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Toronto Public Library Board

Meeting No. 8: Monday, September 24, 2001, from 6:06 p.m. to 7:58 p.m.

Board Room, 789 Yonge Street, Toronto

Members Present:

Ms. Gillian Mason (Chair)
Mr. Rick Goldsmith (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Maria Augimeri*
Mr. William Booth
Mr. Meyer Brownstone
Councillor Denzil Minnan-Wong
Mr. Mark Nightingale
Councillor Jane Pitfield
Ms. Marjorie Stephenson

Regrets:

Councillor Olivia Chow
Councillor Mike Feldman
Ms. Lillian Knight
Councillor Joe Mihevc
Councillor Kyle Rae
Mr. Mitchell Weisberg

* for part of the meeting only

Staff Present:

Ms. Josephine Bryant, City Librarian
Ms. Anne Bailey, Director, South Region
and Acting Director, Human Resources
Ms. Suzanna Birchwood, Director,
Marketing & Communications
Ms. Jennifer Blunt, Director, Development
Ms. Vickery Bowles, Director, East Region
Ms. Nancy Chavner, Director, West Region
Mr. Ron Dyck, Director, Information
Technology & Bibliographic Services
Ms. Linda Mackenzie, Director,
Research and Reference
Ms. Jane Pyper, Director, Service Planning &
Support
Mr. David Reddin, Director, North Region
Mr. Larry Hughsam, Acting Director,
Administration
Mr. Bruce Barnett, Senior Manager, Facilities
Mr. Dan Keon, Senior Manager, Human
Resources

01-133 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Gillian Mason at 6:06 p.m.

01-134 Approval of Agenda

*Moved by R. Goldsmith, seconded by M. Nightingale, and carried:
That the agenda be approved.*

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01-135 Declarations of Interest

Rick Goldsmith declared a conflict of interest regarding Agenda Item #18 – Award of Contract – Bookmobile in that as a KPMG professional he has provided services to McNabb Bus Sales, and that he may be required to propose on additional work in this same capacity in the future.

01-136 Approval of June 25, 2001 Toronto Public Library Board Meeting Minutes

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

That the minutes of the June 25, 2001 Toronto Public Library Board meeting be approved.

01-137 Business Arising

There was no business arising.

Presentations

01-138 There were no public presentations.

01-139 Communications

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

That the Toronto Public Library Board receive Communications Items (a) – (k) for information:

- (a) Letter from Councillor Chris Korwin-Kuczynski, dated June 19, 2001, to Gillian Mason, Chair, Toronto Public Library Board, congratulating her as the new Chair of the Toronto Public Library Board.
- (b) Letter from Councillor Chris Korwin-Kuczynski, dated June 19, 2001, to Rick Goldsmith, Vice-Chair, Toronto Public Library Board, congratulating him as the new Vice-Chair of the Toronto Public Library Board.
- (c) Letter from Councillor David Miller, dated June 20, 2001, to Gillian Mason, Chair, Toronto Public Library Board, congratulating her as the new Chair of the Toronto Public Library Board.

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Communications (continued)

- (d) *Letter from Jeffrey A. Adams, Acting City Clerk, dated July 5, 2001, to Josephine Bryant, City Librarian, confirming Rick Goldsmith's appointment to the Toronto Public Library Board as a representative of the Toronto Catholic District School Board.*
- (e) *E-Mail message from John Wilson, dated July 17, 2001 to Nancy Marshall requesting permission to speak to the Toronto Public Library Board at its meeting of September 24, 2001 regarding TPL's 2001 Strategic Plan Review.*
- (f) *Letter from Councillor Frank Di Giorgio, dated July 31, 2001, to Rick Goldsmith, Toronto Public Library Board, asking the Board to consider a citizen's suggestion that the Toronto Reference Library be renamed after the late Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau.*
- (g) *Response from Gillian Mason, Chair, Toronto Public Library Board, dated September 17, 2001, to Councillor Frank Di Giorio concerning a citizen's suggestion that the Toronto Reference Library be renamed after the late Prime Minister Pierre Elliot Trudeau.*
- (h) *Letter from The Honourable Tim Hudak, Minister, Tourism, Culture and Recreation, received on July 26, 2001, to Josephine Bryant, City Librarian, announcing the Ministry's 2001 operating grant to the Toronto Public Library in the amount of \$4,127,362 including a 2001-2002 pay equity payment.*
- (i) *Letter from Josephine Bryant, City Librarian, dated August 2, 2001, to The Honourable Tim Hudak, Minister, Tourism, Culture and Recreation, thanking the Minister on behalf of the Toronto Public Library for the 2001 operating grant.*
- (j) *Letter from The Honourable Tim Hudak, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Recreation, received on July 26, 2001, to Josephine Bryant, City Librarian, announcing the Ministry's 2001 grant to the Toronto Public Library for the development and operation of the Virtual Reference Library in the amount of \$1,446,565.*
- (k) *Letter from Josephine Bryant, City Librarian, dated August 2, 2001, to The Honourable Tim Hudak, Minister, Tourism, Culture and Recreation, thanking the Minister on behalf of the Toronto Public Library for the 2001 grant for the development and operation of the Virtual Reference Library.*

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01-140 Chair's Report – TPL Summer Activity

Gillian Mason reported on a number of TPL activities that occurred over the summer including:

- (a) the successful *Summer Reading Club*, *English Can Be Fun*, and *Leading to Reading* programs;
- (b) the *Art of the Illustrator* and *All Aboard Toronto* exhibits in the Canada Trust Gallery at the Toronto Reference Library; and
- (c) the opening of the Eatonville Library on September 13, 2001.

The Chair noted several upcoming fall events at the Library including:

- (a) the Performing Arts Lecture Series beginning on Friday, September 28 at 7:30 p.m. at the Toronto Reference Library with the appearance of Richard Bradshaw, General Director, Canadian Opera Company;
- (b) the celebration of the 30th anniversary of the Library's famous Arthur Conan Doyle and Sherlock Holmes collections at the Toronto Reference Library. To honour the occasion, TPL is hosting *Footprints of the Hound*, an international symposium of the works of Conan Doyle;
- (c) *A Novel Afternoon*, the TPL Foundation's gala luncheon to raise funds for the Library's literacy programs. At this event the creators of the beloved storybook character, *Franklin the Turtle*, will be honoured;
- (d) Toronto's Annual Book and Magazine Festival, *Word on the Street*, in which TPL will be participating. The event will take place on September 30, 11:00 – 6:00 p.m. on Queen Street West; and
- (e) On October 15, Mayor Mel Lastman will proclaim the week of October 15 – 20, 2001 as Public Library Week in Toronto.

It was:

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

That the Chair's Report – TPL Summer Activity be received for information.

01-141 Motion of Which Notice has been Previously Given– Location of Toronto Public Library Board Meetings

Gillian Mason called upon the *Motion of Which Notice has been Previously Given – Location of Toronto Public Library Board Meetings* for consideration:

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Motion of Which Notice has been Previously Given (continued)

Moved by: M. Weisberg

Seconded by: G. Mason

“WHEREAS the Toronto Public Library Board has had difficulty in attaining a quorum for meetings due in part to the conflicting priorities of the Councillor members of the Board; and

WHEREAS Agencies, Boards and Commissions of the City are using space available at City Hall for public meetings;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the location of meetings of the Toronto Public Library Board be moved to Toronto City Hall, 100 Queen Street West.”

The motion was *carried*.

Items for Information:

01-142 Operating Budget Monitoring Report – July 31, 2001

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

That the Toronto Public Library Board receive for information the Operating Budget Monitoring Report – July 31, 2001.

01-143 Award of Contracts – Summer Recess

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

That the Toronto Public Library Board receive for information the Award of Contracts – Summer Recess report.

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01-144 Toronto Public Library: Public Opinion Research – September 2001: Results and Next Steps*Moved by R. Goldsmith, seconded by W. Booth, and carried:**That the Toronto Public Library Board receive for information the Toronto Public Library: Public Opinion Research – September 2001: Results and Next Steps report.*

Michael Sullivan, Partner, Strategic Counsel, presented to the Board the results of the the public opinion research conducted on behalf of the Toronto Public Library by Strategic Counsel in May 2001.

After considerable discussion the Board directed staff:

- (a) in light of the results of the survey to consider TPL's *Strategic Plan*;
- (b) to consider a method for communicating the positive results of the survey throughout the 2002 budget approval process.

During October, TPL staff will conduct an intercept survey of 1,450 Library users to expand upon the findings of the public opinion research. The results will be reported to the Board at a later date.

01-145 Annual Performance Measures – Additional Information on Canadian and Multilingual Materials*Moved by Councillor Pitfield, seconded by Councillor Augimeri, and carried:**That the Toronto Public Library Board receive for information the Annual Performance Measures – Additional Information on Canadian and Multilingual Materials report.***01-146 St. James Town Building Project***Moved by Councillor Pitfield, seconded by R. Goldsmith, and carried:**That the Toronto Public Library Board receive for information the St. James Town Building Project report.*

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*Moved by Councillor Pitfield, seconded by M. Brownstone, and carried:
That the Toronto Public Library Board receive for information the Ontario Public Library Week report.*

Items for Approval:**01-148 2002 Capital and Operating Budgets – Process and Timetable**

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

That the Toronto Public Library Board:

- (1) Receive the 2002 Capital and Operating Budgets – Process and Timetable report for information; and*
- (2) Strike a Sub-Committee of the Board consisting of the Chair, Vice-Chair, and three members including one Councillor, to provide direction and guidance to staff during the 2002 budget process.*

In addition to Gillian Mason and Rick Goldsmith, Bill Booth and Meyer Brownstone volunteered to participate on the Board's 2002 Budget Process Sub-Committee. The Chair will contact Councillor Board members to request an additional volunteer for the Sub-Committee.

The City Librarian noted that all Board members will be notified of the meetings of the Sub-Committee and all are welcome to attend.

01-149 Lease Renewal Agreement – Steeles Neighbourhood Branch Library

Moved by M. Stephenson, seconded by W. Booth, and carried:

That the Toronto Public Library Board approve a lease renewal for the Steeles Neighbourhood Branch Library with RioCan, Real Estate Investment Trust for a period of five (5) years at an annual lease cost of \$122,464 which includes common area maintenance and GST.

It was requested that a letter be sent from the Board to staff in the City of Toronto's Real Estate Department thanking them for their assistance in negotiating a reduced rate for the Steeles Neighbourhood Branch Library's annual lease.

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01-150 Award of Contract – Bookmobile

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

That the Toronto Public Library Board approve that staff enter into contract negotiations with McNabb Bus Sales for the supply of a bookmobile at a price not to exceed \$278,875.

01-151 Visual Identity Program Implementation Launch

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

That the Toronto Public Library Board review and approve the Visual Identity Program Implementation and Launch Plans.

01-152 The New National Dream: Networking the Nation for Broadband Access – Report of the National Broadband Task Force

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

That the Toronto Public Library Board:

- (1) Receive for information The New National Dream: Networking the Nation for Broadband Access – Report of the National Broadband Task Force; and*
- (2) Express its support for the findings of the Report of the Broadband Task Force.*

Other Business**01-153 Absence of Board Members**

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

That Councillor Olivia Chow's absence from four consecutive Toronto Public Library Board meetings be excused.

01-154

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

That Councillor Mike Feldman's absence from three consecutive Toronto Public Library Board meetings be excused.

The Board requested that the Chair contact Councillors Chow and Feldman regarding their absences.

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01-155 In Camera Meeting

At 7:55 p.m. it was:

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

That the Toronto Public Library Board meet In Camera due to the discussion of subjects being considered where the Board is of the opinion that intimate financial matters and/or personal matters may be disclosed at the meeting.

At 7:58 p.m. the Board resumed the meeting in Public Session.

01-156 *Moved by R. Goldsmith, seconded by W. Booth, and carried:*

That the Library Board adopt the actions taken in the In Camera session.

01-157 Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Pitfield, seconded by M. Nightingale, and carried:

That the Toronto Public Library Board meeting be adjourned.

The meeting ended at 7:58 p.m.

Signed: _____