1. *defers consideration of Agenda Item #10 – 2008 and 2009 Fundraising Priorities until the April meeting of the Board, and*
2. *requests staff to prepare a Fundraising Policy Framework presentation for the April Board meeting providing sample materials of sponsored programs for the Board.*

Moved an amendment to the amendment by Councillor Vaughan, seconded by A. Decter, and carried:

That the Toronto Public Library Board:

1. *adopts the existing priorities outlined in the list of 2008 and 2009 fundraising priorities as contained in Attachment 1; and;*
2. *defers decisions concerning new priorities pending a Fundraising Policy Framework presentation at the April Board meeting.*

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2008 and 2009 Fundraising Priorities – continued

Councillor Ainslie made a request to Call the Question.

Councillor Perruzza requested that a recorded vote be taken regarding the request to Call the Question.

Recorded Vote:

Yes – 9
Eman Ahmed, Councillor Paul Ainslie, Adam Chaleff-Freudethnaler, Councillor Janet Davis, Ann Decter, Tina Edan, Kathy Gallagher Ross, Okeima Lawrence, Councillor Adam Vaughan
No – 2
Councillor Chin Lee, Councillor Anthony Perruzza

*The request to Call the Question was **carried**.*

For discussion of this item, Kathy Gallagher Ross requested that Okeima Lawrence take the Chair so that she could participate. Kathy Gallagher Ross returned to the Chair to conduct the final voting.

Items for Information:

08-033 2009 Service Planning Process

*Moved by Councillor Davis, seconded by A. Chaleff-Freudenthaler, and **carried**:*

“**WHEREAS** the process and timelines for the service planning for ABCs are difficult for the Toronto Public Library Board to meet in 2008 given the Library's strategic planning timeframe,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City Librarian be requested to communicate to the City Manager about the Library Board's concerns and undertake further discussion on the requirements for the 2009 process.

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08-034 Security Video Surveillance – Annual Report and New Location

Moved by T. Edan, seconded by E. Ahmed:

That the Toronto Public Library Board:

- 1. receives the 2009 Service Planning Process report for information.*

Moved in amendment by A. Chaleff-Freudenthaler, seconded by A. Decter, and carried:

That the Toronto Public Library Board:

- 1. requests that information concerning the number of times security videos are accessed by the police be reported annually to the Board.*

08-035 Kennedy / Eglinton Branch Lease

Moved by Councillor Ainslie, seconded by Councillor Davis, and carried:

That the Toronto Public Library Board:

- 1. receives the Kennedy / Eglinton Branch Lease report for information.*

08-036 Toronto Public Library Board Members – Expenses Paid for 2007

Moved by O. Lawrence, seconded by Councillor Davis, and carried:

That the Toronto Public Library Board:

- 1. receives the Toronto Public Library Board Members – Expenses Paid for 2007 report for information.*

08-037 Other Business

Half-day Board Retreat

On the affirmative vote of a more than two-thirds majority of the members present at the meeting, Tina Edan introduced an Other Business item. She solicited Board members' interest in participating in a half-day retreat for information-sharing purposes. The Board members present indicated their support.

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08-038 Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Perruzza, seconded by A. Chaleff-Freudenthaler, and carried:

That the Toronto Public Library Board:

- 1. adjourns the February 25, 2008 Toronto Public Library Board meeting.*

The meeting ended at 8:30 p.m.

Signed: _____