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Committee Members, Executive Committee

10th floor, West Tower, City Hall
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RE: EX21.2 - 2021 Capital and Operating Budgets

Dear Mayor Tory and Executive Committee Members,

Thank you for your work in advancing the City's 2021 Budget. This year more than ever, it is crucial that we establish a balanced budget that maintains services and affordability while ensuring that key community priorities continue to get advanced.

One key project in Ward 19 is the redevelopment of the Dawes Road library. The library is essential in serving the Taylor-Massey Neighbourhood Improvement Area and the redevelopment will help to house essential community resources. Since our Budget Committee deliberations the project is now ready to advance.

I hope you will consider adopting a slightly modified recommendation to what was adopted at the Budget Committee to help move this project forward. The recommendation does not require any changes to the proposed 2021 budget but does authorize the Toronto Public Library to advance public consultation and design for the Dawes Road Library and requests the Deputy City Manager, Community and Social Services to identify any 2022 Budget impacts for this project and a status update to Deputy Mayor Thompson's Economic and Community Development Committee by the third quarter of 2021.

Recommendation

1. That Executive Committee amend Budget Committee recommendation 127 to read:

City Council authorize the Toronto Public Library to advance the public consultation and design of the Dawes Road Library and Community Hub based on a community hub of approximately 5,500 square feet, and request the Deputy City Manager, Community and Social Services to work with the City Librarian and CreateTO to assist with the development of design options, service plans, and operating and capital financing strategies for the Community Hub at the Dawes Road Library for consideration in the 2022 Budget process and to report to the Economic and Community Development Committee no later than the third quarter of 2021 with an update.

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Thank you for your consideration and support with this important initiative for my community.

Respectfully,



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