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Toronto Public Library Board

Meeting No. 7: Monday, October 20, 2003, from 5:07 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Toronto City Hall, Committee Room #2, 100 Queen Street West, Toronto

Members Present:

Ms. Gillian Mason (Chair)
Mr. Bill Booth (Vice Chair)
Councillor Maria Augimeri
Mr. Meyer Brownstone
Mr. Rick Goldsmith
Ms. Mizan Ibrahim
Mr. Mark Nightingale
Councillor Jane Pitfield
Mr. Mitchell Weisberg

Regrets:

Councillor Olivia Chow
Councillor Mike Feldman
Councillor Joe Mihevc
Councillor Denzil Minnan-Wong
Councillor Kyle Rae
Ms. Marjorie Stephenson

03-143 Call to Order

Gillian Mason called the meeting to order at 5:07 p.m. The meeting began at 5:10 p.m. when quorum was achieved.

03-144 Approval of Agenda

*Moved by M. Ibrahim, seconded by M. Brownstone, and carried:
That the agenda be approved.*

03-145 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest by members of the Library Board.

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03-146 Approval of September 15, 2003 Toronto Public Library Board Meeting Minutes*Moved by R. Goldsmith, seconded by M. Ibrahim, and carried:**That the minutes of the September 15, 2003 Toronto Public Library Board meeting be approved.***03-147 Chair's Report**

Gillian Mason reported the following details regarding Library activities:

- (1) On Friday, October 17, the Board/Staff Strategic Planning Steering Committee conducted an all-day planning session. The first Strategic Planning public consultation session is scheduled for Wednesday, October 22 at the Toronto Reference Library. The event, designed to give members of the public an opportunity to determine the Library's future priorities, will be moderated by CityTV's Adam Vaughan. Special guests include: Christopher Hume, Toronto Star; Imre Szeman, Institute on Globalization and the Human Condition, McMaster University; and Hal Niedzviecki, Cultural Critic, Novelist & Founder of Broken Pencil. Price of admission is one good idea for making the Library a better place.
- (2) At *Word on the Street* on September 28, TPL raised over \$1,000 and provided information to members of the public concerning a number of Library programs including cultural events and strategic plan public consultation sessions. Thanks to Meyer Brownstone for his participation.
- (3) At the September meeting of the TPL Foundation Board, Janet McKelvey was appointed Chair and Rick Goldsmith was appointed Vice Chair of the Foundation Board.
- (4) TPL's annual fundraising gala, *A Novel Afternoon*, will take place on Sunday, November 2, starting at noon, at the Granite Club. TVOntario will be honoured as the winner of the annual *Toronto Public Library Celebrates Reading Award*, and as part of the festivities, the popular Reading Rangers will be entertaining.
- (5) A number of new partnerships have recently been developed. One of the latest is with CanStage, Canada's largest contemporary theatre company. By partnering with the *TD Summer Reading Club*, CanStage was able to attract over 300 youngsters to their TD-sponsored summer youth workshops.
- (6) A partnership has also been developed with the Giller Prize organization this year. The *Guess the Giller* contest, which any TPL cardholder can enter at 15 branches or online, will award five winners each a set of the five Giller-nominated books. A number of the publishers are donating Giller short-listed books this year for the Library's collections.

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Chair's Report (continued)

- (7) The *Raise-a-Reader* initiative involved a partnership with the National Post and Canada.com. On September 25, senior Library staff, sold copies of a special literacy edition of the National Post at Yonge and Bloor Streets. Altogether, across the city, \$20,000 was raised. A portion of the proceeds will go to support Library literacy initiatives.
- (8) The Consulate General of India is working with the Gerrard/Ashdale Branch to increase collections through ongoing donations of books and other materials in Hindi, Gujarati and other languages published in India.
- (9) The Osborne Collection's annual *Stubb's Lecture* is scheduled for Thursday, November 6 at 8:00 p.m. American children's literature legend and Newbery Medal winner, Susan Cooper, will be talking about books, children and cities.
- (10) As part of TPL's *On Stage* series, International Film Festival Director Piers Handling will be at TRL on October 24 at 6:00 p.m. to talk about his career in Canadian film. Also as part of the *On Stage* series, political commentator, journalist and speechwriter David Frum will be at TRL on November 4 at 7:30 p.m. to read from and discuss his critically acclaimed book, *The Right Man*.
- (11) *Canadian Children's Book Week* runs from October 29 to November 8. Children's authors and illustrators will be appearing at Library branches across the city.

***Moved by Councillor Augimeri, seconded by M. Weisberg, and carried:
That the Chair's Report be received for information.***

03-148 Presentations

Maureen O'Reilly and Christine Duckworth-Pilkington, representatives of Toronto Civic Employees Union – Local 416 C.U.P.E., addressed the Board concerning the 2004 Operating Budget (Agenda Item #10). They outlined the concerns of their members in connection with the Library's salary gapping targets and the wage harmonization process.

***Moved by M. Ibrahim, seconded by R. Goldsmith, and carried:
That the Toronto Public Library Board receive the Toronto Civic Employees Union – Local 416 C.U.P.E.'s presentation regarding the 2004 Operating Budget for information.***

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03-149 Communications

There were no *Communications* for the October 20 meeting.

Item for Information:**03-150 Operating Budget Monitoring Report – August 31, 2003**

Moved by R. Goldsmith, seconded by B. Booth, and carried:

That the Toronto Public Library Board receive for information the Operating Budget Monitoring Report – August 31, 2003.

Items for Approval:**03-151 2004 Operating Budget**

Larry Hughsam, Director, Finance & Treasurer, provided the Board with a presentation outlining details of the Toronto Public Library's 2004 Operating Budget for submission to the City.

Moved by R. Goldsmith, seconded by M. Ibrahim, and carried:

That the Toronto Public Library Board:

- (1) adopt and forward the 2004 Operating Budget Submission (Attachment 1) to the City for discussion and consideration;*
- (2) receive the Operating Business Case Summary: Reduction Options (Attachment 2) for information only, and forward to the City; and*
- (3) adopt and forward the Organization Charts as of December 31, 2003 and December 31, 2004 (Attachment 3) to the City.*

03-152 Toronto Public Library – TD Summer Reading Club Sponsorship

Moved by Councillor Augimeri, seconded by R. Goldsmith, and carried:

That the Toronto Public Library Board approve:

- (1) the sponsorship agreement with the Toronto-Dominion Bank, as outlined in Attachment 1; and*
- (2) the naming of the Toronto Public Library's summer reading program as the "TD Summer Reading Club".*

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03-153 Morningside Branch Library Relocation*Moved by M. Ibrahim, seconded by B. Booth, and carried:**That:*

- (1) the Toronto Public Library Board approve the relocation and construction of the Morningside Branch Library on City-owned land;*
- (2) Toronto Public Library's 2004 capital budget request be revised accordingly;*
- (3) the public be informed of the plans, and a community consultation plan be developed;*
- (4) the Toronto Public Library Board forward a request to the Chief Financial Officer of the City to seek Council approval for the creation of a capital reserve; and*
- (5) the appropriate staff be authorized and directed to take the necessary actions to give effect hereto.*

03-154 Circulation and Collection Use (including Fees and Fines) Policy*Moved by R. Goldsmith, seconded by M. Brownstone, and carried:**That the Toronto Public Library Board:*

- (1) approve the revisions to the Circulation and Collection Use Policy and that the revised Policy be implemented effective January 1, 2004; and*
- (2) approve the following changes to the Fines Schedule:*
 - (a) increase the daily fine rate for adult materials to \$0.30 per overdue item, and the maximum per item for each loan period to \$12.00 effective January 1, 2004; and*
 - (b) increase the daily fine rate for adult materials to \$0.35 per overdue item, and the maximum per item for each loan period to \$14.00 effective the first quarter of 2005, subject to the outcome of an evaluation of the impact of the 2004 fine increase.*

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03-155 Official Marks for *RAMP* and *Ontario History Quest*

Moved by M. Nightingale, seconded by M. Weisberg, and carried:

That:

- (1) the Toronto Public Library Board register official marks for RAMP and Ontario History Quest; and*
- (2) the appropriate staff be authorized and directed to take the necessary actions to give effect hereto.*

03-156 Absence of Board Members

Moved by R. Goldsmith, seconded by M. Weisberg, and carried:

That Councillor Chow and Councillor Minnan-Wong's absence for three consecutive Board meetings be excused.

03-157 Other Business

There were no *Other Business* items for the October 20 meeting.

03-158 Closed Meeting

At 5:55 p.m., it was:

Moved by M. Ibrahim, seconded by M. Weisberg, and carried:

That the Toronto Public Library Board begin the Closed portion of the October 20, 2003 Library Board meeting.

03-159 Adoption of Actions Taken in Closed Meeting

Moved by M. Weisberg, seconded by M. Ibrahim, and carried:

That the Toronto Public Library Board adopt the actions taken in the Closed portion of the October 20, 2003 Library Board meeting.

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03-160 Adjournment

*Moved by M. Weisberg, seconded by R. Goldsmith, and carried:
That the October 20, 2003 Toronto Public Library Board meeting be
adjourned.*

The meeting ended at 6:00 p.m.

Signed: _____