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Toronto Public Library Board

Meeting No. 2: Monday, February 17, 2003, from 6:05 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Toronto City Hall, Committee Room #2, 100 Queen Street West, Toronto

Members Present:

Ms. Gillian Mason (Chair)
Councillor Maria Augimeri
Mr. Meyer Brownstone
Mr. Rick Goldsmith
Councillor Joe Mihevc
Councillor Denzil Minnan-Wong
Mr. Mark Nightingale
Councillor Jane Pitfield
Councillor Kyle Rae
Marjorie Stephenson
Mitchell Weisberg

Regrets:

Mr. Bill Booth (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Olivia Chow
Councillor Mike Feldman
Ms. Mizan Ibrahim

03-30 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Gillian Mason at 6:05 p.m.

03-31 Approval of Agenda

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

That the Toronto Civic Employees Union – Local 416 C.U.P.E.’s presentation concerning Succession Planning be made during discussion of Agenda Item #12 – Succession Planning (see Minute #03-41).

03-32 Declarations of Interest

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

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03-33 Approval of January 27, 2003 Toronto Public Library Board Meeting Minutes*Moved by R. Goldsmith, seconded by M. Brownstone and carried:**That the minutes of the January 27, 2003 Toronto Public Library Board meeting be approved.***03-34 Business Arising**

There was no business arising.

03-35 Chair's Report

Gillian Mason reported the following details regarding Library activities:

- (1) The recent changes as a result of the Senior Level Organizational Review approved by the Board in November 2002 are being implemented. Anne Bailey became the Director, Branches on February 3. Dan Keon assumed the position of Director, Human Resources on February 3. Larry Hughsam has been in the position of Director, Finance and Treasurer since December.
- (2) David Reddin, Director, North Region, will retire from the Toronto Public Library on February 28 after close to 30 years of service to libraries in Toronto.
- (3) The Toronto Public Library Foundation has secured a \$25,000 donation from the TD Friends of the Environment Foundation for library materials related to the environment.
- (4) An exhibition of *Audubon Images on Stamps* opens on Saturday, February 22 in the TD Gallery at the Toronto Reference Library. The exhibit will feature prints from the rare first edition of Audubon's *The Birds of America* and Audubon stamps from around the world.
- (5) Adrienne Shadd, Afua Cooper and Karolyn Smardz Frost, authors of *The Underground Railroad: Next Stop, Toronto!* were interviewed for CITY-TV as part of a Black heritage series. The authors conducted a considerable amount of research for the book in the Baldwin Room at the Toronto Reference Library. The series is expected to air on City-TV during the last week of February.

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- (6) More than one hundred people attended the Performing Arts Lecture on February 5 with Astrid Janson, set and costume designer. Pianist Anton Kuerti appeared at the Toronto Reference Library on February 17. Art writer and broadcaster Paula Citron will appear on March 3. A recently announced bonus performance will close the series on April 4 with an appearance by comedian Sandra Shamus.
- (7) In honour of Freedom-to-Read Week, the following programs are planned at the Toronto Reference Library:
 - (a) On Wednesday, February 26 beginning at 6:30 p.m., a panel discussion on the theme of *Talking About Terror: Rules of Civil Discourse* with Moderator Andy Barrie will take place. Panel members will include: Brenda Cossman, University of Toronto; Andrew Coyne, National Post, Joel Ruimy, Canadian Journalists for Free Expression, and Margaret Wente from the Globe and Mail.
 - (b) On Friday, February 28, PEN Canada is hosting a fundraiser at TRL. Host June Callwood will lead a discussion on *Coming to Canada – Freedom to Write and Remember* to include writers Michelle Berry, Nino Ricci and Dany Laferri.
 - (c) TPL's annual Children's Bookmark Contest awards will take place on Friday, February 28 at the North York Central Library. Board member Mitchell Weisberg will present contest winners with their awards.

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

That the Chair's Report be received for information.

03-36 Presentations

Toronto Civic Employees Union – Local 416 C.U.P.E's presentation concerning Succession Planning was moved to Agenda Item #12 – *Succession Planning* (see Minute #03-41).

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03-37 Communications*Moved by R. Goldsmith, seconded by M. Brownstone, and carried:**That the Toronto Public Library Board receive Communication Items (a) and (b) for information:*

- (a) *Note to Gillian Mason, Chair, Toronto Public Library Board, dated January 30, 2003 from Susana Molinolo, a participant in TPL's Writer-in-Residence program, expressing appreciation for the program.*
- (b) *Report from Meyer Brownstone regarding his attendance at the Ontario Library Boards' Association's Council meeting on Sunday, February 2, 2003.*

Items for Information:**03-38 2003 Operating and Capital Budgets – Update***Moved by M. Weisberg, seconded by Councillor Rae, and carried:**That the Toronto Public Library Board receive the verbal 2003 Operating and Capital Budgets – Update report for information.*

Larry Hughsam, Director, Finance & Treasurer advised the Board that at a meeting of the Budget Advisory Committee on February 14, an amount of \$200,000 was recommended to be included in TPL's 2003 operating budget as one-time funding for the 2003 American Library Association/Canadian Library Association (ALA/CLA) Conference. The Library's overall increase to the base budget including ALA/CLA conference expenses is 4.2 percent. Reductions to the budget may occur in the area of hydro expenses and the proposed provincial price freeze.

03-39 Ernst & Young Audit Approach 2002 – Toronto Public Library Board*Moved by M. Brownstone, seconded by M. Stephenson, and carried:**That the Toronto Public Library Board receive the Ernst & Young Audit Approach 2002 – Toronto Public Library Board report for information.*

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03-40 Ernst & Young Audit Approach 2002 – Trust Funds of the Toronto Public Library Board

Moved by Councillor Augimeri, seconded by M. Weisberg, and carried:
That the Toronto Public Library Board receive the Ernst & Young Audit Approach 2002 – Trust Funds of the Toronto Public Library Board report for information.

03-41 Succession Planning

Anne Bailey, Director, Branches, reviewed the *Succession Planning* report for the Board.

Maureen O'Reilly, Toronto Civic Employees Union – Local 416 C.U.P.E. outlined for the Board the Union's comments relating to the *Succession Planning* report. Ms. O'Reilly advised that a written response will be provided to the Board at a later date.

Moved by Councillor Rae, seconded by M. Brownstone, and carried
That the Toronto Public Library Board receive the Toronto Civic Employee Union – Local 416 C.U.P.E.'s presentation regarding Succession Planning for information.

Moved by M. Brownstone, seconded by M. Stephenson, and carried:
That the Toronto Public Library Board receive the Succession Planning report for information.

03-42 American Library Association/Canadian Library Association 2003 Conference

Maggie Gosselin, Deputy Chair, ALA/CLA Conference – Local Arrangements Committee, provided the Board with preliminary information concerning programming, event planning and TPL staff participation in connection with the ALA/CLA 2003 Conference to be held in Toronto, June 19 – 25.

It was suggested by Rick Goldsmith that the Toronto Public Library Foundation Board be provided with information concerning fundraising programming to be offered at the ALA/CLA Conference.

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Meyer Brownstone suggested that ALA be advised of the Library Board's plans for a public education program in May 2003 relating to the General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS) and Public Libraries in connection with ALA Conference programming regarding GATS.

Moved by Councillor Minnan-Wong, seconded by Councillor Augimeri, and carried:

That the Toronto Public Library Board receive the verbal American Library Association/Canadian Library Association 2003 Conference report for information.

Item for Approval:**03-43 Bayview Neighbourhood Branch Library – Lease Extension Agreement**

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

That the Toronto Public Library Board approve a lease extension for the Bayview Neighbourhood Branch Library with Select Properties Limited for a period of five (5) years, from February 1, 2007 to January 31, 2012, at an annual base rent of \$189,990 plus common area maintenance charges, repayment of leasehold improvements and net taxes.

Other Business**03-44 Absence of Board Members**

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

That Councillor Chow's absence from four consecutive Board meetings be excused.

Closed Meeting Minutes**03-45 Approval of January 27, 2003 Toronto Public Library Board Closed Meeting Minutes**

Moved by Councillor Minnan-Wong, seconded by R. Goldsmith, and carried:

That the Closed Meeting minutes of the January 27, 2003 Toronto Public Library Board meeting be approved.

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03-46 Adjournment

*Moved by Councillor Minnan-Wong, seconded by R. Goldsmith, and carried:
That the Toronto Public Library Board meeting be adjourned.*

The meeting ended at 7:00 p.m.

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