

February 15, 2007

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

City Council on February 5 to 8, 2007, referred the following Motion to the Executive Committee:

M11 Federal Literacy Funding

Moved by Councillor Ainslie, seconded by Councillor Carroll

SUMMARY:

The withdrawal of \$17.7 million of federal funding towards literacy programs across Canada will prove to be harmful to institutions and programs campaigning for literacy awareness and teaching the millions of adults to learn how to read.

The City of Toronto campaigns through its libraries special services for children and adults the importance of literacy. Literacy programs are listed on our City website at www.torontopubliclibrary.ca.

The lack of funding from the Federal Government towards literacy programs sends the wrong message to our children and will, in effect, place the burden of cost on local municipalities.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Toronto City Council petition the Government of Canada to reinstate the \$17.7 million in funding for literacy projects/programs to maintain the level of services literacy programs across Canada strive to meet.

for City Clerk

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