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**TORONTO PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD
BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING – November 1, 2011**

Communications were received from the following individuals regarding Agenda Item No. 8 – *2012 Operating Budget – Budget Suggestions*:

- Erich Volk
- Pat McNeill
- Jo-Anne Corbeil
- Charlynn Rhea
- Will Kennedy
- Shirley Morriss
- Ian Carmichael, Co-President, ABC Residents' Association
- Gee Chung, President, The Greater Yorkville Residents' Association
- Mary Helen Spence
- Diane Dyer
- Maureen O'Reilly, President, Toronto Public Library Workers Union, Local 4948 (CUPE)
- Douglas June, Chair, Bloor-Yorkville Business Improvement Area
- Ariel Lopez
- Jason Meyers

Nancy Marshall - Proposed cuts reported in tonight's Globe article...

From: Erich Volk <erich.volk@gmail.com>
To: <nmarshall@torontopubliclibrary.ca>, <mary-margaret@mcmahoncan.ca>
Date: October 28, 2011 8:39 PM
Subject: Proposed cuts reported in tonight's Globe article...

Ms Marshall,

Please accept this message on behalf of the full board.

In a Globe article published online tonight -- "New Library Board Proposes Shutting 38 Branches" -- it seems that some lunatic board member is mocking the outrage expressed earlier in the fall by a huge segment of Toronto citizens. Do the minions of Rob Ford enjoy polarizing Toronto, must concerned citizens continually fight this kind of thinking? Is this a very bad joke? The board should summarily dismiss these new proposals.

Councillor McMahon,
Please continue to support TPL.

Regards,

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Nancy Marshall - the 10%

From: Pat McNeill <mcneill.pat@gmail.com>
To: <nmarshall@torontopubliclibrary.ca>
Date: October 28, 2011 10:07 PM
Subject: the 10%

Please board members,do your job and find the 10% like everyone else in the world is now forced to do,TY P.M.

Nancy Marshall - cost saving suggestion

From: jo-anne corbeil <espritedu@joannecorbeil.com>
To: <nmarshall@torontopubliclibrary.ca>
Date: October 29, 2011 11:10 AM
Subject: cost saving suggestion

Dear Ms. Marshall,

I hope this email finds you well.

I am an avid user of our library system. As a matter of fact I travel to different libraries looking for books. As a user I have been granted the great privilege of being able to return these books at my Davenport library which has been a wonderful service. It occurred to me the other day that I would not mind losing that service and that I am quite capable of returning the books to the original library I borrowed from.

If you as a board had the mandate to implement this then surely costs in gas being used to ship the books to the original libraries would may be help this '10' per cent Rob Ford is after and it would not cost us any librarians.

Sincerely,

Jo-Anne Corbeil

416-726-5016

Nancy Marshall - board members' responsibilities

From: Charlynn Rhea <rhea.see@sympatico.ca>
To: <nmarshall@torontopubliclibrary.ca>
Date: October 29, 2011 2:42 PM
Subject: board members' responsibilities

Dear TPL Board members,

It greatly concerns me that one of the TPL board members has advanced several recommendations, including shutting down 38 of Toronto's 99 branches, that would decimate our public library system.

According to the City of Toronto, the responsibilities of the board include the following specific matters:

- a. directing and approving strategic plans, goals and policies for the library based on community needs, and ensuring that these plans are efficiently and effectively implemented
- b. approving the annual operating and capital budgets for recommendation to City Council
- c. acting as an advocate for library service, representing the library before City Council and in the community
- d. protecting the public's right to read materials of their choice
- e. hiring and evaluating the City Librarian, who is responsible for the day-to-day administration of the library and its staff
- f. is legally accountable for the library's activities and for ensuring that it complies with all applicable legislation

This board member is failing to uphold his/her responsibilities, specifically a, c and d. His/her recommendations to close almost 40% of the city's libraries most certainly is not based on "community needs". His/her recommendations is in direct opposition to the responsibility of "acting as an advocate for library service". Surely shutting down 38 libraries deeply erodes the public's right to read in general, and the "public's right to read materials of their choice" specifically.

This board member is not upholding his/her responsibilities and should resign or be removed from the board.

Thank you,

Beth Wilson
Charlynn Rhea
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Nancy Marshall - [Possible Spam] libraries

From: Kennedy <willkennedy@bell.net>
To: <nmarshall@torontopubliclibrary.ca>
Date: October 29, 2011 10:06 PM
Subject: [Possible Spam] libraries

I don't want our libraries to suffer cost cutting to such an extreme it's not necessary will kennedy

Nancy Marshall - Re: Yorkville Branch Library, TPL Budget Committee meeting, Nov. 1

From: Shirley Morriss <shirmorriss@yahoo.com>
To: Nancy Marshall <nmarshall@torontopubliclibrary.ca>
Date: October 31, 2011 2:18 PM
Subject: Re: Yorkville Branch Library, TPL Budget Committee meeting, Nov. 1

Dear Nancy Marshall:

Thank you for the information.

I will be addressing the Board regarding the possible closure of the Yorkville Public Library.

I am a Director-at-Large of the ABC Residents' Association. It's boundaries are from Avenue Rd. over to Yonge St. and from Bloor St. north to the CPR tracks therefore the Yorkville Library is within our area and very much a significant part of our community.

I will provide the above information and explain why our residents feel strongly the Yorkville Branch remain open as an important heritage building, and because of the many services that it provides the ABCRA membership.

I should add that ALL residents within our boundaries are automatically members of the association. See our website: www.abcra.ca

My address is 63 MacPherson Ave, Toronto, ON, M5R 1W7 tel. 416-962-5909

I am quite willing for my information and opinions as expressed in my address be part of the public record.

Shirley Morriss

From: Nancy Marshall <nmarshall@torontopubliclibrary.ca>
To: Shirley Morriss <shirmorriss@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, October 31, 2011 10:24:56 AM
Subject: Re: Yorkville Branch Library, TPL Budget Committee meeting, Nov. 1

Dear Shirley Morriss,

Thank you for your email communication and for your request to make a deputation to the TPL Board Budget Committee on Nov. 1st.

I am attaching information about addressing the TPL Board from the Board's Procedural By-law.

As you will see, the following additional information is required:

- an outline of the submission to be made, and any relevant documentation;

- confirmation from you by email that the information and opinions contained in your address to the Board become part of the public record.

Thank you, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Nancy Marshall
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>>> Shirley Morriss <shirmorriss@yahoo.com> 30/10/2011 10:04 am >>>

Dear Nancy Marshall:

I have been advised that members of the public may comment at the forthcoming Toronto Public Library Budget Committee meeting on Nov. 1.

I wish to please be included as a speaker.

Shirley Morriss 416-962-5909
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Nancy Marshall - Yorkville Public Library

From: Ian Carmichael <carmichaeli@sympatico.ca>
To: <nmarshall@torontopubliclibrary.ca>
Date: October 30, 2011 4:38 PM
Subject: Yorkville Public Library
CC: <councillor_wongtam@toronto.ca>, john caliando <jcaliando@renvestcapital.com>, MORRISS Shirley <shirmorriss@sympatico.ca>

October 29, 2011

Members of the Toronto Public Library Board

The Secretary, Nancy Marshall at nmarshall@torontopubliclibrary.ca

Toronto Public Library Board

789 Yonge Street

Toronto, Ontario M4W 2G8

RE; November 1st meeting-Yorkville Public Library.

Dear Members of the Board.

I am writing on behalf of the ABC Resident's Association. We represent residents in the area of the Library and have recently been advised that the Board will be considering suggestions to increase revenues or reduce costs, and to advise on their feasibility. We further understand that staff have recommended against the closure of The Yorkville branch pointing out that "Yorkville is listed on the City's Inventory of Heritage Properties.[and] is a busy neighborhood branch in the top quartile of performance."

Our association appeals to the Board to support this staff recommendation.

Over the past 10 years Yorkville has been the decimated of many of it's historical sites. The many sky -scrapers that have been built have brought millions of dollars in development levies to the city and the residents now living in these buildings will continue to contribute millions more in tax dollars. The Yorkville branch is one of the City's busiest branches . It now serves a population of 42,168 people and holds special collections of local history materials. In 2010 it served 121,442 visitors, hosted 147 programs, and held 58,067 items with a circulation of 320,764.

The area of Yorkville also contributes to the City's economic development through the millions of tourists it attracts. The Library along with its neighbouring Fire Hall are the areas most visited historical sites. This side of the ledger must also be considered when considering budget revenues.

Sincerely yours,

Ian Carmichael

Co- President ,ABC Residents' Association. 416-923-1898

CC

Councillor Wong Tam

City Librarian - Suggestion to Close the Yorkville Lending Library

From: Gee Chung <gyra@sympatico.ca>
To: Councillor Paul Ainslie <councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca>, Councillor Janet Davis <councillor_davis@toronto.ca>, Jane Pyper Chief Librarian <citylibrarian@torontopubliclibrary.ca>
Date: October 31, 2011 11:22 AM
Subject: Suggestion to Close the Yorkville Lending Library
CC: Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam <councillor_wongtam@toronto.ca>, Melissa Wong Office of Councillor Wong-Tam <mwongb@toronto.ca>

GYRA

THE GREATER YORKVILLE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

31 October 2011

Toronto Public Library Budget Committee
Toronto Reference Library Board Room
789 Yonge Street
Toronto ON

Attention: Ms Jane Pyper, Secretary

Dear Budget Committee:

Re: Suggestion to Close the Yorkville Lending Library

GYRA, the Greater Yorkville Residents' Association represents twenty-six condominium and co-op residential buildings in the Yorkville area, home to thousands of Torontonians.

The suggestion made by a new board member, as reported by the Toronto Star, to close our beloved library has incurred the wrath of our community and, I dare say, that of the entire Bloor-Yorkville Community.

The Toronto Star also reported Vice-Chair Mike Foderick saying the rest of the board is opposed to closures, and we trust the suggested closure of our 104-year old Carnegie library, a jewel in the Village of Yorkville, as well as other Toronto libraries will therefore be quashed.

Please ensure the continued existence of all our Toronto libraries.

Yours sincerely,
Gee Chung
President
THE GREATER YORKVILLE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

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Nancy Marshall - Re: November 1st Budget Meeting

From: Mary helen Spence <mhspence@rogers.com>
To: <nmarshall@torontopubliclibrary.ca>
Date: October 31, 2011 12:48 PM
Subject: Re: November 1st Budget Meeting

Ms Marshall

I understand your policies require that we provide a reason we are asking to address the Committee. Both Ms Dyer and I will be expressing our opposition the potential closing of the Yorkville branch. I am writing on behalf of Ms Dyer as she does not have access to email at the moment. Thank you. On 2011-10-30, at 11:16 PM, Mary helen Spence wrote:

Ms Marshall,

I am writing to request deputation time at the meeting of the Library Board's Budget Committee on November 1st.

I am requesting time for two presentations

1. Mary Helen Spence- 416-920-2589
2. Diane Dyer - 416-968-1356

Thank you.

From: <president@local4948.org>
To: <nmarshall@torontopubliclibrary.ca>
CC: <president@local4948.org>, <recordingsecretary@local4948.org>, <sdeclerc...>
Date: 31/10/2011 2:59 am
Subject: Deputation to Budget Committee
Attachments: Local 4948 Deputation Nov.1st.2011 to Budget Committee.pdf

Dear Nancy,
Please find attached a deputation from Local 4948 to the Budget Committee of the Toronto Public Library.
Thank you,
Maureen O'Reilly

---- Msg sent via @Mail - <http://atmail.com/>



Local 4948

Affiliated with CUPE and the
Toronto & York Region Labour
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October 31, 2011

Toronto Public Library Board
C/O Toronto Public Library
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Dear Members of the Toronto Public Library Budget
Committee,

I am writing to you from the CUPE National convention in Vancouver. Members of the Toronto Public Library Workers Union Local 4948 spent the morning on October 30st with library workers from across the country, strategizing about how we can ensure that local city council's and library board's remain accountable to the public by protecting public library services for generations to come.

The report before the Budget Committee on November 1st contains a series of cuts to library services, including proposals to:

- Close the Yorkville branch
- Reduce the number of library branches to 60 from 98
- Eliminate computers at library branches
- Increase rental rates for library theatres, which are principally rented by non-profit amateur groups
- Jack up children's overdue book rates by 150%
- Create a new fine system for holds not picked up fast enough
- Allow corporate or individual "sponsors" to pay to attach their names to prized and historic book collections
- Reduce the size of branches like Northern District Library
- Introduce "pay for naming rights" for library branches
- Close the North York Central Library

This past summer, the library workers had an intensely personal conversation with Torontonians. Torontonians do not want cuts to the library service, including library closures, reductions in hours and reductions in the quality and breadth



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of the library service that Torontonians have come to rely upon. The people in Toronto did not elect the Mayor to make cuts to public services and by extension would not support a library board that opted to make cuts to library services.

Who should be strongest advocates for the Toronto Public Library? According to the Public Libraries Act, this is your role, as the Board. If the library board does not stand up to the City, this library board's legacy will be delivering the most devastating cuts to the library service ever in the history of this city.

To be fair, you cannot be expected to understand the complexity of this budget process in such a short time for such a large organization with such a long history of service to this City. But you should understand that books and libraries are not gravy. Libraries make this city livable and prosperous. Libraries make this city great.

Let me remind you of the radical cuts that you have already made and will consider in the next two weeks.

On October 17, you voted, after having been constituted as a new Library Board, to cut 5.7% of the library's budget, including 100 FTEs. These cuts will have devastating effects on the library service.

If you approve a further 4.3% cut to the library budget on November 21st, following your decision to cut 5.7% on October 17th, the Board will have voted in support of a staffing reduction of 17% since 1998. This reduction in staffing signifies the biggest staffing cut in the city of Toronto in a direct service delivery department. If you approve a further 4.3% cut, you will also be eliminating almost 20,000 open hours and the cuts to service that go with that and a whopping 27% cut to the library collection's budget in 2012 alone.

The cuts you voted to approve at the last board meeting on October 17th, including cuts to home library services (a service that delivers library materials to elderly people and patrons



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with limited mobility) and the expansion of self-serve RFID technology in order to reduce staff and services, will not be forgotten. If you will not stand up for public library services, we are committing to Torontonians that we, the library workers, will continue to defend library services. We should be doing this work together. It is a shame we are not.

I can't emphasize enough that all of these cuts are being done to the world's busiest public library system and to one of the city's greatest cultural institutions. This is a tragedy.

Let's call this charade what it is: a library is more than a building. With these cuts to staffing, hours, and collections, Torontonians will be left with a dying library service.

We are the library workers. We are the librarians, the public service assistants, the catalogers, the IT professionals, the maintenance mechanics and more. We are the ones who provide direct service delivery to the public. We are telling you tonight that if you continue along the lines of the trajectory you have charted thus far, you will have left behind a library service that is not sustainable.

Rest in peace Toronto public library - unless you, the Toronto public library board, comes to her defense. The citizens of Toronto will be watching you.

Sincerely,

Maureen O'Reilly
President
Toronto Public Library Workers Union Local 4948

bloor-yorkville

October 31, 2011

BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AREA

VIA EMAIL TO:

<mailto:nmarshall@torontopubliclibrary.ca>

Toronto Public Library Board
789 Yonge Street
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Dear Members of the Toronto Public Library Board:

Re: Proposed Closure of Yorkville Library Branch

We are writing to advise that we are adamantly opposed to the proposal of closing and selling the site of the Yorkville Library Branch, which has been a part of our community for over 104 years. The Yorkville Library is a historically significant building, in our community and services a very large and growing population of the Yorkville Area.

Our neighbourhood has been under a siege of nearly 25 new condominium developments and through that process, our organization has worked diligently, with the City and area residents, to preserve, protect and enhance the library site, which is one of the very few historically significant buildings left in the community. The site plans for the 18 Yorkville condominium building, as well as the new Four Seasons Hotel have been laid out, so that the historic library building and the Yorkville Fire hall are enhanced by attractive parks and green spaces, rather than being surrounded by new glass and steel structures. This careful consideration to planning has allowed these 2 historical structures to remain a focus of the north side of Yorkville Avenue between Yonge and Bay Streets.

The library contributes greatly to the vitality of our area and with each new condominium development, we are seeing an increase, in the residential population, which makes use of the library's services. Usage of this branch ranks in the top 25% of most used libraries, in the city, which is surely just cause on its own to keep its doors open.

Closing this branch and selling this property is not a viable solution to resolving the library's budget shortfall and we encourage you to vote down this proposal and not put the future of the Yorkville library in jeopardy. We have enough development sites and would not want to see an historical gem turned into yet another structure of glass and steel.

Yours truly,



Douglas Jure
Chair

cc: Councillor Wong-Tam
Gee Chung – GYRA
Shirley Morris – ABC Residents Association



Nancy Marshall - Libraries are not gravy

From: "ariel_t_lopez@yahoo.com" <ariel_t_lopez@yahoo.com>
To: <councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca>
Date: November 1, 2011 10:20 AM
Subject: Libraries are not gravy
CC: <councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca>, <mayor_ford@toronto.ca>, <nmarshall@torontopubliclibrary.ca>

Dear Paul Ainslie,

Closing 38 neighbourhood library branches and cutting branch hours, programs and library staff, is exactly what the city should not be doing. Such measures will be counter-productive to our economy and will deny access to knowledge and learning precisely when we need it most. I urge you to preserve and protect Toronto Public Library services and staff and our neighbourhood branches, and reject proposals to diminish them.

Sincerely,

Ariel Lopez
4254 Kingston Road
Scarborough M1E 2M8

cc:
Councillor Paul Ainslie

cc:
Rob Ford

cc:
Library Board Secretary

Nancy Marshall - Libraries are not gravy

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Date: November 1, 2011 10:25 AM
Subject: Libraries are not gravy
CC: <councillor_vaughan@toronto.ca>, <mayor_ford@toronto.ca>, <nmarshall@torontopubliclibrary.ca>

Dear Paul Ainslie,

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Sincerely,

Jason Meyers
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cc:
Councillor Adam Vaughan

cc:
Rob Ford

cc:
Library Board Secretary