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Toronto Public Library Board
Meeting No. 5: Monday, May 14, 2007, from 6:03 p.m. to 8:25 p.m.
Toronto Reference Library, Board Room, 789 Yonge Street, Toronto

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Members Present:
Mr. Matthew Church (Vice Chair)
Ms. Eman Ahmed
Councillor Paul Ainslie
Mr. Adam Chaleff-Freudenthaler
Councillor Janet Davis
Ms. Ann Decter
Ms. Tina Edan
Ms. Kate Wilson

Regrets:
Dr. Kathy Gallagher Ross (Chair)
Councillor Maria Augimeri
Mr. Okeima Lawrence
Councillor Chin Lee
Councillor Anthony Perruzza

07-083 Call to Order

Matthew Church, chairing the meeting for Kathy Gallagher Ross, called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

07-084 Approval of Agenda

Moved by *Councillor Ainslie,* ***seconded by*** *A. Chaleff-Freudenthaler, and* ***carried****:*
That *the agenda be approved.*

07-085 Declarations of Interest

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

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07-086 Approval of April 16, 2007 Toronto Public Library Board Meeting Minutes

Moved by** A. Chaleff-Freudenthaler, **seconded by** O. Lawrence, and **carried:
***That** the minutes of the April 16, 2007 Toronto Public Library Board meeting be approved.*

Business Arising

07-087 (a) Security Video Surveillance Policy

Ron Dyck, Director, Information Technology and Facilities, distributed a map showing the location of a video surveillance camera in proximity to the Malvern Branch Library. He provided the following related information:

i. Under the Security Video Surveillance Policy, staff report to the Board when video surveillance is being proposed.
ii. Library staff recently learned that as part of a pilot project with the Toronto Police Service, a video surveillance camera has been installed by the Toronto Police Service on Sewells Road at Brenyan Way in proximity to the Malvern Branch Library, near the entrance to the parking lot behind the Library.

In response to questions, the following additional information was provided:

iii. Since the installation of the camera, there has been no marked change in the usage of the branch and no complaints have been received about it.
iv. The project is a six months pilot; at which time a review will be conducted and the matter will go before the Toronto Police Service Board.
v. There are eight cameras in the Malvern branch; to date, there have been no complaints concerning the cameras in the branch.
vi. The primary focus of the City's camera, according to a police spokesperson, is along Sewells Road.
vii. At this time there are no specific statistics available about the number of youth who use the branch; statistics concerning youth program attendance could be used to assess the number of youth who use the branch.

07-088 **(b)** **Notice of Motion – Police Surveillance Camera in Close Proximity to the Malvern Branch**

Adam Chaleff-Freudenthaler requested that the Notice of Motion distributed with the Board agenda package, be withdrawn and replaced with revised wording. A copy of the revised wording was distributed. Ann Decter, as seconder of the motion, agreed to the revised Notice of Motion. Also distributed was a photo showing a rear and side view of the Malvern Branch Library.

Moved by *A. Chaleff-Freudenthaler****, seconded by*** *A. Decter:*
"**WHEREAS** the City of Toronto has designated 13 priority neighbourhoods, of which Malvern is one; and

WHEREAS the Toronto Public Library strategic plan includes supporting low income neighbourhoods (including the 13 priority neighbourhoods), which has resulted in programs and services that work in concert with the City of Toronto's Community Safety Plan; and

WHEREAS youth and newcomers are a priority within the Toronto Public Library's 2004-2007 strategic plan and in the City of Toronto's Community Safety Plan; and

WHEREAS significant program and capital investments in the Malvern branch have resulted in increased library usage that confirms its growing importance to the Malvern community; and

WHEREAS the Toronto Police Service has recently installed a Closed Circuit Television surveillance camera in close proximity to the Malvern branch as part of a pilot project that some youth in the Malvern community have objected to;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff report to the Board, in consultation with the Toronto Police Service, on ways to minimize the impact of police surveillance cameras on users of the Malvern branch, including the possibility of removing or selecting an alternative location for the camera in closest proximity to the Malvern branch; and

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THAT staff report to the Board, in consultation with the Toronto Police Service, on strategies for working with the Toronto Police Service to enhance the safety of Toronto Public Library branches and areas in close proximity to branches while being consistent with the strategic plan and service priorities of the Toronto Public Library; and

THAT staff report to the Board at the end of the Toronto Police Service CCTV pilot project on use of the Malvern branch during the course of the pilot project relative to use prior to the pilot project, including participation in programs offered at the Malvern branch, in-library use, information requests and visits; and

THAT staff survey Malvern branch patrons, including youth and newcomers, to understand how they feel about video surveillance, and report those findings to the Board; and

THAT the Toronto Public Library Board sponsor a multilingual community forum and consultation at the Malvern branch to allow patrons to learn about and discuss the impact of surveillance cameras on the Malvern branch and community.

After discussion, the Notice of Motion was divided into two parts to be voted on separately:

Part 1:

Moved in amendment by *A. Chaleff-Freudenthaler****, seconded by*** *A. Decter, and* ***carried****:* (amendments in *italics*):

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WHEREAS the Toronto Public Library strategic plan includes supporting low income neighbourhoods (including the 13 priority neighbourhoods), which has resulted in programs and services that work in concert with the City of Toronto's Community Safety Plan; and

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WHEREAS youth and newcomers are a priority within the Toronto Public Library's 2004-2007 strategic plan and in the City of Toronto's Community Safety Plan; and

WHEREAS significant program and capital investments in the Malvern branch have resulted in increased library usage that confirms its growing importance to the Malvern community; and

WHEREAS the Toronto Police Service has recently installed a Closed Circuit Television surveillance camera in close proximity to the Malvern branch as part of a pilot project that some youth in the Malvern community have objected to;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff *consult with the Toronto Police Service and report to the Board* on ways to minimize the impact of police surveillance cameras on users of the Malvern branch, including the possibility of removing or selecting an alternative location for the camera in closest proximity to the Malvern branch; and

THAT staff *consult with the Toronto Police Service and report to the Board on strategies for working with the Toronto Police Service* to enhance the safety of Toronto Public Library branches and areas in close proximity to branches while being consistent with the strategic plan and service priorities of the Toronto Public Library; and

THAT staff report to the Board *prior to the completion* of the Toronto Police Service CCTV pilot project on use of the Malvern branch during the course of the pilot project relative to use prior to the pilot project, including participation in programs offered at the Malvern branch, in-library use, information requests and visits; and

THAT staff survey Malvern branch *staff and* patrons, including youth and newcomers, to understand how they feel about video surveillance, and report those findings to the Board;

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Votes:

Yes – 6
No – 2

Part 1 of the Notice of Motion was **carried**.

Part 2:

Moved in amendment by *A. Chaleff-Freudenthaler****, seconded by*** *A. Decter, and* ***defeated***:
THAT the Toronto Public Library Board sponsor a multilingual community forum and consultation at the Malvern branch to allow patrons to learn about and discuss the impact of surveillance cameras on the Malvern branch and community.

Votes:

Yes – 4
No – 4

Part 2 of the Notice of Motion was **defeated**.

07-089 Chair's Report

(1) The launch of the Library's Canada Council Heritage Series, a set of new literary programs which provide a different take on Canadian heritage and identity, takes place on May 15. The kick-off event, titled *"Just Canadian?" Examining the Elusive Theme of Canadian Identity* at Palmerston Branch, features Noah Richler hosting a discussion with authors who will share their perspectives on Canadian heritage and how it influences their work, and try to answer the question of who, if anyone, can call themselves "just" Canadian. The series will continue through May and June with author readings at branches all around the city.

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(2) Also taking place in May at TPL are celebrations of Asian Heritage Month; collections, programs and services for the Library's diverse Asian communities will be highlighted. Part of the celebrations are special programs for adults and children that feature Asian music, literature, art and dance. The gala launch was held May 9 at Fairview Branch, and was hosted by CBC's Mary Ito, with appearances by leading Asian authors including Giller award winner Dr. Vincent Lam.

(3) Toronto Reference Library:

(a) There are a number of activities planned to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Reference Library and, in doing so, raise awareness of the huge contribution the building and its resources make to the health and vibrancy of the city. This attention and awareness-building will help considerably in the efforts of the Toronto Public Library Foundation to raise the necessary funds as part of their Reference Library Capital Campaign set to launch late in 2007.

(b) One of the TRL 30th anniversary celebration activities is the launch during the week of May 14 of the **"**Tell us Your Stories**"** initiative. Reference Library-goers are being asked to tell the stories of their experiences. Select stories will be part of a commemorative booklet given out at the November 2 TRL birthday party. Publicity will be available at the Reference Library and also on the website.

(c) On June 5, public consultations will be held at the Reference Library regarding the upcoming renovations planned at the Toronto Reference Library. Members of the public will have a chance to meet architect Ajon Moriyama, see renovation designs, and learn about plans for the future, including the upcoming Asquith Room renovation.

(4) A partnership with a number of community and government partners has resulted in a unique program at the Library. This spring, a dozen library branches will begin lending out pedometers. The program, part of the Building Physically Active Communities project, is intended to promote health among Torontonians by encouraging them to walk.

(5) The inaugural June Callwood Lecture, which premiered April 26, was a stunning success with over 500 people attending, making it one of TPL's best attended events. Mary Jo Leddy gave a moving lecture – Surprised by Goodness.

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(6) The reopening of the Woodside Square Branch on April 30 was also a great success, with well over 3,000 visitors to the branch on opening day. At 10,000 square feet, this library is more than double the size of the previous location, which is appropriate since it is one of Toronto's busiest neighbourhood locations, with customers borrowing almost half a million items annually.

(7) Mayor Miller proclaimed May 4, 2007 as Jane Jacob's Day. On May 5, a series of "Jane's Walks" across the city paid tribute to her vision of walkable, diverse neighbourhoods. A number of the walks included visits to libraries, including Beaches, Gerrard/Ashdale branches, and a stop at Dufferin/St. Clair branch to view the murals there. The National Post ran an article this past weekend on these murals as part of Sara Hood's CurioCity column.

(8) Congratulations go to TPL and to G. Bruce Stratton Architects who received a 2007 award for design excellence from the Ontario Association of Architects for their work in renovating Runnymede Library**.** The Runnymede Library will also be featured at an upcoming exhibit at the Design Exchange.

(9) Two TPL staff members will be travelling to Indonesia to help with rebuilding efforts, ongoing since the tsunami disaster that occurred late in 2004. Two TPL staff members will be joined by a staff member from another library system. They will be travelling to Indonesia at the end of May and will stay for two weeks.

(10) Library Staff at branches all over the city pitched in recently to help clean up the city during the Mayor's annual 20-minute makeover.

***Moved by** A. Decter, **seconded by** K. Wilson, and **carried**:*
***That** the Chair's Report be received for information.*

Kate Wilson reminded the Board of two programs; one recent and one upcoming, at the Toronto Reference Library, to raise public awareness of the crisis in children's mental health.

07-090 Presentations

There were no Presentations at the May 14, 2007 meeting.

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07-091 Communications

Moved by *E. Ahmed,* ***seconded by*** *T. Edan, and* ***carried****:*
That*:*

1. Kathy Gallagher Ross, Chair, Toronto Public Library Board, stand for nomination as the Library Board member of the Foundation Board.

It was noted that the Board's approval of the motion was contingent on Kathy Gallagher Ross's agreement to stand for nomination as the Library Board member of the Foundation Board.

Items for Approval:

07-092 2007 Operating Budget - Adoption

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

1. adopts the 2007 Operating Budget, as approved by Council on April 23, 2007, consisting of gross expenditures of $164.348 million, revenues of $14.636 million and net expenditures of $149.712 million, which represents a 3.62% increase over 2006; and
2. authorizes and directs staff to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

07-093 Jane / Sheppard Branch Library – Lease Renewal

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

1. approves a gross lease renewal for the Jane / Sheppard Branch Library with Jane Sheppard Mall Inc. for a period of fifteen months, commencing July 1, 2007, and expiring September 30, 2008, for a total (fifteen month) cost of $139,920 (including Goods and Services Taxes of $7,920); and
2. authorizes and directs staff to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

07-094 Strategic Plan 2008 - 2011 – Process and Timeline

Moved by *E. Ahmed,* ***seconded by*** *Councillor Ainslie, and* ***carried****:*
That *the Toronto Public Library Board:*

1. approves the proposed process and timeline for the creation of Toronto Public Library's strategic plan 2008-2011.

07-095 Use of Library Space for Art Exhibits Policy

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

1. *approves the Use of Library Space for Art Exhibits Policy (Attachment 1).*

Moved in amendment by *T. Edan,* ***seconded by*** *Councillor Ainslie, and* ***carried****:*
That *the Toronto Public Library Board:*

1. *approves the Use of Library Space for Art Exhibits Policy (Attachment 1) with the addition of the word "community" before "organizations and groups" in the Scope of the policy.*

07-096 Proposed Conference Attendance - 2007

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

1. *two staff members attend the World Library and Information Congress: 73rd IFLA General Conference and Council: Libraries for the Future: Progress, Development and Partnerships, in Durban, South Africa, at a cost of $4,500 per person;*
2. *one staff member attend the User Experience Conference in San Francisco, California at a cost of $3,645;*
3. *one staff member attend the Gartner Symposium ITXPO 2007 in Orlando, Florida at a cost of $6,555; and*
4. *one staff member to attend Interop, New York in New York City at a cost of $4,845.*

07-097 Approval of Sponsorship for the Proposed Museum Pass Program

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

1. *adopts the confidential instructions to staff in Attachment 1;*
2. *authorizes the release of the general terms of the sponsorship arrangement, in a subsequent Board report, once negotiations are complete and appropriate approvals have been received.*

Discussion ensued until the matter was referred to the Closed portion of the meeting.

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Item for Information

07-098 Career Bridge Mentorship Program

Moved by *K. Wilson,* ***seconded by*** *Councillor Ainslie, and* ***carried****:*
That *the Toronto Public Library Board:*
1. receives the Career Bridge Mentorship Program report for information.

07-099 Closed Meeting

At 7:38 p.m., it was:
Moved by *A. Decter,* ***seconded by*** *A. Chaleff-Freudenthaler, and* ***carried****:*
That *the Toronto Public Library Board conducts a Closed meeting as the subject matter being considered involves the security of the property of the Board.*

07-100 Adoption of Closed Meeting Actions

At 8:25 p.m., it was:
Moved by *Councillor Ainslie,* ***seconded by*** *A. Chaleff-Freudenthaler, and* ***carried****:*
That *the Toronto Public Library Board adopt the actions taken in the May 14, 2007 Closed meeting.*

Other Business

07-101 Malvern Branch Library

Adam Chaleff-Freudenthaler noted that at a recent visit to the Malvern Branch Library, staff spoke to him about the need to enhance the lighting around the exterior book drop at the library.

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07-102 Adjournment

Moved by *T. Edan,* ***seconded by*** *Councillor Ainslie, and* ***carried****:*
That *the May 14, 2007 Toronto Public Library Board meeting be adjourned.*

The meeting ended at 8:25 p.m.

Signed: _____