



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

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2008 – 2012 Capital Budget Update and Revised Request

Date:	November 12, 2007
To:	Toronto Public Library Board
From:	City Librarian

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to obtain Toronto Public Library Board approval for a revised 2008 - 2012 Capital Budget request due to the addition of a new project for the renovation and expansion of the Kennedy / Eglinton Branch.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The City Librarian recommends 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.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The Kennedy / Eglinton renovation and expansion project has a cost of \$0.850 million debt (\$0.950 million gross, including \$0.100 million development charges) and this will be added to TPL's capital budget request. The revised capital budget request is now \$12.850 million debt (\$19.299 million gross) for 2008 and \$48.0 million debt (\$79.787 million gross) for 2009 – 2012.

The Director, Finance and Treasurer has reviewed this report and agrees with the financial impact information.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

At its June 11, 2007 meeting, the Board approved a report detailing a potential project for

the Kennedy / Eglinton branch to be funded as part of Council's investment in Priority Neighbourhoods (http://www.torontopubliclibrary.ca/abo_boa_07jun11.jsp). The project was conditional on the City being able to identify funding for the project.

The Toronto Public Library's (TPL) 2008 – 2012 Capital Budget request and submission, which did not include the Kennedy / Eglinton project, was approved at the September 17, 2007 Board meeting (http://www.torontopubliclibrary.ca/abo_boa_07sept17.jsp).

TPL staff has recently been informed by the City that funding has been identified for the Kennedy / Eglinton renovation and expansion project, and that funding of \$0.950 million gross, \$0.850 million debt, is being transferred to the TPL's capital budget.

COMMENTS

The addition of \$0.950 million gross (\$0.850 million debt) for the 2008 Kennedy / Eglinton renovation and expansion project, results in a 2008 – 2012 revised capital budget request of \$12.850 million debt (\$19.299 million gross) for 2008 and \$48.0 million debt (\$79.787 million gross) for the 2009 – 2012 period.

The Kennedy / Eglinton renovation and expansion project is part of a selection of projects recommended by the City's Neighbourhood Action Team to be funded from the City's Partnership Opportunities Legacy Fund. The Fund was created to invest in project priorities at the neighbourhood level, identified with input from local community stakeholders and Councillors as part of the City Mandate to invest \$13 million in Toronto's thirteen priority neighbourhoods over the period of 2007 – 2010.

City Manager's Recommendations

At its October 15, 2007 meeting, the Board was informed that the City Manager was recommending a capital budget which would require a reduction of \$1 million annually for 2008, 2009 and 2010. At the same meeting, options to reduce the capital budget to meet the City Manager's recommendations were considered but not endorsed by the Board (http://www.torontopubliclibrary.ca/abo_boa_07oct15.jsp).

Funding for the Kennedy / Eglinton renovation and expansion project is now being recommended by the City Manager, therefore the Library's debt level target has been adjusted to include the \$0.850 million debt (\$0.950 million gross). However, this does not reduce the \$1.0 million annual funding gap in 2008, 2009 and 2010. Attachment 1 provides details of the revised budget request and it also shows the City Manager's recommended budget.

Next Steps

Council review of the 2008 - 2012 Capital Budget was launched with the presentation of the City Manager's recommended Capital Budget at the Budget Committee meeting of October 29, 2007. Budget Committee will hold hearings with Councillors and the

general public on November 13, followed by a budget review on November 14 and a final wrap-up on November 21. Budget Committee recommendations will be forwarded to Executive Committee for its review on November 26 and its recommendations will be forwarded to Council for review and approval at its meeting of December 11, 2007.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Revised 2008 Capital Budget Submission