

**Toronto Public Library Board**  
**Meeting No. 9: Monday, October 15, 2007, from 6:05 p.m. to 8:20 p.m.**  
**Toronto Reference Library, Board Room, 789 Yonge Street, Toronto**

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**Members Present:**

Ms. Kathy Gallagher Ross (Chair)  
Mr. Matthew Church (Vice Chair)  
Ms. Eman Ahmed  
Councillor Paul Ainslie  
Mr. Adam Chaleff-Freudenthaler  
Councillor Janet Davis  
Ms. Ann Decter  
Ms. Tina Edan  
Mr. Okeima Lawrence  
Councillor Chin Lee  
Councillor Anthony Perruzza  
Ms. Kate Wilson  
Councillor Adam Vaughan

**07-164 Call to Order**

Kathy Gallagher Ross called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

**07-165 Approval of Agenda**

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

1. *approves the agenda as revised to include:*
  - (a) *Agenda Item #5b – Business Arising – Approval of June 11, 2007 Toronto Public Library Board Meeting Minutes;*  
*Agenda Item #8 – Communications – Revised; and*
  - (b) *Agenda Item #9a – Sunday Service - 2007.*

**07-166 Declarations of Interest**

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

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**07-167 Approval of September 17, 2007 Toronto Public Library Board Meeting Minutes***Moved by T. Edan, seconded by A. Chaleff-Freudenthaler, and carried:**That the Toronto Public Library Board:*

1. *approves the Minutes of the September 17, 2007 Toronto Public Library Board meeting.*

**07-168 Business Arising****(a) 2008 Service Plan for the 2008 Operating Budget**

Jane Pyper, Director, Corporate and Service Planning, Policy, Projects and City-wide Services, advised that the per capita measures as presented to the Board in Attachment 2 of Report #13 – *2008 Service Plan for the 2008 Operating Budget* at the September 17<sup>th</sup> meeting were revised to reflect corrected population figures. A revised copy of Attachment 2 was distributed.

**(b) Approval of June 11, 2007 Toronto Public Library Board Meeting Minutes**

In response to a request at the September 17<sup>th</sup> Board meeting to confirm the Mover of Motion No. 07-110, Josephine Bryant, City Librarian, advised that the transcripts of the meeting were checked and the minutes were correct.

**07-169 Chair's Report**

1. Five thousand people visited the Toronto Reference Library on September 29 from 7:00 p.m. until 7:00 a.m. on September 30 for Nuit Blanche.
2. In addition to our regular participation in Word on the Street, the Library was able to promote children's services, including the new Ready for Reading initiative at a booth on Kid Street. Storytimes were held outside the Library's bookmobile, encouraging more than 25 parents to sign up their children for library cards.
3. More than 160 people attended Yorkville and the Sixties Music Scene at the Yorkville Branch on September 26 as part of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations. Funds were raised for a centennial project to restore decorative tiles in the front lobby of the branch.

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**Chair's Report - continued**

4. The inaugural Pantazzi lecture was held at the beginning of October with approximately 250 people attending. The lecture, delivered by Dr. Andrew Biswell, was titled Edward Gorey: His Antecedents and Affinities, and was complemented by Gorey Tales, an exhibit at the Osborne Collection at Lillian H. Smith Branch, featuring examples of the surreal and macabre in children's literature. The exhibit is on until December 19. The Pantazzi lecture, endowed by Friends of the Osborne and Lillian H. Smith Collections executive member Jane Dobell, will be held annually in memory of Sybille Pantazzi, former librarian of the Art Gallery of Ontario.
5. The launch of the Canada Council Heritage Series, dubbed Degrees of Nowhere: A Geography of Canadian Writing, featured Noah Richler, Russell Smith and Eden Robinson. A crowd of nearly 60 enjoyed discussion and readings at the Palmerston branch on October 9.
6. The first Canadian Urban Libraries Council Conference, *Increasing Diversity in Canadian Cities: The Public Library Response*, presented in partnership by the Toronto Public Library, was held on October 11 and 12 in Toronto. The Board Chair and other Board members attended the event which included a Keynote Address by The Right Honourable Adrienne Clarkson, former Governor General of Canada and current co-chair of the Institute for Canadian Citizenship. The variety of programs offered at the conference reinforced the important role libraries play in bridging the gap between newly arrived immigrants and fully engaged citizens.
7. There are numerous events planned for October and November to celebrate the Toronto Reference Library's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary outlined in several brochures and flyers.
8. Yorkville Branch will continue its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration with a program on October 17, *Queers in your Ears*, featuring Toronto Writers, and celebrating the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Collection located at Yorkville.
9. The 2007 issue of *Young Voices*, the library's magazine of teen writing and artwork, is being launched on October 18 with a celebration for contributors. On October 20, the annual *Young Voices Writers Conference* will take place at North York Central Library. Last year the conference was filled to capacity with well over 100 participants.

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**Chair's Report - continued**

10. The Toronto Tunes workshops have recently ended. Approximately 60 youth attended workshops facilitated by musicians, music producers and music journalists involved in the local music scene in Toronto. On November 3, promotion of the Library's local music CD collection, established last year, will wrap up with a concert at North York Central featuring Toronto bands More or Les, Ohbijou, The Bicycles and Republic of Safety.
11. The 19<sup>th</sup> Helen E. Stubbs Memorial Lecture on October 18 at the Osborne Collection, will feature acclaimed Nanavut storyteller and author Michael Kusugak. This annual lecture on children's literature is possible thanks to an endowment made in 1987.
12. A new exhibit is slated to open in the TD Gallery on October 20. Collected Works: A Public Legacy will feature some of Toronto Reference Library's hidden treasures, and will nicely accent our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations.
13. Cedarbrae Branch will hold an open house October 25 to give members of the public an opportunity to review and comment on plans for the branch's upcoming major renovation, slated to begin in 2008.

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

1. *receives the Chair's Report for information.*

**07-170 Presentations**

Presentations from staff and the public concerning the 2008 Operating Budget were provided under Agenda Item #9 – *2008 Operating Budget Submission* (see Minute No. 07-172).

**07-171 Communications**

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

1. *receives the following Communication Items for information:*
  - a. *copy of a letter to the friends of Toronto Public Library, from Kathy Gallagher Ross, Chair, dated October 9, 2007, regarding the Library's 2008 operating budget; and*
  - b. *communication from Ulli S. Watkiss, City Clerk, City of Toronto, to the Toronto Public Library Board, dated October 1, 2007, advising of the appointment of Councillor Adam Vaughan to the Toronto Public Library Board.*

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***Items for Approval:*****07-172 2008 Operating Budget Submission****(a) Presentations by Library Staff**

Josephine Bryant, City Librarian, and Larry Hughsam, Director, Finance & Treasurer, provided the Board with an overview of the Library's 2008 operating budget submission.

Jane Pyper, Director, Corporate and Service Planning, Policy, Projects and City-wide Services, provided the results of the recent 2008 Budget Consultation sessions in a presentation to the Board.

**(b) Deputations**

The following individuals addressed the Board concerning the importance of library service and the need to maintain open hours and collections:

- Adam Wheeler, Toronto Public Library Youth Advisory Group member, Maria A. Shchuka Branch;
- Doug Browne, Past President, Friends of Toronto Public Library – South Chapter;
- Mihilan Sriranjana, Toronto Public Library Youth Advisory Group member, Malvern Branch; and
- Mr. Robert Crawford, President, The Ontario Genealogical Society.

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

***That the Toronto Public Library Board:***

1. *adopts the 2008 Operating Budget Submission, which has been provided to the City for discussion and consideration; and*
2. *authorizes and directs the appropriate staff to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.*

***Moved in amendment by T. Edan, seconded by A. Chaleff-Freudenthaler, and carried:***

***Whereas the Toronto Public Library Board in response to the 2007 budget shortfall, implemented cost containment measures, including Sunday closures at 16 branches;***

***Whereas the Toronto Public Library Board wishes to reinstate Sunday Service at all 16 branches;***

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**2008 Operating Budget Submission - continued**

*Whereas the public response during the recent public consultation on the 2008 operating budget and potential service reductions underscored the importance of library services to all residents of Toronto; and*

*Whereas the Toronto Public Library Board regrets the negative impact of the implementation of these measures and strongly recommends to Toronto City Council to find ways to secure additional revenue as a means to achieve the investment necessary to ensure the City's financial commitment to the Toronto Public Library.*

**Therefore be it resolved that:**

1. *The report from the community consultation on the Toronto Public Library budget be forwarded to City Council for its October 22 meeting;*
2. *As a result of consulting with Torontonians, the Toronto Public Library Board will make every effort to support the 2008 operating budget so that there are no cuts to service and collections;*
3. *The City Librarian restore Sunday service in the 16 closed locations as soon as can be implemented in accordance with the arbitration award;*
4. *Furthermore, the Toronto Public Library Board will develop communication tactics and materials to generate and support advocacy action from interested individuals and groups which will encourage deputations and mobilize support for the Library as it progresses through its 2008 budget process.*

**Recorded Vote Requested:**

Yes – 13 Eman Ahmed; Councillor Paul Ainslie; Adam Chaleff-Freudenthaler; Matthew Church; Councillor Janet Davis; Ann Decter; Tina Edan; Kathy Gallagher Ross; Okeima Lawrence; Councillor Chin Lee; Councillor Anthony Perruzza; Councillor Adam Vaughan; Kate Wilson.
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***Moved in amendment by Councillor Lee, seconded by Councillor Davis, and carried:***

5. *The City Librarian continue to review the operating budget for savings that minimize service cuts.*

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**07-173 Sunday Service - 2007**

Dan Keon, Director, Human Resources, spoke regarding a recent arbitration award on Sunday Closings. In response to the Board's decision on July 25, 2007 to reduce Sunday service for the remainder of 2007 as part of its cost containment strategy, the Library received a grievance filed by the Toronto Civic Employees' Union Local 416 CUPE on August 14, 2007. The grievance proceeded to arbitration. On October 10, 2007, Brian Keller, Arbitrator, issued a brief interim award allowing the grievance.

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

*That the Toronto Public Library Board:*

1. *discusses the details of the arbitration award on the Library's cost containment measures in a Closed meeting after the completion of Agenda Item #15 – Other Business.*

**07-174 2008 – 2012 Capital Budget – City Manager's Recommended Debt Funding Target**

*Moved by A. Chaleff-Freudenthaler, seconded by O. Lawrence, and carried:*

*That the Toronto Public Library Board:*

1. *reviews the impact of reductions required to meet the City Manager's recommended funding debt targets for the 2008 – 2012 Capital Budget; and;*
2. *maintains a debt target of \$12 million as submitted for the years 2008 - 2011.*

**07-175 Workplace Violence Prevention and Response Policy**

*Moved by Councillor Davis, seconded by E. Ahmed, and carried:*

*That the Toronto Public Library Board:*

1. *approves the Workplace Violence Prevention and Response Policy (Attachments 1).*

**07-176 Circulation & Collection Use (including Fees & Fines) Policy – 2007****Recommendations**

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

*That the Toronto Public Library Board:*

1. *approves the revised Circulation and Collection Use (including Fees and Fines) Policy (Attachment 1).*

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**07-177 Cliffcrest Branch – Award of Tender***Moved by Councillor Davis, seconded by Councillor Ainslie, and carried:**That the Toronto Public Library Board:*

1. awards the contract to the lowest bidder, Brown Daniels Associates Inc., for the construction of the new Cliffcrest Branch, at a cost not to exceed \$639,354.90 (GST included); and
2. authorizes and directs the appropriate staff to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

In response to a request, the list of vendors who submitted tender proposals for the construction of the new Cliffcrest Branch will be provided to Board members.

**Item for Information:****07-178 Environmental Activities of Toronto Public Library**

The item was deferred to the November 12, 2007 meeting of the Library Board.

**07-179 Other Business**

There were no Other Business items at the October 15, 2007 meeting.

**07-180 Closed Meeting**

At 7:40 p.m., it was:

*Moved by T. Edan, seconded by K. Wilson, and carried:**That the Toronto Public Library Board:*

1. conducts a Closed meeting as the subject matters being considered involve labour relations or employee negotiations.

**Confirmation of Closed Meeting Decision****07-181 Sunday Service – 2007**

See also Minute No. 07-173.

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

1. refers details of the arbitration award in the matter of Sunday Closings to the Board's Employee and Labour Relations Committee; and
2. requests the Employee and Labour Relations Committee to report back to the Board.

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**07-182 Adjournment**

*Moved by M. Church, seconded by E. Ahmed, and carried:*

*That the Toronto Public Library Board:*

- 1. adjourns the October 15, 2007 Toronto Public Library Board meeting.*

The meeting ended at 8:20 p.m.

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