

Toronto Public Library Board**Meeting No. 1: Monday, January 24, 2022, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:59 p.m.****Via Webex and Teleconference**

22-020 2022 Operating Budget – City Staff Recommended

Howard Balter, Manager, Budget and Financial Reporting, reviewed the highlights of the report. Mr. Balter also provided additional information regarding recent public health directives relating to the implementation of rapid antigen testing for staff who delivery essential library service in branches, and the cost of these tests of approximately \$0.5 million per month which is not included in the 2022 Operating Budget.

Motions:

See the following:

Moved by Councillor Gord Perks, seconded by Councillor Paul Ainslie:**That the Toronto Public Library Board:**

1. *endorses the City staff recommendation to eliminate teens and adults overdue fines, and request that the \$0.500 funding shortfall be provided by City Council for a total funding of \$1.100 million net, or 0.5%, in 2022; and*
2. *requests Council to consider funding for the Digital Literacy for Seniors and Community Librarians Outreach service enhancements totalling \$0.311 million net and gross, or 0.2%, including 4.0 positions, in 2022.*

Carried as Amended**Moved in amendment by Councillor Gord Perks, seconded by Councillor Paul Ainslie:****That the Toronto Public Library Board amend the motion to delete the following wording:**

1. *endorses the City staff recommended 2022 operating base budget of \$208.570 million net (\$228.190 million gross), which represents a \$5.522 million net (\$7.682 million gross) increase, or 2.7%, over the 2021 operating budget as detailed in Attachment 1, comprised of:*
 - a. *a base budget increase of \$0.742 million net (\$4.457 million gross), or 0.3%, before 2022 COVID-19 pressures; and*
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Moved by Andrea Geddes Poole, ***seconded by*** Jennifer Liu:

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Amended