

Toronto Public Library Board

Meeting No. 10: Monday, November 12, 2007, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:55 p.m.

Toronto Reference Library, Board Room, 789 Yonge Street, Toronto

Members Present:

Ms. Kathy Gallagher Ross (Chair)

Mr. Matthew Church (Vice Chair)

Councillor Paul Ainslie

Mr. Adam Chaleff-Freudenthaler

Councillor Janet Davis

Ms. Ann Decter

Ms. Tina Edan

Mr. Okeima Lawrence

Councillor Chin Lee

Councillor Adam Vaughan

Regrets:

Ms. Eman Ahmed

Councillor Anthony Perruzza

Ms. Kate Wilson

07-183 Call to Order

Kathy Gallagher Ross called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

07-184 Approval of Agenda

Moved by M. Church, seconded by A. Chaleff-Freudenthaler, and carried:

That the Toronto Public Library Board:

1. *approves the agenda as revised to:*

- (a) *move Agenda Item #14 – Toronto Public Library Foundation - Overview to the beginning of the meeting to accommodate guests for this item; and*
- (b) *include a presentation by representatives of Toronto Civic Employees Union – Local 416 C.U.P.E. regarding Agenda Item #12 – Adjustment of Branch Open Hours – Jane / Dundas, S. Walter Stewart and Woodside Square.*

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07-185 Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest by members of the Library Board.

07-186 Approval of October 15, 2007 Toronto Public Library Board Meeting Minutes

*Moved by Councillor Ainslie, seconded by A. Chaleff-Freudenthaler, and carried:
That the Toronto Public Library Board:*

1. *approves the Minutes of the October 15, 2007 Toronto Public Library Board meeting.*

07-187 Approval of October 15, 2007 Toronto Public Library Board Closed Meeting Minutes

*Moved by A. Chaleff-Freudenthaler, seconded by Councillor Lee, and carried:
That the Toronto Public Library Board:*

1. *approves the Minutes of the October 15, 2007 Toronto Public Library Board Closed meeting.*

07-188 Business Arising

There were no Business Arising items at the November 12, 2007 meeting.

07-189 Toronto Public Library Foundation - Overview

Janet McKelvey, Chair; Gillian Mason, Vice Chair; Toronto Public Library Foundation Board and John Honderich, Governors' Council, provided the Board with the following information concerning the Foundation:

1. the role of the Foundation to raise additional funds for the Library;
2. the history of the Foundation, including its relationship with the Toronto Public Library;
3. the successes of the Foundation that have resulted in raising \$17 million since 1997;
4. the three key priority areas in its strategic focus: friend raising, fundraising, and awareness raising; and
5. the Foundation's upcoming strategic initiatives which include new positioning for the Foundation, a TRL Capital Campaign, and an Endowment Campaign.

Board members expressed their appreciation to the Foundation for their support to the Library Board.

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Toronto Public Library Foundation – Overview – continued*Moved by Councillor Ainslie, seconded by M. Church, and carried:**That the Toronto Public Library Board:*

- 1. receives the Toronto Public Library Foundation presentation for information.*

07-190 Chair's Report

1. Toronto Reference Library's 30th Anniversary Open House on November 2nd was a great success. Hundreds of individuals participated in events ranging from a concert in the atrium, to poetry readings on the second floor. Visitors included Mayor David Miller, Toronto Reference Library architect Raymond Moriyama and his son Ajon. The celebrations continue throughout November with the literary café series on Wednesdays at noon and the Agents of Change series on Friday evenings at 6:00 p.m.
2. Featured during the 30th Anniversary Open House was the launch of the Curator's Showcase, a digital collection of seven books that highlight very different aspects of the Library's special collections, including a child's morality tale from the mid-1800s and a transcript of the murder trial that inspired Margaret Atwood's novel *Alias Grace*. The Curator's Showcase, featuring an exciting customer page-turning technology developed by the Library, is available on a touch-screen kiosk in TRL's atrium and online via the Library website.
3. The local music concert at North York Central Library on November 3rd featured four Toronto independent bands with close to 300 people in attendance. The concerts are an opportunity to showcase a new infusion of CDs to the Library's year-old local music collection and to emphasize the role of the Library as a public space where diverse interests are encouraged and supported.
4. Canadian Children's Book Week begins on November 17th. The Library will participate with 13 children's book author / illustrator visits at branches throughout the system.
5. The 2007 Scotiabank Giller Prize was awarded last week to author Elizabeth Hay for her novel *Late Nights on Air*. Ninety-five sets of the books shortlisted for the Prize will go to winners of the Library's Guess the Giller contest.
6. Thorncliffe Branch will close on December 8th for renovations.

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Chair's Report - continued

7. An Open House is planned for early December for members of the public to look at plans to relocate the Cliffcrest Branch to a larger location in the Cliffcrest Plaza.

Moved by O. Lawrence, seconded by T. Edan, and carried:

That the Toronto Public Library Board:

1. receives the Chair's Report for information.

07-191 Presentations

Rob Rolfe, Library Division Chair, Toronto Civic Employees Union – Local 416 C.U.P.E., addressed the Board concerning Agenda Item #12 – *Adjustment of Branch Open Hours – Jane / Dundas, S. Walter Stewart and Woodside Square* (Minute No. 07-195). Also in attendance for the presentation were Brendan Haley, Library Unit Chair and Beatriz Hausner, Toronto Reference Library Sub-Unit Chair.

A document outlining the Union's concerns regarding the adjustment of branch hours at the Jane / Dundas, S. Walter Stewart and Woodside Square branches was distributed to Board members.

Moved by A. Decter, seconded by A. Chaleff-Freudenthaler, and carried:

That the Toronto Public Library Board:

1. receives the Toronto Civic Employees' Union – Local 416 presentation on Agenda Item #12 – Adjustment of Branch Open Hours – Jane / Dundas, S. Walter Stewart and Woodside Square for information.

07-192 Communications

There were no Communications items at the November 12, 2007 meeting.

Items for Approval:**07-193 2008 Capital Budget Reallocations**

Moved by Councillor Ainslie, seconded by A. Chaleff-Freudenthaler, and carried:

That the Toronto Public Library Board:

1. approves the 2007 capital budget reallocation adjustments as detailed in Attachment 1; and
2. authorizes and directs the appropriate staff to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

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07-194 2008 – 2012 Capital Budget Update and Revised Request*Moved by Councillor Davis, seconded by Councillor Ainslie, and carried:**That the Toronto Public Library Board:*

1. *approves a revised 2008 – 2012 Capital Budget request as per Attachment 1, which includes the Kennedy / Eglinton renovation and expansion project; and*
2. *authorizes and directs the appropriate staff to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.*

07-195 Adjustment of Branch Open Hours – Jane / Dundas, S. Walter Stewart and Woodside Square*(See also Minute No. 07-191.)**Moved by A. Chaleff-Freudenthaler, seconded by Councillor Ainslie, and carried:**That the Toronto Public Library Board:*

1. *approves the changes in branch open hours for Jane / Dundas, S. Walter Stewart and Woodside Square as outlined in Attachment 1; and;*
2. *authorizes and directs the appropriate staff to take the necessary action to give effect thereto; and*

Moved in amendment by A. Chaleff-Freudenthaler, seconded by Councillor Ainslie, and carried:

3. *directs Library staff to consult with the Union on implementation points of increasing branch hours at Jane / Dundas, S. Walter Stewart and Woodside Square, and report back to the Employee & Labour Relations Committee on the results of the consultation.*

Employee & Labour Relations Committee – Report on November 7, 2007 Meeting – Arbitration Award regarding Sunday Closures

The Board deferred Closed meeting discussion of this item to the end of the meeting.

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Items for Information:

07-196 2008 Operating Budget Update

*Moved by Councillor Ainslie, seconded by A. Chaleff-Freudenthaler, and carried:
That the Toronto Public Library Board:*

- 1. receives the 2008 Operating Budget Update for information.*

07-197 Operating Budget Monitoring Report – September 30, 2007

*Moved by A. Chaleff-Freudenthaler, seconded by Councillor Ainslie, and carried:
That the Toronto Public Library Board:*

- 1. receives the Operating Budget Monitoring Report – September 30, 2007 for information.*

07-198 Capital Budget Monitoring Report – September 30, 2007

*Moved by A. Chaleff-Freudenthaler, seconded by T. Edan, and carried:
That the Toronto Public Library Board:*

- 1. receives the Capital Budget Monitoring Report – September 30, 2007 for information.*

07-199 Impact of the Police Video Surveillance Camera on Usage of Malvern Branch

*Moved by A. Chaleff-Freudenthaler, seconded by Councillor Ainslie, and carried:
That the Toronto Public Library Board:*

- 1. receives the Impact of the Police Video Surveillance Camera on Usage of Malvern Branch report for information.*

07-200 Environmental Activities of Toronto Public Library

*Moved by A. Chaleff-Freudenthaler, seconded by Councillor Ainslie, and carried:
That the Toronto Public Library Board:*

- 1. receives the Environmental Activities of Toronto Public Library presentation for information.*

07-201 Other Business

There were no Other Business items at the November 12, 2007 meeting.

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07-202 Closed Meeting

At 7:35 p.m., it was:

Moved by Councillor Davis, seconded by A. Chaleff-Freudenthaler, and carried:

That the Toronto Public Library Board:

1. *conducts a Closed meeting as the subject matter being considered involves labour relations or employee negotiations.*

Confirmation of Closed Meeting Decision

07-203 Employee & Labour Relations Committee – Report on November 7, 2007 Meeting – Arbitration Award regarding Sunday Closures

Moved by Councillor Davis, seconded by Councillor Ainslie, and carried:

That the Toronto Public Library Board:

1. *authorizes the confidential instructions from the Employee and Labour Relations Committee to staff to negotiate a settlement coming out of the Brian Keller award in the matter of Sunday closings ; and that*
2. *the confidential information in Attachment 1 and 2 not be made public as it may be prejudicial to labour relations.*

07-204 Adjournment

Moved by O. Lawrence, seconded by Councillor Ainslie, and carried:

That the Toronto Public Library Board:

1. *adjourns the November 12, 2007 Toronto Public Library Board meeting.*

The meeting ended at 7:55 p.m.

Signed: _____