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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

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 Laurentien 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.

Signed: _____