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## 2019 OPERATING BUDGET BRIEFING NOTE

### Cost and Funding of Additional Toronto Public Library Sunday Hours Added in the Period 2015-2018

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#### Issue/Background:

At its meeting on February 13, 2019, Budget Committee ([BU3.4](#), Motion #2b) requested the City Librarian to provide a briefing note on the following:

*The cost and funding details on the Sunday library hours added in the last four years*

This briefing note is divided into three parts:

- Overview and Impact of Toronto Public Library (TPL) Sunday Hours
- Summary of Sunday Hour Expansion 2015-2018
- 2019 Budget Enhancement for Additional Sunday Hours – Recommended by City Staff

#### Key Points:

Over the last four years (2015-2018), with support from the City through the Poverty Reduction Strategy, Toronto Public Library added an additional 2,474.4 Sunday hours annually at 34 locations with incremental funding of \$1,270,800 gross and net, which represents a 71% increase in Sunday service hours over the past four years.

#### Overview and Impact of TPL Sunday Hours

- Sunday service is currently offered at 42 branches: 2 Research and Reference Libraries, 17 District branches and 23 Neighbourhood branches. The branches are geographically distributed across the City.
  - Seasonal Sunday service runs from September to June for 37 Sundays each year and is offered at the 23 Neighbourhood branches. There is no Sunday service offered on holiday weekends, with the exception of the Family Day weekend in February. Sunday branch hours are from 1:30 – 5 p.m.
  - Year round Sunday service is offered at 19 branches - 2 Research and Reference Libraries and 17 District branches.
- Total Sunday service hours per annum is 5,971 hours.

- Year round Sunday service responds to the needs of children and families who remain in Toronto during the summer, the increasing number of students who attend school year round, and the needs of entrepreneurs and small business owners for mobile work space accessible during non-traditional hours.
- Sunday hours service increases are regularly requested by people living in Toronto. During the ongoing consultation for the Library’s Strategic Plan, the community asked for more branches to be open on Sundays and longer Sunday hours. Requests for increased Sunday hours have also been made during Library Budget consultations.
- Expanding Sunday service across the city supports the objectives of the City’s Poverty Reduction Strategy by extending access to essential services including space, technology and information.

**Summary of Sunday Hour Expansion 2015-2018**

- The total incremental cost of expanded Sunday service over the past four years was \$1,270,800 gross and net through the Poverty Reduction Strategy. A total of 2,474.5 Sunday hours were added annually at 34 locations.
- 19 branches added summer Sunday hours resulting in year round Sunday service. 15 branches added seasonal Sunday service. The branches are listed in the following table.

<b>Year Round Sunday Service with Addition of Summer Service</b>		<b>Seasonal Sunday Service Added</b>	
<b>2016 (\$557,500 gross and net)</b>			
Albion (Ward 1)	North York Central (Ward 18)	Bridlewood (Ward 22)	Mount Dennis (Ward 5)
Cedarbrae (Ward 24)	Northern District (Ward 8)	Centennial (Ward 6)	Runnymede (Ward 4)
Lillian H. Smith (Ward 11)	Richview (Ward 2)	Fort York (Ward 10)	Scarborough Civic Centre (Ward 21)
<b>2017 (\$139,300 gross and net)</b>			
Albert Campbell (Ward 20)	Fairview (Ward 17)		
Barbara Frum (Ward 8)	S. Walter Stewart (Ward 14)		
Brentwood (Ward 3)	York Woods (Ward 7)		
<b>2018 (\$574,100 gross and net)</b>			
Agincourt (Ward 22)	Maria A. Shchuka (Ward 12)	Burrows Hall (Ward 23)	St. James Town (Ward 13)
Bloor/Gladstone (Ward 9)	Pape/Danforth (Ward 14)	Eglinton Square (Ward 20)	Steeles (Ward 22)
Don Mills (Ward 16)		Jane/Dundas (Ward 4)	Thorncliffe (Ward 15)

Maria A. Shchuka (Ward 12)		Morningside (Ward 25)	Weston (Ward 5)
Pape/Danforth (Ward 14)		Sanderson (Ward 10)	

**2019 Budget Enhancement for Additional Sunday Hours – Recommended by City Staff**

- Sunday service enhancement is comprised of an additional 8 Sunday service branches in 2019 and a further 8 branches to be added in 2020. Total cost of this service enhancement is \$416,000 gross and net with funding being phased in over 2 years; \$208,000 in each of 2019 and 2020.
  - The 2019 Staff Recommended Operating Budget for Toronto Public Library includes funding for additional seasonal Sunday service at 8 branches at a cost of \$208,000 gross and net.
  - Funding for the additional 8 branches in 2020 will be included as part of TPL’s 2020 Operating Budget submission for consideration.

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