

**Toronto Public Library Board**

**Meeting No. 2: Monday, February 20, 2006, from 6:07 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.**

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

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**Members Present:**

Mr. Bill Booth (Chair)  
Dr. Kathy Gallagher Ross (Vice Chair)  
Ms. Louise Aspin  
Mr. Matthew Church  
Councillor Janet Davis  
Mr. Okeima Lawrence  
Councillor Karen Stintz  
Councillor Sylvia Watson

**Regrets:**

Councillor Gay Cowbourne  
Ms. Gillian Mason  
Mr. Murthy Ghandikota  
Councillor Kyle Rae  
Ms. Kate Wilson

**06-030 Call to Order**

Bill Booth called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

**06-031 Approval of Agenda**

*Moved by M. Church, seconded by Councillor Stintz, and carried:  
That the agenda be approved.*

**06-032 Declarations of Interest**

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

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**06-033 Approval of January 16, 2006 Toronto Public Library Board Meeting Minutes***Moved by L. Aspin, seconded by K. Gallagher Ross, and carried:**That the minutes of the January 16, 2006 Toronto Public Library Board meeting be approved.***06-034 Business Arising**

There were no Business Arising items at the February 20, 2006 meeting.

**06-035 Chair's Report**

- (1) On January 27, Mayor Miller launched *Keep Toronto Reading* at a news conference with Margaret Atwood at the Toronto Reference Library. On February 1, Tina Srebotnjak from TVOntario's *Imprint*, hosted a lively panel discussion on inspirational books and reading experiences. Councillor Kyle Rae introduced the participants.
- (2) Recent Library media coverage included an article in the January 28 edition of *The Globe and Mail* concerning *Keep Toronto Reading*. The Toronto Star produced a special *Keep Toronto Reading* program supplement in the January 28 edition of the paper. On February 4, the Toronto Star ran an article regarding the growing success of the Toronto Public Library. The Library has also received coverage on CBC Radio and television. *Canada Reads* event, at the Toronto Reference Library on February 17, will be broadcasted on CBC Radio's *Here and Now* program at a future date.
- (3) The *Book Lover's Ball* on February 16 was attended by more than 400 guests, including several Board Members. The event was a tremendous success. The level of awareness to the Library's services has been raised, and the stage is set for ongoing events in the future.
- (4) As part of *Keep Toronto Reading*, PEN Canada will host an event for *Freedom to Read Week* on February 24 at the Toronto Reference Library. John Ralston Saul will host the event, where exiled writers will read from their works. Jian Ghomeshi, Christopher Waddell and Haroon Siddiqui will participate as well. More information regarding *Keep Toronto Reading* and the *Book Lover's Ball* will be available in the March issue of *ShelfLife*.
- (5) Several improvements to the Library's electronic services have occurred recently including the provision of a comprehensive French encyclopedia, *Hachette Multimédia*, now available in all TPL branches via the website with a Library card.

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**Chair's Report - continued**

- (6) Improvements in public workstations have led to increasing multilingual options. TPL patrons can now search the Web and type e-mail messages in 33 languages including Arabic, Bengali, Chinese, Farsi and German. These languages reflect Toronto's multicultural mix, and are among the most popular languages from census and circulation statistics. *Web Resources for Newcomers* is the latest addition to the Library's internal training program.
- (7) Several existing online databases have recently been made available to home users, with a Library card.
- (8) *Kids' Space* on the Library's website will soon be completely renovated. A demonstration of *Kids' Space* will be provided at the March Board meeting.
- (9) Liz Hoffman, a former Board Chair of the former Toronto Public Library, passed away on January 27 in Winnipeg. Liz was a member of TPL's Board from 1981 to 1989, serving as Chair for 1983 and 1984. She made many contributions, over the course of 20 years, to Canada's public library system. She chaired, or contributed to, many committees, boards and councils, provincially and nationally, and was a past president of the Ontario Public Library Association. The Ontario Library Association joined with her family in Toronto on February 11, to hold a remembrance and celebration of her life.

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

**06-036 Presentations**

There were no presentations at the February 20, 2006 meeting.

**06-037 Communications**

*Moved by O. Lawrence, seconded by L. Aspin, and carried:*

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

- (a) *Letter to Josephine Bryant, City Librarian, dated February 1, 2006, from Marilyn Daniel-Awong, President, Trinidad & Tobago Association of Ontario, expressing support for the naming of the Black and Caribbean Heritage Collection at the Toronto Public Library after Dr. Rita Cox.*

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**Items for Information:****06-038 2006 Operating Budget – Update – Verbal**

Josephine Bryant, City Librarian, advised that the Library's operating base budget reduction target was revised to \$335,000 at Budget Advisory Committee meeting on February 6, 2006. No service reductions are expected as a result of this change. The budget review process continues until the end of March.

The following items were tabled in connection with the *2006 Operating Budget – Update*:

- (a) Memo to the Heads of Agencies, Boards and Commissions from the City Manager dated February 6, 2006 concerning 2006 Cost Containment Measures and Hiring Freeze Saving Target Allocation;
- (b) City of Toronto – 2006 Operating Budget – Allocation of Additional Adjustments.

***Moved by K. Gallagher Ross, seconded by M. Church, and carried:  
That the Toronto Public Library Board receive the verbal 2006 Operating Budget - Update for information.***

**06-039 Bookmobile Schedule – 2006**

***Moved by K. Gallagher Ross, seconded by L. Aspin, and carried:  
That the Toronto Public Library Board receive the Bookmobile Schedule – 2006 report for information.***

**06-040 Auditor General's Fines and Income Cash Collection Process Review – Terms of Reference**

***Moved by K. Gallagher Ross, seconded by L. Aspin, and carried:  
That the Toronto Public Library Board receive the Auditor General's Fines and Income Cash Collection Process Review – Terms of Reference report for information.***

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**06-041 Toronto Public Library Board Members' Remuneration and Expenses for 2005**

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

*That the Toronto Public Library Board receive the Toronto Public Library Board Members' Remuneration and Expenses for 2005 report for information.*

**Items for Approval:**

**06-042 Integrated Library System – Award of Contract**

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

*That:*

- (1) the Toronto Public Library Board award the contract to SirsiDynix to supply the Integrated Library System for Toronto Public Library, at a capital cost of \$705,390 and associated ongoing annual operating support and license fees for SirsiDynix software of \$362,753 subject to annual inflationary increases;*
- (2) staff be authorized to negotiate with SirsiDynix to add or delete products for services resulting from operational needs, subject to budget availability; and*
- (3) the appropriate Library staff be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.*

**Other Business**

**06-043 OMERS/Bill 206 Potential Labour Disruption**

*At 6:28 p.m., it was:*

*Moved by Councillor Davis, seconded by K. Gallagher-Ross, and carried:*

*That the Toronto Public Library Board conduct a Closed meeting as the subject matter being considered concerns labour relations.*

**06-044 Adoption of Closed Meeting Actions**

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

*That the Toronto Public Library Board adopt the actions taken in the February 20, 2006 Closed meeting.*

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**06-045 Adjournment**

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

*That the February 20, 2006 Toronto Public Library Board meeting be adjourned.*

The meeting ended at 6:45 p.m.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_