

**Toronto Public Library Board
Meeting No. 7: Monday, October 16, 2006, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:40 p.m.
Toronto Reference Library, Board Room, 789 Yonge Street, Toronto**

Members Present:

Mr. Bill Booth (Chair)
Dr. Kathy Gallagher Ross (Vice Chair)
Ms. Louise Aspin
Mr. Matthew Church
Councillor Gay Cowbourne
Mr. Murthy Ghandikota
Mr. Okeima Lawrence
Ms. Kate Wilson

Regrets:

Councillor Janet Davis
Ms. Gillian Mason
Councillor Kyle Rae
Councillor Karen Stintz
Councillor Sylvia Watson

06-134 Call to Order

Bill Booth called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

06-135 Approval of Agenda

*Moved by K. Wilson, seconded by M. Ghandikota, and carried:
That the agenda be approved.*

06-136 Declarations of Interest

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

06-137 Approval of September 18, 2006 Toronto Public Library Board Meeting Minutes

*Moved by M. Ghandikota, seconded by M. Church, and carried:
That the minutes of the September 18, 2006 Toronto Public Library Board
meeting be approved.*

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06-138 Business Arising

There were no Business Arising items at the October 16, 2006 meeting.

06-139 Chair's Report

- (1) *Nuit Blanche*, celebrated over September 30 and October 1, was a tremendous success both for the City and for the Library. The event, sponsored by the City of Toronto and Scotia Bank, consisted of all-night exhibitions, live performances and creative programs throughout the city. Although the City had projected an audience of 250,000, approximately 425,000 people participated, with TRL hosting 1,800 young adult visitors over the night. As the overall focus of *Nuit Blanche* was on the arts, the Library focused on arts of particular interest to young people, arts of counter culture: graffiti; break-dancing; cult films and graphic novels.
- (2) The first *Youth Summit* took place at the Toronto Reference Library on September 30. Approximately 120 young people attended, providing overwhelmingly positive feedback for the event. Presentations were made from Free the Children, the Duke of Edinburgh Awards and former Canadian Heavyweight Champion, Spider Jones. Board member Okeima Lawrence attended on behalf of the Board, and provided opening remarks.
- (3) The Library's exhibit at *Word on the Street* drew many visitors, including Mayor David Miller, on September 24.
- (4) A new Youth Advisory Group has been established recently called EYAG (Editorial Youth Advisory Group). The group is attached to the Library's Marketing and Communications Department, providing opportunities for members for more exposure to that field as part of their activities. To date, they have provided valuable input into a recent issue of *Ramp Offline*, provided a youth perspective around the Library's plans for *Word on the Street*, and are also contributing ideas on how to promote the Library's new local music CD collection.
- (5) TPL staff has assisted in the publication of *The Best of the Street* – a small 'zine' of poetry by young people at Evergreen, the Yonge Street Mission's centre for street youth. Four years ago, the Library initiated a creative writing workshop at the centre, and the workshops have continued since with young adult author, Teresa Toten.

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Chair's Report (continued)

- (7) For the fourth year, TPL is participating in the nation-wide *Guess the Giller* contest. Fifteen other large urban Canadian library systems are participating this year, including Calgary, Winnipeg, Montreal and Halifax. Giller Award-nominated books are displayed at every TPL branch. The contest is an opportunity for the Library to highlight great Canadian writing in general. TPL staff will deliver webcam reviews on each title on the Library's website.
- (8) The Library has recently produced a new booklist of 'lifechanging' books, *100 Memorable Reads*; a very popular handout at *Word on the Street* this year. Plans are in place for another edition filled with suggestions from the public.
- (9) Staff received positive comments at the first community consultation for the relocation and expansion of Woodside Square branch in September. Architects Bruce Stratton and Prudence Kwan were in attendance to display the floor-plan, the plan for the front façade and to answer questions.
- (10) TPL is one of seven libraries shortlisted for the Ontario Minister of Culture's *Award for Innovation* for two publications, *Research Ate My Brain* and *The Research Virtuoso*. The award recognizes new ideas in public library service.

***Moved by K. Gallagher Ross, seconded by M. Ghandikota, and carried:
That the Chair's Report be received for information.***

06-140 Presentations

There were no Presentations at the October 16, 2006 meeting.

06-141 Communications

Moved by K. Gallagher Ross, seconded by K. Wilson, and carried:

That the Toronto Public Library Board receive Communication Item (a) for information:

- (a) *Letter to William Booth, Chair, Toronto Public Library Board, dated September 22, 2006, from Shirley Hoy, City Manager, City of Toronto, in response to his letter of September 19, advising of an amendment to the staff recommendations regarding the timing of appointments in the City of Toronto Policy and Processes for Public Appointments and Nominations to City Agencies, Boards, Commissions and Corporations and External Special Purpose Bodies report.*

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Item for Information:

06-142 Capital Budget Monitoring Report – June 30, 2006

Moved by L. Aspin, seconded by M. Ghandikota, and carried:

That the Toronto Public Library Board receive the Capital Budget Monitoring Report – June 30, 2006 for information.

Items for Approval:

06-143 2007 Operating Base Budget Request

Josephine Bryant, City Librarian, provided the Board with an overview of the Library's 2007 operating base budget request.

Moved by K. Gallagher Ross, seconded by O. Lawrence, and carried:

That the Toronto Public Library Board adopt the 2007 Operating Base Budget Request of \$151.058 million net (\$165.243 million gross), representing a 4.6 percent net increase over the 2006 approved operating budget, which has been provided to the City for discussion and consideration.

06-144 2007 – 2011 Capital Budget - Update

Larry Hughsam, Director, Finance and Treasurer, advised the Board that after meeting with the City Manager and the City's Chief Financial Officer on October 3, there are no outstanding issues in connection with the 2007 – 2011 capital budget. Discussions with the Budget Advisory Committee will begin in the new year.

Moved by Councillor Cowbourne, seconded by K. Gallagher Ross, and carried:

That the Toronto Public Library Board receive the 2007 – 2011 Capital Budget - Update verbal report for information.

06-145 Site for Waterfront Branch in the Railway Lands Area

Moved by K. Gallagher Ross, seconded by L. Aspin, and carried:

That the Toronto Public Library Board approve the location of the Waterfront branch in Block 36 at the corner of Bathurst Street and Fort York Boulevard, subject to the successful completion of a satisfactory partnership agreement with Toronto Community Housing Corporation.

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06-146 Woodside Square Branch – Aware of Tender

Moved by Councillor Cowbourne, seconded by K. Wilson, and carried:

That:

- (1) the Toronto Public Library Board award a contract to the lowest bidder, Brown Daniels Associates Inc., for the relocation of the Woodside Square branch, at a cost of \$958,949.67; and*
- (2) the appropriate Library officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.*

06-147 Integrated Library System Servers, Racks and Switches – Award of Tender

Moved by K. Gallagher Ross, seconded by O. Lawrence, and carried:

That the:

- (1) Toronto Public Library Board award the purchase of servers, racks and switches to the lowest bidder, ONX Enterprise Solutions Inc., at a cost of \$733,848; and*
- (2) appropriate Library officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.*

06-148 Other Business

There were no Other Business items for the October 16, 2006 meeting.

06-149 Closed Meeting

At 6:52 p.m., it was:

Moved by M. Church, seconded by M. Ghandikota, and carried:

That the Toronto Public Library Board conduct a Closed meeting as the subject matters being considered concern personal matters about identifiable individuals.

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06-150 Adoption of Closed Meeting Actions

At 7:40 p.m., it was:

Moved by M. Ghandikota, seconded by K. Gallagher Ross, and carried:

That the Toronto Public Library Board adopt the actions taken in the October 16, 2006 Closed meeting.

06-151 Adjournment

Moved by M. Church, seconded by O. Lawrence, and carried:

That the October 16, 2006 Toronto Public Library Board meeting be adjourned.

The meeting ended at 7:40 p.m.

Signed: _____