



## MINUTES

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### Toronto Public Library Board

Meeting No. 2: Monday, February 4, 2002, from 6:03 p.m. to 7:43 p.m.  
Toronto City Hall, Committee Room #2, 100 Queen Street West, Toronto

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#### Members Present:

Ms. Gillian Mason (Chair)  
Councillor Maria Augimeri  
Mr. Bill Booth  
Mr. Meyer Brownstone  
Councillor Olivia Chow  
Ms. Lillian Knight  
Councillor Joe Mihevc  
Mr. Mark Nightingale  
Councillor Jane Pitfield  
Mr. Mitchell Weisberg

#### Regrets:

Mr. Rick Goldsmith (Vice-Chair)  
Councillor Mike Feldman  
Councillor Denzil Minnan-Wong  
Councillor Kyle Rae  
Ms. Marjorie Stephenson

#### 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. 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

#### 02-22 Call to Order

Gillian Mason called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. The meeting began at 6:08 p.m. when quorum was achieved.

#### 02-23 Approval of Agenda

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

#### 02-24 Declarations of Interest

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

#### 02-25 Approval of January 21, 2002 Toronto Public Library Board Meeting Minutes

*Moved by B. Booth, seconded by M. Weisberg, and carried:  
That the minutes of the January 21, 2002 Toronto Public Library Board  
meeting be approved.*

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**02-26 Business Arising**

There was no business arising.

**02-27 Presentations**

Mr. Hing Poon, President, SynreVoice Technologies Inc. addressed the Board concerning Agenda Item #11 – *Voice Based Application – Award of Request for Proposal*.

It was decided to move Agenda Item #11 – *Voice Based Application – Award of Request for Proposal* to Agenda Item #7 for continuity of discussion

**Item for Approval:**

**02-28 Voice Based Application – Award of Request for Proposal**

*Moved by M. Brownstone, seconded by Councillor Mihevc,  
That the Toronto Public Library Board approve that staff enter into contract negotiations with TalkingTech.com Ltd. for the Voice Based Application at a price not to exceed \$321,208.50, taxes included (GST 3%).*

The Director, Information Technology and Bibliographic Services, summarized for the Board the process to issue a Request for Proposal for a Voice Based Application which has led to the recommendation for the Board's consideration.

At 6:41 p.m. it was:

*Moved by Councillor Chow, seconded by M. Weisberg, and carried:  
That the Board's discussion concerning Voice Based Application – Award of Request for Proposal be held In-Camera due to the potential disclosure of evaluation details relating to Section 11.14(4) of RFP TPL 014/2001.*

At 7:20 p.m. the Board resumed the meeting in public session.

The motion was **carried**.

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**02-29 Communications**

*Moved by M. Weisberg, seconded by Councillor Pitfield, and carried:*

*That the Toronto Public Library Board refer Communication Item (a) to staff for response attaching a copy of the Board's decision regarding the Auditorium, Meeting Room and Theatre Rental Policy.*

(a) *Memo from Councillor Joe Mihevc, dated January 17, 2002, to Josephine Bryant, City Librarian, attaching a letter for distribution to the Toronto Public Library Board from Peter Mutchler regarding the Library's harmonized room booking policy.*

**02-30 Chair's Report**

Gillian Mason reported the following details regarding Library activities:

- (a) The Toronto Star Newspaper Centre has experienced a significant increase in use since reopening in late 2001. Before renovation, an average of 1,500 individuals used the Centre on a weekly basis; since renovation, the average has risen to 1,800 users per week.
- (b) TPL's on-line and in-house Performing Arts collection has been strengthened recently with several new commitments including a donation of Al Waxman original memorabilia.
- (c) Friends of the Toronto Public Library raised more than \$53,000 in 2001 at *Book Ends* in the North York Central Library. The funds will be directed to the Leading-to-Reading program.
- (d) The Author Series continues with upcoming readings by Alan Cumyn, David Gilmour and Rosemary Sullivan.
- (e) Members of the Toronto Raptors visited the Lillian H. Smith Library in late January to name *Bud, Not Buddy* the book for all young people to read for *Black History Month*.
- (f) Christopher Paul Curtis will read from his Newbery award-winning book *Bud, Not Buddy* at the Bloor/Gladstone Library on February 22.
- (g) Mitchell Weisberg presented the winners of the Laurentian Design-a-Bookmark Contest with prizes at the North York Central Library on January 29.
- (h) Ontario Library Association's President's Award for Exceptional Achievement was awarded to the Toronto Public Library in recognition of leadership shown in meeting the challenge of amalgamation.
- (i) TPL's Internet gateway *Historicity* received the Ontario Library Information Technology Association's 2002 Technological Innovation Award.

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**Chair's Report (continued)**

(j) Freedom to Read Week will be recognized at the Library with a number of events including a panel discussion moderated by CBC's Erica Ritter on the Impact of Terrorism on Freedom of Expression to be held at the Toronto Reference Library on February 27.

***Items for Information:***

**02-31 2002 Operating and Capital Budgets – Update (Verbal)**

The Acting Director, Administration, tabled a document requested by Councillor David Shiner, Chair, Budget Advisory Committee, showing a Capital Budget scenario for 2002 to 2006 based on a fixed funding envelope of \$12 million per year. The scenario outlines projects totaling \$60.697 million over the five-year period.

Councillor Chow requested that a list of all projects which have been deferred as a result of the fixed funding envelope along with details concerning the impact of the deferrals be included with the material sent to Councillor Shiner.

***Moved by Councillor Chow, seconded by B. Booth, and carried:***

***That the Toronto Public Library Board receive the verbal 2002 Operating and Capital Budgets – Update for information.***

**02-32 Student Outreach Initiative**

***Moved by Councillor Augimeri, seconded by B. Booth, and carried:***

***That the Toronto Public Library Board receive the Student Outreach Initiative report for information.***

***Item for Approval:***

**02-33 Maria A. Shchuka District Library – Closure for Reconstruction**

***Moved by M. Weisberg, seconded by B. Booth, and carried:***

***That the Maria A. Shchuka Library be closed for its reconstruction as of March 2, 2002 for a period to last approximately one year.***

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**02-34    Moved by B. Booth, seconded by M. Brownstone, and carried:**  
*That the Library Board adopt the actions taken in the In Camera session.*

**02-35    Adjournment**

**Moved by M. Nightingale, seconded by M. Brownstone, and carried:**  
*That the Toronto Public Library Board meeting be adjourned.*

The meeting ended at 7:43 p.m.

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