

August 14, 2020

Budget Committee
City of Toronto
Toronto City Hall
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Dear Chair Crawford and Members of the Budget Committee:

At the June 22, 2020 Toronto Public Library Board meeting, the following motion was unanimously adopted by the Board:

That the Toronto Public Library Board:

1. *approves the City Librarian to enter into negotiations with CreateTO and the Developer regarding a Turnover Agreement for 40 St. Clair Avenue East, subject to the following:*
 - a. *a suitable replacement facility, in accordance with the Service Delivery Model and Branch Development Strategy, capable of delivering modern and improved library service as described in this report;*
 - b. *satisfactory resolution to the financial and operational issues that could arise from a redevelopment/relocation including:*
 - i. *the potential loss of annual tenant net rental revenue;*
 - ii. *the cost for relocating 17 staff to another TPL property; and*
 - iii. *a satisfactory facility occupancy agreement for the new library;*
 - c. *on-going consultation and communication with the community, local Councillor, and other stakeholders regarding the potential redevelopment/relocation of the Deer Park library;*
 - d. *Board approval for any negotiated Turnover Agreement; and*

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2. *forwards this report to CreateTO and the City of Toronto requesting that excess funds from the development be directed towards addressing TPL's state of good repair (SOGR) backlog subject to the cost of delivering other city building opportunities as may be identified through the public consultation process and discussions with the local Councillor.*
3. *requests that the City recognize TPL's contribution to city building through maximizing the value of real estate holdings, when approving budget funding to address TPL's serious and growing SOGR backlog.*

The report, *Deer Park Library – Potential Turnover Agreement*, is appended and includes a number of financial and operational issues that need to be addressed as part of this development for consideration during the budget process. The report is being submitted for consideration at the October 8, 2020 Budget Committee meeting and by Council on October 27, 2020.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Vickery Bowles
City Librarian

Attachment – June 22, 2020 report to the Toronto Public Library Board