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Subject: RE: Toronto Public Library 2015 budget

John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

Dear Mayor Tory,

I urge you to reject the Board's proposal and support the budget for 2015 recommended by the City Librarian. For the record, I support expansion of our public library.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

Don Adams
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

cc:
Councillor Mary Fragedakis
Toronto Library Board Member

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Toronto Public Library Board
c/o Nancy Marshall, Board Secretary

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Councillor Paul Ainslie
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Councillor Ana Bailão
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Yours sincerely,

Liam O'Donnell
[REDACTED]
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John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

Dear Mayor Tory,

Congratulations on your election victory.

I am handicapped and use the Library home delivery service. This has enabled me to enjoy the books that are sent to me and is really a life saver.

As you probably know, the Toronto Public Library is a very important and popular institution in our city. I assume that is why Council supported a motion from Michelle Berardinetti during the last budget process to ask the Library Board to examine ways to re-invest in our public library.

What I cannot understand is that the Library Board has just voted to reduce the recommended budget request our public library needs next year just to maintain existing services. This in spite of the fact that the City Librarian has clearly said her proposed funding request for 2015 is needed so that services are not cut.

I note the current Board is at the end of its mandate and the membership of the Board will be renewed early in 2015. Perhaps this is why some members seem to believe that defying Council is appropriate.

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Please get back to me.

Yours sincerely,

Judy van Ryn
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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Toronto Library Board Member

cc:
Toronto Public Library Board

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Subject: RE: Toronto Public Library 2015 budget

John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

Dear Mayor Tory,

Hi Mayor Tory,

I think you are smart enough to know that this one doesn't need much explanation. Please find the funds, and give our libraries some room to breathe.

Thank you very much! I am looking forward to meeting you.

Yours sincerely,

Katy Zei
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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Toronto Library Board Member

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Subject: RE: please keep our libraries strong.

John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

Dear Mayor Tory,

When Rob Ford was our Mayor, his brother, Doug offered to cut one of the libraries in his ward - seemingly unaware of its importance as the heart of a neighbourhood. Indeed, Doug Ford seemed unaware of even the location of this library - Northern Elms at Kipling and Rexdale Blvd., centrally located near bus routes, and many, many schools, mosques, churches, etc.

All of our libraries are an important part of our infrastructure, and help make our city strong. Each library is a nexus, and serves to reduce disparities among our citizens.

Please help keep our libraries strong and our citizens literate and informed.

Yours sincerely, Andrea Dyrkacz

Andrea Dyrkacz
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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Toronto Library Board Member

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c/o Nancy Marshall, Board Secretary

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Subject: Library Board mistaken

John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

Dear Mayor Tory,

I voted for you because I expect you to do better than Mayor Ford. Our library system is one of the few things running properly in this city. Please maintain support and reject the Library Board's astonishing and irresponsible call for more budget cuts.
Please reply.

Sincerely,

Bill Andersen
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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Toronto Library Board Member

cc:
Toronto Public Library Board
c/o Nancy Marshall, Board Secretary

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Subject: RE: Toronto Public Library 2015 budget

John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

Dear Mayor Tory,

Congratulations on your election victory. As you know, I voted for change in the Mayor's Office.

Today I am writing to add my voice in support of our public library system.

I understand that Council supported a motion from Michelle Berardinetti during the last budget process to ask the Library Board to examine ways to re-invest in our public library.

What I cannot understand is that the Library Board has just voted to reduce the recommended budget request our public library needs next year just to maintain existing services, notwithstanding that the City Librarian has clearly said her proposed funding request for 2015 is needed so that services are not cut.

Such voting actions by Board members reflect a lack of duty of care in the public interest.

I urge you to reject the Board's proposal and support the budget for 2015 recommended by the City Librarian. For the record, I support expansion of our public library. TPL is a national treasure.

Yours sincerely,

Lorraine Tinsley
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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Toronto Library Board Member

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c/o Nancy Marshall, Board Secretary

cc:
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John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

Dear Mayor Tory,

I consider the public library generally, and our superb Toronto Public Library system, to be essential contributors to the democratic fabric of our society.

The library has changed markedly over the last decade and reflects the needs of our diverse city. Not only is TPL and important institution in our city, but it is also a popular one. And with appropriate support, it will become even more important and popular.

Council supported a motion from Michelle Berardinetti during the last budget process to ask the Library Board to examine ways to re-invest in our public library.

Why then has the Library Board just voted to reduce the recommended budget request our public library needs next year just to maintain existing services? This in spite of the fact that the City Librarian has clearly said her proposed funding request for 2015 is needed so that services are not cut.

I note the current Board is at the end of its mandate and the membership of the Board will be renewed early in 2015. Perhaps this is why some members seem to believe that defying Council is appropriate.

I urge you to reject the Board's proposal and support the budget for 2015 recommended by the City Librarian. For the record, I support expansion of our public library.

Please get back to me.

Yours sincerely,

Valerie Hussey
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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Councillor Mary Fragedakis
Toronto Library Board Member

cc:

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Subject: RE: Toronto Public Library 2015 budget

John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

Dear Mayor Tory,

Please support the budget for 2015 recommended by the City Librarian, and reject the Library Board's proposal for cuts.

The Toronto Public Library is a one of Toronto's great institutions, valued by all sections of our community. In recognition of this, Council supported a motion from Michelle Berardinetti during the last budget process to ask the Library Board to examine ways to re-invest in our public library.

We need to grow our library, not shrink it. Please reply and indicate what course of action you are planning on this.

Yours sincerely,

Mark Pomerantz
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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Toronto Library Board Member

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Subject: RE: Toronto Public Library 2015 budget

John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

Dear Mayor Tory,

Congratulations on your election victory. It was time for a change in the Toronto Mayor's Office.

The Toronto Public Library is a very important and popular institution in the city. Council supported a motion from Michelle Berardinetti during the last budget process to ask the Library Board to examine ways to re-invest in our public library.

It is egregious, then, that the unelected Library Board has just voted to reduce the recommended budget request the public library needs next year just to maintain existing services. This in spite of the fact that the City Librarian clearly stated her proposed funding request for 2015 will only cover current operating costs so that services are not cut.

The current Board is at the end of its mandate and the membership of the Board will be renewed early in 2015. Some members of the outgoing Board seem to believe that defying Council is appropriate.

I urge you to reject the outgoing Board's proposal and support the budget for 2015 recommended by the City Librarian. For the record, I support expansion and enhancement of Toronto's public library, a vital resource for all citizens in a modern urban community.

Yours sincerely,

Lesley Johnson
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

Dear Mayor Tory,

Congratulations on your election victory. I really welcome change in the Mayor's Office.

As you probably know, the Toronto Public Library is a very important and popular institution in our city. My local branch (Bloor-Gladstone) is always packed with people of all ages. I am at the library 2 to 3 times a week and make extensive use of its on-line catalog to have books and tapes sent to my home library Branch. I'm retired and couldn't possibly afford to buy all the books I read. You should also know that I always vote and that the library is among the most important city services you me.

I assume that is why Council supported a motion from Michelle Berardinetti during the last budget process to ask the Library Board to examine ways to re-invest in our public library.

What I cannot understand is that the Library Board has just voted to reduce the recommended budget request our public library needs next year just to maintain existing services. This in spite of the fact that the City Librarian has clearly said her proposed funding request for 2015 is needed so that services are not cut.

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Please get back to me.

Yours sincerely,

Ernest Giambrone
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

cc:
Councillor Mary Fragedakis
Toronto Library Board Member

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Subject: RE: Toronto Public Library 2015 budget

John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

Dear Mayor Tory,

Congratulations on your election victory. IT is wonderful to have a thoughtful , hardworking Mayor in charge of our City.

As you probably know, the Toronto Public Library is a very important and popular institution in our city. It plays a very important role for all citizens, providing a source of knowledge and information for all and a place of support for some of our most needy citizens. Council has recognized this to some extent in the past although I am concerned that the steady erosion of the Library's budget will jeopardize its ability to deliver needed services.

I cannot understand why the Library Board has just voted to reduce the recommended budget request our public library needs next year just to maintain existing services. This in spite of the fact that the City Librarian has clearly said her proposed funding request for 2015 is needed so that services are not cut.

I urge you to reject the Board's proposal and find the Library at a level that allows it, with prudent management, to continue to meet the requirements of our City in these challenging times.

Please get back to me.

Yours sincerely,

Elizabeth Kaegi
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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Toronto Library Board Member

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Subject: RE: Toronto Public Library 2015 budget

John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

Dear Mayor Tory,

Congratulations on your election victory. I voted for you as I trust your vision for Toronto.

Please ensure that the Toronto PUBLIC libraries are funded properly so that they are able to fulfil and expand their mandate (contrary to the current Boards's proposed budget).

Libraries are a great education/information/recreational resource for our children as well as for the "working poor" and the elderly/disabled who are on low, fixed incomes. Their name is legion and their numbers are increasing exponentially over time.

I love my cosy, vibrant local library and want all your constituents to have access to this essential public service.

Yours sincerely, Kathy McDermott

Kathy McDermott
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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Toronto Library Board Member

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Subject: End Ford Nation's war on the Toronto Public Library

John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

Dear Mayor Tory,

Congratulations on your election victory.

One of the most important actions you can now take, both symbolic and very concrete, is to publicly end the War on Libraries that Ford was involved in. I know you have the creativity and the will to restore proper budgeting to the TPL. I hope you will do this loudly and proudly.

Please get back to me.

Yours sincerely,

Toby Thain
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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Toronto Library Board Member

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Subject: RE: Toronto Public Library 2015 budget

John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

Dear Mayor Tory,

I use the Toronto Public Library system very heavily. It is an absolutely fantastic resource, and its broad and deep collection could easily be the envy of many small and medium-sized universities. Many, many other people feel as I do, and the fact that the Toronto Public Library is one of the most active and successful operations of its kind in the world is ample evidence of this.

During the side show that was Mayor Ford's term in office, I watched in horror and disgust at the poltroonery and the ill-informed decisions that were taken. I was particularly depressed at the evident bias that the Ford brothers projected against this city's strong intellectual and cultural life, and the focussed attack they mounted against the public library system.

There is now the opportunity for a change of course, to adopt a new outlook and to begin reversing this attack and its effects, an attack that was carried out in the face of, and in apparent denial of, the very strong patronage that the library has always enjoyed. The library's strong public function and benefits to the city are matters of documented fact, and are certainly not just hopeful speculation. I urge you in the strongest terms possible to call a halt to the degradation in our public library, and provide the library system the funding it needs to continue carrying out its function and delivering the benefits it does.

Please provide the library the funding that has been requested, and set aside permanently the proposals for further cuts.

Yours sincerely,

Keith Weaver
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

cc:
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Toronto Library Board Member

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Toronto Public Library Board
c/o Nancy Marshall, Board Secretary

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Subject: RE: Toronto Public Library 2015 budget

John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

Dear Mayor Tory,

Congratulations on your election victory. I welcome this change in the Mayor's Office.

I'm writing this as a university professor (retired) who writes and lectures regularly on the history of the book. My research into library history has shown me beyond a doubt how remarkable is Toronto's luck, in comparison with many other cities, in possessing the great civic institution of the Toronto Public Library. It is one of the most important such libraries in the world, in terms of the numbers who use it, its collections, and its constant innovation and outreach.

I assume that is why Council supported a motion from Michelle Berardinetti during the last budget process to ask the Library Board to examine ways to re-invest in our public library.

What I cannot understand is that the Library Board has just voted to reduce the recommended budget request our public library needs next year just to maintain existing services. This in spite of the fact that the City Librarian has clearly said her proposed funding request for 2015 is needed so that services are not cut.

This is a very destructive and totally unnecessary measure. Given the distinction of the TPL, and its excellent services to the citizens of Toronto, I oppose it most strongly.

I note the current Board is at the end of its mandate and the membership of the Board will be renewed early in 2015. Perhaps this is why some members seem to believe that defying Council is appropriate.

I invite you to appoint a new Board whose membership will be charged with the task of sustaining this jewel in Toronto's crown.

I urge you in the strongest possible terms to reject the Board's proposal and support the budget for 2015 recommended by the City Librarian. For the record, I support expansion of our public library.

Please get back to me.

Yours sincerely, Germaine Warkentin

Germaine Warkentin
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Debi Tate

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Subject: RE: Toronto Public Library 2015 budget

John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

Dear Mayor Tory,

Congratulations on your election victory. I am so pleased that you were elected and welcome having your needed expertise and skills to positively create necessary changes in the Mayor's Office.

With your background, I assume that you know, the vital importance of the popular Toronto Public Library to our city. I presume that is why Council supported a motion from Michelle Berardinetti during the last budget process to ask the Library Board to examine ways to re-invest in our public library.

What bewilders and perplexes me is that the Library Board has just voted to reduce the recommended budget request our public library needs next year just to maintain existing services. This in spite of the fact that the City Librarian has clearly said her proposed funding request for 2015 is needed so that services are not cut.

I know that the current Board is at the end of its mandate and that membership of the Board will be renewed early in 2015. Perhaps this is why some members seem to believe that defying Council is appropriate.

I urge you to reject the Board's proposal and support the budget for 2015 recommended by the City Librarian. For the record, I support expansion of our public library.

Please get back to me.

Yours sincerely,

Hilda Swirsky
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

cc:
Councillor Mary Fragedakis
Toronto Library Board Member

cc:
Toronto Public Library Board
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Subject: RE: Toronto Public Library 2015 budget

John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

Dear Mayor Tory,

I have just received word of proposed further cuts by the outgoing Library Board to the budgets of public libraries in Toronto.

I am a strong supporter of a viable and efficient library service. I believe this can be accomplished based on the recommended 2015 budget proposal. I simply cannot understand how the outgoing Library Board could, and would, have requested deeper cuts than those already inflicted on our magnificent libraries that are so important to all of us.

Further reducing library budgets, already reduced to critical levels, seems inadvisable given how popular and important a viable and strong library system is to the citizens of Toronto.

Both my wife and I respectfully urge you to reject the Library Board's proposal for serious budget cuts.

After years of witnessing, and feeling, the effects of library budget cuts, we asked you and the City Council to consider accepting the recommended 2015 budget proposal.

Sincerely,
Robert Gardner

Yours sincerely,

Robert Gardner
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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Toronto Library Board Member

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Subject: Toronto Public Library 2015 budget

John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

Dear Mayor Tory,

Congratulation on winning the recent election. It is a relief to see sanity and decorum return to civic government.

The Toronto Public Library is one of the most admired library systems in the world. It has some of the highest per-capita circulation and visitor numbers of any library network internationally, and provides an essential service to the citizens of Toronto.

Unfortunately, this important resource has been the victim of years of cutbacks, whether by ideological demands to reduce its budget, or by negligent failure to even maintain funding at the level of inflation. The staff have been cut, the hours have been cut, the collections have been cut, and now even security is being cut.

I know someone who has worked in the library system for over 25 years, as both front-line staff and now as a senior manager. He tells me that he has never, ever, seen morale so low. Staff are so overworked and depressed by the continued pressure and deterioration that they are struggling to remain civil with each other.

We cannot allow this destruction of a vital public resource to continue.

Council took an important step during the last budget process when it passed a motion to ask the Library Board to examine ways to re-invest in our public library.

The City Librarian has proposed a funding request for 2015 that is necessary to prevent further cuts to services. However, the outgoing Library Board, populated with Rob Ford appointees, has just voted to reduce that recommended budget request, in clear defiance of Council's direction.

I strongly urge you to reject the Board's proposal and support the budget for 2015 recommended by the City Librarian. I hope that when a new Board is in place in the new year, it will be composed of people who recognize the value, and not just the cost, of a vibrant public library.

I look forward to your response on this matter. Thank you for taking the time to consider my perspective.

Yours sincerely,

Stuart Rogers
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Subject: RE: TPL 2015 budget

John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

Dear Mayor Tory,

Congratulations on your election victory.

(etc, you read the form letters)

Please reject the Board's proposal and support the budget for 2015 recommended by the City Librarian. For the record, I support expansion of our public library.

My Postscript.

Libraries provide the young an alternative to misdemeanours and gang-like activities. They are centres for the elderly. Middle aged adults find the information they seek, and the peace to make use of that.

Please assist our library network; don't weaken it.

Thanks in advance,

David Berman
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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Toronto Library Board Member

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Mayor of Toronto

Dear Mayor Tory,

I don't know if you visit public libraries very often. If you visited the branch I go to regularly, you would see all kinds of people enjoying the resources of our cherished and carefully-nurtured library system: borrowing books, having community-oriented meetings, taking advantage of the incredible knowledge that library staff share to guide our way in this information-saturated environment. What I like best about the library is how much other people enjoy it too. It makes such a big difference to the people in my neighbourhood.

I've been quite dismayed at the attitude the City has taken toward our public libraries in recent years. It is one of the few truly accessible services still available to people, regardless of income. It has such an important role to play in our web-wide world, but I'm afraid it is being dismantled in a game of shadows and subterfuge. Now I learn that the outgoing Library Board, appointed by your predecessor, has approved yet more cuts to the system.

I note the current Board is at the end of its mandate and the membership of the Board will be renewed early in 2015. Perhaps this is why some members seem to believe that defying Council is appropriate.

I urge you to reject the Board's proposal and support the budget for 2015 recommended by the City Librarian. It would be a very poor start to your Mayoralty if this Scrooging of the libraries is allowed to go ahead. I urge you to take what measures you can to prevent these cuts from going ahead. For the record, I support expansion of our public library.

Please get back to me.

Yours sincerely,

Lisa Walter
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

cc:
Councillor Mary Fragedakis
Toronto Library Board Member

cc:
Toronto Public Library Board

Debi Tate

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, December 14, 2014 1:01 PM
To: mayor_tory@toronto.ca
Cc: councillor_fragedakis@toronto.ca; Nancy Marshall; councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca; councillor_bailao@toronto.ca; councillor_doucette@toronto.ca
Subject: RE: Toronto Public Library 2015 budget

John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

Dear Mayor Tory,

Congratulations on your recent election. I very much hope that one of the changes that you make while in office will be to adopt a supportive attitude towards the Toronto Public Library system.

As an avid user of the Toronto Public Library, and more recently, through my employment as a page within the organization, I see just how popular the library is. On a regular basis people are vying for the opportunity to access a computer. Study space in the library is at a constant premium. The children's section is full of parents with youths of all ages, reading each other stories, bonding and developing a love of learning and reading that will stick with those children their entire lives. Books circulate constantly and there is no shortage of work to be done, either managing the materials or assisting patrons with their research and reading needs.

In short, the various branches of the Toronto Public Library system provide an invaluable community resource. They promote and support some most important values in our society, while providing individuals with a much needed place to gather in an intellectually supportive and constructive environment. Any funding cuts to this invaluable organization would be a very sad mistake.

Please get back to me.

Yours sincerely,

Caitlin Marshall
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

cc:
Councillor Mary Fragedakis
Toronto Library Board Member

cc:
Toronto Public Library Board
c/o Nancy Marshall, Board Secretary

cc:
Councillor Paul Ainslie

Debi Tate

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Subject: RE: Toronto Public Library 2015 budget

John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

Dear Mayor Tory,

Congratulations on your election victory. I gladly welcome change in the Mayor's Office and hope that you will bring hope and rational intelligence during your tenure. We no longer expect that the sole rational will be to cut, cut, cut. We expect you will oversee expenditures that should/need be made more wisely than reducing everything we need to recover the City we were proud of before your predecessor .

I believe the Toronto Public Library is a very important and popular institution in our city. We need to strongly re-invest in our public library.

What I cannot understand is that the Library Board has just voted to reduce the recommended budget request our public library needs next year just to maintain existing services. This in spite of the fact that the City Librarian has clearly said her proposed funding request for 2015 is needed so that services are not cut.

I note the current Board is at the end of its mandate and the membership of the Board will be renewed early in 2015. Perhaps this is why some members seem to believe that defying Council is appropriate.

I strongly urge you to reject the Board's proposal and support the budget for 2015 recommended by the City Librarian. For the record, I support expansion of our public library.

Please get back to me.

Yours sincerely,

Paul Anderson
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

cc:
Councillor Mary Fragedakis
Toronto Library Board Member

cc:
Toronto Public Library Board
c/o Nancy Marshall, Board Secretary

Debi Tate

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, December 14, 2014 1:10 PM
To: mayor_tory@toronto.ca
Cc: councillor_fragedakis@toronto.ca; Nancy Marshall; councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca; councillor_bailao@toronto.ca; councillor_doucette@toronto.ca
Subject: Proposed TPL 2015 budget

John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

Dear Mayor Tory,

On November 17 the lame duck Toronto Public Library Board voted to cut funding and services for our public libraries. As you probably know, the Toronto Public Library is more than books and reading materials. It is many residents only access to computers for information. It is a source of valuable information for job seekers. And, yes, it is a place to keep warm or to cool off.

It is a very important and popular institution in our city. I assume that is why Council supported a motion from Michelle Berardinetti during the last budget process to ask the Library Board to examine ways to re-invest in our public library.

What I cannot understand is that the Library Board has just voted to reduce the recommended budget request our public library needs next year just to maintain existing services. This in spite of the fact that the City Librarian has clearly said her proposed funding request for 2015 is needed so that services are not cut.

The current Board is at the end of its mandate and the membership of the Board will be renewed early in 2015. Perhaps this is why some members seem to believe that defying Council is appropriate.

I urge you to reject the Board's proposal and support the budget for 2015 recommended by the City Librarian. For the record, I support expansion of our public library.

Please get back to me.

Yours sincerely,

Mary Hynes
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

cc:
Councillor Mary Fragedakis
Toronto Library Board Member

cc:
Toronto Public Library Board
c/o Nancy Marshall, Board Secretary

Debi Tate

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, December 14, 2014 1:11 PM
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Cc: councillor_fragedakis@toronto.ca; Nancy Marshall; councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca; councillor_bailao@toronto.ca; councillor_doucette@toronto.ca
Subject: RE: Toronto Public Library 2015 budget

John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

Dear Mayor Tory,

Congratulations on your election victory. We welcome change in the Mayor's Office.

As you probably know, the Toronto Public Library is a very important, popular and necessary institution in our city. We assume that is why Council supported a motion from Michelle Berardinetti during the last budget process to ask the Library Board to examine ways to re-invest in our public library.

What we cannot understand is that the Library Board has just voted to reduce the recommended budget request our public library needs next year just to maintain existing services. This in spite of the fact that the City Librarian has clearly said her proposed funding request for 2015 is needed so that services are not cut.

We note the current Board is at the end of its mandate and the membership of the Board will be renewed early in 2015. Perhaps this is why some members seem to believe that defying Council is appropriate.

We urge you to reject the Board's proposal and support the budget for 2015 recommended by the City Librarian. For the record, we support expansion of our public library. At a time of high unemployment & straitened times for the poor and middle class, the services the library provides are more essential than ever.

Please get back to us.

Yours sincerely,

Ruth & Michael Hood
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

cc:
Councillor Mary Fragedakis
Toronto Library Board Member

cc:
Toronto Public Library Board
c/o Nancy Marshall, Board Secretary

Debi Tate

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Subject: RE: Toronto Public Library 2015 budget

John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

Dear Mayor Tory,

I am writing to tell you that I believe the Toronto Public Library is an extremely important institution that serves many needs and purposes. This was recognized during the last budget process when a request was made to ask the Library Board to examine ways to re-invest in our public library.

It is incomprehensible to me that the Library Board has just voted to reduce the recommended budget request our public library needs next year just to maintain existing services. These services are too important to the future of Toronto to be cut.

I note the current Board is at the end of its mandate and the membership of the Board will be renewed early in 2015. Perhaps this is why some members seem to believe that defying Council is appropriate.

I urge you to reject the Board's proposal. If anything our public library should be expanded in scope.

Please get back to me.

Yours sincerely, Edward Hayes

Edward Hayes
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

cc:
Councillor Mary Fragedakis
Toronto Library Board Member

cc:
Toronto Public Library Board
c/o Nancy Marshall, Board Secretary

cc:
Councillor Paul Ainslie
Toronto Library Board Member

Debi Tate

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Cc: councillor_fragedakis@toronto.ca; Nancy Marshall; councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca; councillor_bailao@toronto.ca; councillor_doucette@toronto.ca
Subject: RE: Toronto Public Library 2015 budget

John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

Dear Mayor Tory,

I like many Toronto residents would welcome change in the Mayor's Office, unfortunately I am not seeing it!.

As you probably know, the Toronto Public Library is a very important and popular institution in our city. I assume that is why Council supported a motion from Michelle Berardinetti during the last budget process to ask the Library Board to examine ways to re-invest in our public library.

What I cannot understand is that the Library Board has just voted to reduce the recommended budget request our public library needs next year just to maintain existing services. This in spite of the fact that the City Librarian has clearly said her proposed funding request for 2015 is needed so that services are not cut.

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I urge you to reject the Board's proposal and support the budget for 2015 recommended by the City Librarian. For the record, I support expansion of our public library.

Please get back to me.

Yours sincerely,

teresa ceballos
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

cc:
Councillor Mary Fragedakis
Toronto Library Board Member

cc:
Toronto Public Library Board
c/o Nancy Marshall, Board Secretary

cc:

Debi Tate

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Subject: RE: Toronto Public Library 2015 budget

John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

Dear Mayor Tory,

I urge you to reject the Board's proposal and support the budget for 2015 recommended by the City Librarian. For the record, I support expansion of our public library.

Please get back to me.

Yours sincerely,

ann birch
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

cc:
Councillor Mary Fragedakis
Toronto Library Board Member

cc:
Toronto Public Library Board
c/o Nancy Marshall, Board Secretary

cc:
Councillor Paul Ainslie
Toronto Library Board Member

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Councillor Ana Bailão
Toronto Library Board Member

cc:
Councillor Sarah Doucette
Toronto Library Board Member

Debi Tate

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, December 14, 2014 1:52 PM
To: mayor_tory@toronto.ca
Cc: councillor_fragedakis@toronto.ca; Nancy Marshall; councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca; councillor_bailao@toronto.ca; councillor_doucette@toronto.ca
Subject: RE: Toronto Public Library 2015 budget

John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

Dear Mayor Tory,

Congratulations on your election victory.

I voted for you.

I welcome change in the Mayor's Office.

The Ford mayoralty was an odious disaster for Toronto.

I am a frequent user of the Library, and I always see many children there making use of the various facilities. The maintenance and upgrading of our Library is very important to me.

As you probably know, the Toronto Public Library is a very important and popular institution in our city. I assume that is why Council supported a motion from Michelle Berardinetti during the last budget process to ask the Library Board to examine ways to re-invest in our public library.

What I cannot understand is that the Library Board has just voted to reduce the recommended budget request our public library needs next year just to maintain existing services. This in spite of the fact that the City Librarian has clearly said her proposed funding request for 2015 is needed so that services are not cut.

I note the current Board is at the end of its mandate and the membership of the Board will be renewed early in 2015. Perhaps this is why some members seem to believe that defying Council is appropriate.

I urge you to reject the Board's proposal and support the budget for 2015 recommended by the City Librarian. For the record, I support expansion of our public library.

Please get back to me.

Yours sincerely,

Martin Lea
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

cc:
Councillor Mary Fragedakis
Toronto Library Board Member

Debi Tate

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Sent: Sunday, December 14, 2014 1:53 PM
To: mayor_tory@toronto.ca
Cc: councillor_fragedakis@toronto.ca; Nancy Marshall; councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca; councillor_bailao@toronto.ca; councillor_doucette@toronto.ca
Subject: RE: Toronto Public Library 2015 budget

John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

Dear Mayor Tory,

Please accept my congratulations to you as the incoming mayor. Like so many, I am so happy to be turning a new page in our city's history.

I am writing to you today about the Toronto Public Library, a vital part of our city and one that we have every reason to be proud of. No doubt that is why Council supported a motion from Michelle Berardinetti during the last budget process to ask the Library Board to examine ways to re-invest in our public library.

What is difficult to understand is why the Library Board has just voted to REDUCE the recommended budget request our public library NEEDS NEXT YEAR JUST TO MAINTAIN EXISTING SERVICES. This in spite of the fact that the City Librarian has clearly said her proposed funding request for 2015 is needed so that services are not cut.

I urge you to reject the Board's proposal and support the budget for 2015 recommended by the City Librarian. For the record, I support expansion of our public library.

Please get back to me.

Yours sincerely,

Susan Coyne
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

cc:
Councillor Mary Fragedakis
Toronto Library Board Member

cc:
Toronto Public Library Board
c/o Nancy Marshall, Board Secretary

cc:
Councillor Paul Ainslie
Toronto Library Board Member

Debi Tate

From: [REDACTED]
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Cc: councillor_fragedakis@toronto.ca; Nancy Marshall; councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca; councillor_bailao@toronto.ca; councillor_doucette@toronto.ca
Subject: RE: Toronto Public Library 2015 budget

John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

Dear Mayor Tory,

I understand that Toronto's public library system is seeking funding to maintain its current services. Indeed, funding allocations should rather ensure those services can be expanded. Education must be the highest priority of the city - literally every other issue is affected by it: responsible use of infrastructure, public health, economic opportunities...

Toronto needs to strengthen its library system. I hope you will make this the priority it needs to be.

Yours sincerely,

Boris Steipe
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

cc:
Councillor Mary Fragedakis
Toronto Library Board Member

cc:
Toronto Public Library Board
c/o Nancy Marshall, Board Secretary

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Councillor Paul Ainslie
Toronto Library Board Member

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Toronto Library Board Member

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Councillor Sarah Doucette
Toronto Library Board Member

Debi Tate

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Subject: Toronto Public Library 2015 budget

John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

Dear Mayor Tory,

I'm a writer and reader who lives in Toronto. We've sat together once or twice at fundraising functions for literacy and writing.

Libraries are very important to me: I use their books and I order their books. I often sit in my neighbourhood library (Bloor-Gladstone) and find all sorts of different people in the library using it for various reasons: these people are my neighbours. I learn a lot about my city from hanging out with these people. You could say a library is a sort of dog park for literature.

Having said all this, I've just discovered that the Library Board has voted to reduce the budget request our public library needs to maintain existing services.

I urge you to reject the Board's proposal and support the budget for 2015 recommended by the City Librarian.

I thank you, Mayor Tory, for your time.

All best,

Michael Winter
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

cc:
Councillor Mary Fragedakis
Toronto Library Board Member

cc:
Toronto Public Library Board
c/o Nancy Marshall, Board Secretary

cc:
Councillor Paul Ainslie
Toronto Library Board Member

Debi Tate

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, December 14, 2014 2:44 PM
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Cc: councillor_fragedakis@toronto.ca; Nancy Marshall; councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca; councillor_bailao@toronto.ca; councillor_doucette@toronto.ca
Subject: RE: Toronto Public Library 2015 budget

John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

Dear Mayor Tory,

Please keep all services going at our public libraries in Toronto! Please give the TPL the funding it needs. I would not have had such a great mat leave in downtown Toronto without the TPL mommy and baby programs !!! Thanks, Kate Mills

Congratulations on your election victory. I welcome change in the Mayor's Office.

As you probably know, the Toronto Public Library is a very important and popular institution in our city. I assume that is why Council supported a motion from Michelle Berardinetti during the last budget process to ask the Library Board to examine ways to re-invest in our public library.

What I cannot understand is that the Library Board has just voted to reduce the recommended budget request our public library needs next year just to maintain existing services. This in spite of the fact that the City Librarian has clearly said her proposed funding request for 2015 is needed so that services are not cut.

I note the current Board is at the end of its mandate and the membership of the Board will be renewed early in 2015. Perhaps this is why some members seem to believe that defying Council is appropriate.

I urge you to reject the Board's proposal and support the budget for 2015 recommended by the City Librarian. For the record, I support expansion of our public library.

Please get back to me.

Yours sincerely,

Kate Mills
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

cc:
Councillor Mary Fragedakis
Toronto Library Board Member

cc:

Debi Tate

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, December 14, 2014 2:48 PM
To: mayor_tory@toronto.ca
Cc: councillor_fragedakis@toronto.ca; Nancy Marshall; councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca; councillor_bailao@toronto.ca; councillor_doucette@toronto.ca
Subject: RE: Toronto Public Library 2015 budget

John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

Dear Mayor Tory,

I understand from listening to you that you care about the city's less privileged population. You've spoken on housing and meals. Affordable access to information and tools for education should rank highly also.

As you probably know, the Toronto Public Library is a very important and popular institution in our city. I assume that is why Council supported a motion from Michelle Berardinetti during the last budget process to ask the Library Board to examine ways to re-invest in our public library.

What I cannot understand is that the Library Board has just voted to reduce the recommended budget request our public library needs next year just to maintain existing services. This in spite of the fact that the City Librarian has clearly said her proposed funding request for 2015 is needed so that services are not cut.

I note the current Board is at the end of its mandate and the membership of the Board will be renewed early in 2015. Perhaps this is why some members seem to believe that defying Council is appropriate.

I urge you to reject the Board's proposal and support the budget for 2015 recommended by the City Librarian. Personally, I support expansion of our public library.

Please get back to me.

Yours sincerely,

Linda Rosengarten
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

cc:
Councillor Mary Fragedakis
Toronto Library Board Member

cc:
Toronto Public Library Board
c/o Nancy Marshall, Board Secretary

Debi Tate

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, December 14, 2014 2:54 PM
To: mayor_tory@toronto.ca
Cc: councillor_fragedakis@toronto.ca; Nancy Marshall; councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca; councillor_bailao@toronto.ca; councillor_doucette@toronto.ca
Subject: RE: Toronto Public Library 2015 budget

John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

Dear Mayor Tory,

Council supported a motion from Michelle Berardinetti during the last budget process to ask the Library Board to examine ways to re-invest in our public library.
The Board did not do this.

The City Librarian has clearly said her proposed funding request for 2015 is needed so that services are not cut - let alone expanded!
Yet the Board proposes further cuts.

The current Board is at the end of its mandate and the membership of the Board will be renewed early in 2015. I consider this Board's budget recommendations - since they would have negative effects over the long term - egregiously arrogant.

I urge you to reject the Board's proposal and support the budget for 2015 recommended by the City Librarian.

Yours sincerely,

Ila Bossons
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

cc:
Councillor Mary Fragedakis
Toronto Library Board Member

cc:
Toronto Public Library Board
c/o Nancy Marshall, Board Secretary

cc:
Councillor Paul Ainslie
Toronto Library Board Member

Debi Tate

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, December 14, 2014 3:06 PM
To: mayor_tory@toronto.ca
Cc: councillor_fragedakis@toronto.ca; Nancy Marshall; councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca; councillor_bailao@toronto.ca; councillor_doucette@toronto.ca
Subject: RE: Toronto Public Library 2015 budget

John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

Dear Mayor Tory,

It is impossible to overstate the importance of libraries -- places of social inclusion and of free inquiry -- in building and maintaining a democratic society; and as you know, the Toronto Public Library is one of the most well-used institutions in our city.

As someone who supports expansion of our public library, I am dismayed that the outgoing Library Board has voted to reduce the funding that is required just to maintain present library services in the coming year. I urge you to reject the Library Board's proposal and support the 2015 budget that has been recommended by the City Librarian.

Yours sincerely,

Gail Littlejohn
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

cc:
Councillor Mary Fragedakis
Toronto Library Board Member

cc:
Toronto Public Library Board
c/o Nancy Marshall, Board Secretary

cc:
Councillor Paul Ainslie
Toronto Library Board Member

cc:
Councillor Ana Bailão
Toronto Library Board Member

cc:
Councillor Sarah Doucette
Toronto Library Board Member

Debi Tate

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, December 14, 2014 3:21 PM
To: mayor_tory@toronto.ca
Cc: councillor_fragedakis@toronto.ca; Nancy Marshall; councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca; councillor_bailao@toronto.ca; councillor_doucette@toronto.ca
Subject: RE: Toronto Public Library 2015 budget

John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

Dear Mayor Tory,

Congratulations on your victory in the mayoral election, but please remember that for many, a vote for you was just as much a vote against ex-mayor Ford and his stubborn battles against intelligent, forward-thinking policies for our city. On so many fronts, it's high time to finally cast an eye to the future after so many years of simply playing catch-up.

Please maintain at least the current level of funding for our city's libraries, and ensure support to modernize and improve them wherever possible - they are a vital strategic asset, and offer incomparable value for our tax dollars. Toronto needs to be smart as well as strong and agile!

Thank you.

-John Kuipers

Yours sincerely,

John Kuipers
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

cc:
Councillor Mary Fragedakis
Toronto Library Board Member

cc:
Toronto Public Library Board
c/o Nancy Marshall, Board Secretary

cc:
Councillor Paul Ainslie
Toronto Library Board Member

cc:
Councillor Ana Bailão
Toronto Library Board Member

Debi Tate

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, December 14, 2014 3:45 PM
To: mayor_tory@toronto.ca
Cc: councillor_fragedakis@toronto.ca; Nancy Marshall; councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca; councillor_bailao@toronto.ca; councillor_doucette@toronto.ca
Subject: RE: Toronto Public Library 2015 budget

John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

Dear Mayor Tory,

Congratulations on your election victory. I was one of many to vote for you.

I am concerned about funding for the Toronto Public Library system. TPL supports me in my research work, and I am sure does the same for many other self-employed individuals. It's an essential public service for the economy, culture, learning. I suggest that funding be increased to help extend services, rather than reduced to barely operational - though, of course, it is always important to look for ways to be more productive and efficient.

The text is an abbreviated version of a message prepared by the Our Public Library group. I too am puzzled as to why the Library Board would reduce the budget request.

Thankyou for your attention.

As you probably know, the Toronto Public Library is a very important and popular institution in our city. I assume that is why Council supported a motion from Michelle Berardinetti during the last budget process to ask the Library Board to examine ways to re-invest in our public library.

What I cannot understand is that the Library Board has just voted to reduce the recommended budget request our public library needs next year just to maintain existing services. This in spite of the fact that the City Librarian has clearly said her proposed funding request for 2015 is needed so that services are not cut.

I urge you to support the budget for 2015 recommended by the City Librarian.

Gwen Harris
[REDACTED]

Yours sincerely,

Gwen Harris
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Debi Tate

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, December 14, 2014 3:57 PM
To: mayor_tory@toronto.ca
Cc: councillor_fragedakis@toronto.ca; Nancy Marshall; councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca; councillor_bailao@toronto.ca; councillor_doucette@toronto.ca
Subject: RE: Toronto Public Library 2015 budget

John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

Dear Mayor Tory,

As you look over the first actions you'll take as mayor, I hope you'll make the Toronto Public Library a priority. I know it might seem like libraries are old-fashioned, but the fact is that libraries are an even more crucial entity in our information-rich era. They don't just provide access to books; they provide access to information, which takes the form of Internet access to scores of underprivileged people (assisting many in their job searches and applications), childhood literacy initiatives, classes and lectures on a diverse array of subjects, safe spaces in which to read and write and do homework, and plenty of other services.

Have you been to a branch of the Toronto Public Library lately? If not, I urge you to contact them immediately and schedule a tour. I'm confident that you'll be blown away by the diversity of resources and services available. And when you've finished your tour, I hope you'll reject the Library Board's plans to make further cuts to the library, and instead support the 2015 budget recommended by the City Librarian.

I'll close with this quote from Walter Cronkite: "Whatever the cost of our libraries, the price is cheap compared to that of an ignorant nation."

Best wishes for your continued success.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Brothers
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

cc:
Councillor Mary Fragedakis
Toronto Library Board Member

cc:
Toronto Public Library Board
c/o Nancy Marshall, Board Secretary

cc:
Councillor Paul Ainslie

Debi Tate

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Cc: councillor_fragedakis@toronto.ca; Nancy Marshall; councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca; councillor_bailao@toronto.ca; councillor_doucette@toronto.ca
Subject: RE: Proposed Budget 2015, Toronto Public Library Board

John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

Dear Mayor Tory,

Please accept my congratulations on your election victory of October 27. I welcome change in the Mayor's Office.

I am a frequent user of the North York Central Library.

As you probably know, the Toronto Public Library is a very important and popular institution in our city. I assume that is why Council supported a motion from Michelle Berardinetti during the last budget process to ask the Library Board to examine ways to re-invest in our public library.

What I cannot understand is that the Library Board has just voted to reduce the recommended budget request our public library needs next year just to maintain existing services. This in spite of the fact that the City Librarian has clearly said her proposed funding request for 2015 is needed so that services are not cut.

I note the current Board is at the end of its mandate and the membership of the Board will be renewed early in 2015. Perhaps this is why some members seem to believe that defying Council is appropriate.

I urge you to reject the Board's proposal and support the budget for 2015 recommended by the City Librarian. For the record, I support expansion of our public library. Expanding the hours of the NY Central branch is one example of that.

Please get back to me. Thank you very much!

Yours sincerely,

Martin Mostert
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

cc:
Councillor Mary Fragedakis
Toronto Library Board Member

cc:
Toronto Public Library Board
c/o Nancy Marshall, Board Secretary

Debi Tate

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, December 14, 2014 5:03 PM
To: mayor_tory@toronto.ca
Cc: councillor_fragedakis@toronto.ca; Nancy Marshall; councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca; councillor_bailao@toronto.ca; councillor_doucette@toronto.ca
Subject: The library

John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

Dear Mayor Tory,

I live in Vancouver (but used to live in Toronto) and recently visited the main Toronto Reference library. It is a lovely-looking central library and a terrific public service to all Torontonians, regardless of race, age, economic status, beliefs or political affiliations.

I hope you will continue to fund the Toronto library system to help children, like me, who came from poorer families. Your library system is an important stepping stone to better education for all.

The words below are from ourpubliclibrary.ca. Although they are not mine, they echo how I feel about preserving and advancing your library system, as a fellow Canadian.

As you probably know, the Toronto Public Library is a very important and popular institution in our city. I assume that is why Council supported a motion from Michelle Berardinetti during the last budget process to ask the Library Board to examine ways to re-invest in our public library.

What I cannot understand is that the Library Board has just voted to reduce the recommended budget request our public library needs next year just to maintain existing services. This in spite of the fact that the City Librarian has clearly said her proposed funding request for 2015 is needed so that services are not cut.

I note the current Board is at the end of its mandate and the membership of the Board will be renewed early in 2015. Perhaps this is why some members seem to believe that defying Council is appropriate.

I urge you to reject the Board's proposal and support the budget for 2015 recommended by the City Librarian. For the record, I support expansion of our public library.

Please get back to me.

Yours sincerely,

Sean Graham
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Debi Tate

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, December 14, 2014 5:06 PM
To: mayor_tory@toronto.ca
Cc: councillor_fragedakis@toronto.ca; Nancy Marshall; councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca; councillor_bailao@toronto.ca; councillor_doucette@toronto.ca
Subject: RE: Toronto Public Library 2015 budget

John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

Dear Mayor Tory,

Congratulations on your election victory. I very much welcome the change in the Mayor's Office.

As you probably know, the Toronto Public Library is a very important and popular institution in our city. I assume that is why Council supported a motion from Michelle Berardinetti during the last budget process to ask the Library Board to examine ways to re-invest in our public library.

What I cannot understand is that the Library Board has just voted to reduce the recommended budget request our public library needs next year just to maintain existing services. This in spite of the fact that the City Librarian has clearly said her proposed funding request for 2015 is needed so that services are not cut.

A healthy and properly funded Public Library is critically important to the fabric of our society. The local library is a valued resource for seniors, low income families and, really, the public at large. When making funding decisions (and many other decisions for that matter!), I think it is really important to ask the question "What would be the consequences if we DID NOT have a properly funded Public Library System?". It is easy to think 'savings'. It must become equally easy and important to think 'consequences' - especially consequences to our most vulnerable - if we cut certain services.

I note the current Board is at the end of its mandate and the membership of the Board will be renewed early in 2015. Perhaps this is why some members seem to believe that defying Council is appropriate.

I urge you to reject the Board's proposal and support the budget for 2015 recommended by the City Librarian. For the record, I support expansion of our public library.

Please get back to me.

Yours sincerely,

Inga Aagaard
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

cc:
Councillor Mary Fragedakis

Debi Tate

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Cc: councillor_fragedakis@toronto.ca; Nancy Marshall; councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca; councillor_bailao@toronto.ca; councillor_doucette@toronto.ca
Subject: RE: Toronto Public Library 2015 budget

John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

Dear Mayor Tory,

I welcome a change in the Mayor's Office.

The Toronto Public Library is a very important and popular institution in our city. It is, in fact, a necessary institution. I assume that is why Council supported a motion from Michelle Berardinetti during the last budget process to ask the Library Board to examine ways to re-invest in our public library.

Considering the Library's importance, voting to reduce the recommended budget request our public library needs next year just to maintain existing services is difficult to understand. This in spite of the fact that the City Librarian has clearly said her proposed funding request for 2015 is needed so that services are not cut.

I note the current Board is at the end of its mandate and the membership of the Board will be renewed early in 2015. Perhaps this is why some members seem to believe that defying Council is appropriate.

I urge you to reject the Board's proposal and support the budget for 2015 recommended by the City Librarian. For the record, I support expansion of our public library.

Please get back to me.

Yours sincerely,

Sharon Ellis
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

cc:
Councillor Mary Fragedakis
Toronto Library Board Member

cc:
Toronto Public Library Board
c/o Nancy Marshall, Board Secretary

cc:

Debi Tate

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, December 14, 2014 5:28 PM
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Cc: councillor_fragedakis@toronto.ca; Nancy Marshall; councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca; councillor_bailao@toronto.ca; councillor_doucette@toronto.ca
Subject: RE: Toronto Public Library 2015 budget

John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

Dear Mayor Tory,

Congratulations on your election victory. I, among many others, welcome change in the Mayor's Office.

I grew up in Toronto; now reside in BC. I still love Toronto and its people. Toronto was once a great city prior to the Fords' administration. Cutting knowledge and services that benefit a safe, informed and healthy community was not the answer. Better to have kids in libraries than getting into trouble elsewhere.

As you probably know, the Toronto Public Library is a very important and popular institution in Toronto. I assume that is why Council supported a motion from Michelle Berardinetti during the last budget process to ask the Library Board to examine ways to re-invest in our public library.

What I cannot understand is that the Library Board, mostly Ford appointees, has just voted to reduce the recommended budget request Toronto's public library needs next year just to maintain existing services. This in spite of the fact that the City Librarian has clearly said her proposed funding request for 2015 is needed so that services are not cut.

I note the current Board is at the end of its mandate and the membership of the Board will be renewed early in 2015. Perhaps this is why some members seem to believe that defying Council is appropriate.

I urge you to reject the Board's proposal and support the budget for 2015 recommended by the City Librarian. For the record, I support expansion of our public library.

Please get back to me.

Yours sincerely,

Paul Connolly
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

cc:
Councillor Mary Fragedakis
Toronto Library Board Member

cc:

Debi Tate

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, December 14, 2014 5:43 PM
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Cc: councillor_fragedakis@toronto.ca; Nancy Marshall; councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca; councillor_bailao@toronto.ca; councillor_doucette@toronto.ca
Subject: RE: Toronto Public Library 2015 budget

John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

Dear Mayor Tory,

Congratulations on your election victory. Sorry to jump right to business, but it seems the outgoing regime has demanded a final response.

I urge you to reject the Library Board's recent proposal to further cut the library budget and support the budget for 2015 recommended by the City Librarian. For the record, I support expansion of our public library.

Yours sincerely,

Chris Poirier
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

cc:
Councillor Mary Fragedakis
Toronto Library Board Member

cc:
Toronto Public Library Board
c/o Nancy Marshall, Board Secretary

cc:
Councillor Paul Ainslie
Toronto Library Board Member

cc:
Councillor Ana Bailão
Toronto Library Board Member

cc:
Councillor Sarah Doucette
Toronto Library Board Member

Debi Tate

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, December 14, 2014 6:38 PM
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Cc: councillor_fragedakis@toronto.ca; Nancy Marshall; councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca; councillor_bailao@toronto.ca; councillor_doucette@toronto.ca
Subject: RE: Toronto Public Library 2015 budget

John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

Dear Mayor Tory,

Congratulations on your election victory. I am hoping for a positive change in the Mayor's Office that treats us as citizens and not just taxpayers. Citizens are those who are entitled to the collective resources of the city to enhance and promote the life circumstances of all and not just a privileged few.

The Toronto Public Library is a very important and popular institution in our city. I assume that is why Council supported a motion from Michelle Berardinetti during the last budget process to ask the Library Board to examine ways to re-invest in our public library.

What is galling to me and the citizenry of Toronto is that the Library Board has just voted to reduce the recommended budget request our public library needs next year just to maintain existing services. This in spite of the fact that the City Librarian has clearly said her proposed funding request for 2015 is needed so that services are not cut.

I note the current Board is at the end of its mandate and the membership of the Board will be renewed early in 2015. Perhaps this is why some members seem to believe that defying Council is appropriate.

I urge you to reject the Board's proposal and support the budget for 2015 recommended by the City Librarian. For the record, I support expansion of our public library.

Please get back to me.

Yours sincerely,

Gordon Doctorow
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

cc:
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Toronto Library Board Member

cc:
Toronto Public Library Board
c/o Nancy Marshall, Board Secretary

Debi Tate

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Subject: RE: Toronto Public Library 2015 budget

John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

Dear Mayor Tory,

I welcome change in the Mayor's Office.

As you probably know, the Toronto Public Library is a very important and popular institution in our city. I assume that is why Council supported a motion from Michelle Berardinetti during the last budget process to ask the Library Board to examine ways to re-invest in our public library.

What I cannot understand is that the Library Board has just voted to reduce the recommended budget request our public library needs next year just to maintain existing services. This in spite of the fact that the City Librarian has clearly said her proposed funding request for 2015 is needed so that services are not cut.

I note the current Board is at the end of its mandate and the membership of the Board will be renewed early in 2015. Perhaps this is why some members seem to believe that defying Council is appropriate.

I urge you to reject the Board's proposal and support the budget for 2015 recommended by the City Librarian. For the record, I support expansion of our public library.
We need these vital community services!

Please get back to me.

Yours sincerely,

Lisa Roosen-Runge
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

cc:
Councillor Mary Fragedakis
Toronto Library Board Member

cc:
Toronto Public Library Board
c/o Nancy Marshall, Board Secretary

Debi Tate

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, December 14, 2014 6:39 PM
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Cc: councillor_fragedakis@toronto.ca; Nancy Marshall; councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca; councillor_bailao@toronto.ca; councillor_doucette@toronto.ca
Subject: RE: Toronto Public Library 2015 budget

John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

Dear Mayor Tory,

Congratulations on your election victory! I am a proud Torontonian and welcome progressive changes to Toronto politics in the Mayor's Office. Cheers!

I am writing to you because I care deeply about the Toronto Public Library. I want my newly elected and re-elected officials to work collaboratively to problem-solve the myriad and complex socio-economic and cultural divides that have created a "three cities" Toronto. We can do better! In my mind, this requires creativity, critical thinking and actively listening to community members. You spoke eloquently about changing this "three-city" divide and to be fair, we are all trying to find innovative ways to contribute to positive social change. Many people like myself, are engaged and citizens on these issues. I am always interested in finding creative ways to heal our city from amalgamation and the fallout of poor and uninspired leadership that has stalled progress or attention from those Council Members and City staff fighting the good fight.

As you probably know, the Toronto Public Library (TPL) is a very important and popular institution in our city. I assume that is why Council supported a motion from Michelle Berardinetti during the last budget process to ask the Library Board to examine ways to re-invest in our public library. I hope so. I was listening.

What I cannot understand is that the Library Board has just voted to reduce the recommended budget request our public library needs next year just to maintain existing services. Why? This in spite of the fact that the City Librarian has clearly said her proposed funding request for 2015 is needed so that services are not cut. This deeply troubles me and many TPL patrons and TPL staff.

I note the current Board is at the end of its mandate and the membership of the Board will be renewed early in 2015. Perhaps this is why some members seem to believe that defying Council is appropriate.

I urge you to please reject the Board's proposal and support the budget for 2015 recommended by the City Librarian. For the record, I support expansion of our public library.

The TPL has been invaluable to me not only as someone with a visual impairment but also, as an educator concerned with underdeveloped literacy rates for children, youth, and/or immigrant/newcomer communities. In terms of Universal Design, accessibility, urban planning and infrastructure, poverty, affordable housing and mental health and well-being, the Toronto Public Library has created hub spaces for these members to interact and use its services well. More funding, more staff, more structural repairs and more resources to expand existing services are not just a want but a real need.

I name these issues to highlight the centrality of libraries for these affected communities and for their tireless work at TPLs in addressing the diverse needs of these marginalized communities while facing increased cut-backs to their meagre budget. These cuts definitely are not reflective of public need. They are "86% below the rate of inflation." Poor

stat to include in this letter but one that shines a glaring light on the disparity they are dealing with facing 2015. Libraries are indeed, community hubs; they are a microcosm of our living city. I cannot help but see a correlation with this statistic and our understanding of the "three cities" split.

Toronto Public Libraries are OUR precious public inclusive spaces.

Hoping 2015 reflects visionary leadership, mindful decision-making and inspired collaboration. Merry Christmas, Happy Kwanzaa, Happy Hanukkah, and Happy Restful Holidays to your staff and loved ones.

Ana Bailão is my elected City Councillor. Please get back to me. Thank you for your time and consideration on this issue. Now back to my book!

Yours sincerely,

Natasha Tavares

Two thick black horizontal bars redacting the signature and contact information of Natasha Tavares.

cc:
Councillor Mary Fragedakis
Toronto Library Board Member

cc:
Toronto Public Library Board
c/o Nancy Marshall, Board Secretary

cc:
Councillor Paul Ainslie
Toronto Library Board Member

cc:
Councillor Ana Bailão
Toronto Library Board Member

cc:
Councillor Sarah Doucette
Toronto Library Board Member

Debi Tate

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, December 14, 2014 7:00 PM
To: mayor_tory@toronto.ca
Cc: councillor_fragedakis@toronto.ca; Nancy Marshall; councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca; councillor_bailao@toronto.ca; councillor_doucette@toronto.ca
Subject: RE: Toronto Public Library 2015 budget

John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

Dear Mayor Tory,

Please don't cut the library . For years it is the only thing that this city seems to have done well. Aside from it's conventional library services, where else can poor children go to use computers, read books and experiment with the basic literacy tools that the more fortunate take for granted? It picks up the slack for the homeless and mentally ill by giving them a place out of the cold where they can be normal.

I urge you to reject the Board's proposal and support the budget for 2015 recommended by the City Librarian. For the record, I support expansion of our public library.

I care a lot about our libraries, and hope you will show your decency on the issue.

Yours sincerely,

Libby Hague
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

cc:
Councillor Mary Fragedakis
Toronto Library Board Member

cc:
Toronto Public Library Board
c/o Nancy Marshall, Board Secretary

cc:
Councillor Paul Ainslie
Toronto Library Board Member

cc:
Councillor Ana Bailão
Toronto Library Board Member

cc:

Debi Tate

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, December 14, 2014 7:04 PM
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Cc: councillor_fragedakis@toronto.ca; Nancy Marshall; councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca;
councillor_bailao@toronto.ca; councillor_doucette@toronto.ca
Subject: RE: Toronto Public Library 2015 budget

John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

Dear Mayor Tory,

Congratulations on your election victory. It was essential for Toronto's wellbeing.

I urge you to support the budget for 2015 recommended by the City Librarian. For the record, I support no reduction in public library services.

Yours sincerely,

ML Bat-Hayim
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

cc:
Councillor Mary Fragedakis
Toronto Library Board Member

cc:
Toronto Public Library Board
c/o Nancy Marshall, Board Secretary

cc:
Councillor Paul Ainslie
Toronto Library Board Member

cc:
Councillor Ana Bailão
Toronto Library Board Member

cc:
Councillor Sarah Doucette
Toronto Library Board Member

Debi Tate

From: [REDACTED]
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To: mayor_tory@toronto.ca
Cc: councillor_fragedakis@toronto.ca; Nancy Marshall; councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca; councillor_bailao@toronto.ca; councillor_doucette@toronto.ca
Subject: RE: Toronto Public Library 2015 budget

John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

Dear Mayor Tory,

I have been going to the public library - to the old Boys' and Girls' House on St. George before I was even eligible to have a card - taking books out on my father's card.

The library is one of our most precious institutions and should be cherished and nurtured instead of disrespected and reduced.

As you probably know, Council supported a motion from Michelle Berardinetti during the last budget process to ask the Library Board to examine ways to re-invest in our public library.

What I cannot understand is that the Library Board has just voted to reduce the recommended budget request our public library needs next year just to maintain existing services. This in spite of the fact that the City Librarian has clearly said her proposed funding request for 2015 is needed so that services are not cut.

I note the current Board is at the end of its mandate and the membership of the Board will be renewed early in 2015. Perhaps this is why some members seem to believe that defying Council is appropriate.

I urge you to reject the Board's proposal and support the budget for 2015 recommended by the City Librarian. For the record, I support expansion of our public library.

Please get back to me.

Yours sincerely,

David Miller
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

cc:
Councillor Mary Fragedakis
Toronto Library Board Member

cc:
Toronto Public Library Board
c/o Nancy Marshall, Board Secretary

Debi Tate

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, December 14, 2014 8:25 PM
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Cc: councillor_fragedakis@toronto.ca; Nancy Marshall; councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca; councillor_bailao@toronto.ca; councillor_doucette@toronto.ca
Subject: RE: Toronto Public Library 2015 budget

John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

Dear Mayor Tory,

Congratulations on your election victory. I am relieved to have the embarrassment of Rob Ford no longer representing Toronto.

I love my local library and I am there at least once and usually twice a week. It is alive with people of all ages. I hope you recognize the value of seeing all our libraries thrive. I assume that is why Council supported a motion from Michelle Berardinetti during the last budget process to ask the Library Board to examine ways to re-invest in our public library.

It was a terrible shock to see the Library Board vote to reduce the recommended budget request our public library needs next year just to maintain existing services. This in spite of the fact that the City Librarian has clearly said her proposed funding request for 2015 is needed so that services are not cut.

I urge you to reject the current Board's damaging proposal and support the budget for 2015 recommended by our City Librarian. That's the minimum that the citizens of Toronto should expect. For the future, I hope to see you support expansion of all library services. A great city needs a great library system.

I hope to hear back on how you see supporting our library system.

Yours sincerely,

Diane Mossman
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

cc:
Councillor Mary Fragedakis
Toronto Library Board Member

cc:
Toronto Public Library Board
c/o Nancy Marshall, Board Secretary

cc:
Councillor Paul Ainslie

Debi Tate

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, December 14, 2014 8:46 PM
To: mayor_tory@toronto.ca
Cc: councillor_fragedakis@toronto.ca; Nancy Marshall; councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca; councillor_bailao@toronto.ca; councillor_doucette@toronto.ca
Subject: RE: Toronto Public Library 2015 budget

John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

Dear Mayor Tory,

Congratulations on your election victory. I look forward to positive changes being made by Council with you in the Mayor's Office. I am writing to express deep concern over recommendations to reduce the Toronto Public Library's budget. At the very least, the budget should be approved as submitted by the City Librarian, for the TPL is a fine institution, hailed as one of the very best in the world, and is vital to the lifelong learning of Toronto citizens. I support expansion of our public library, not its restriction. I believe the recommendation to cut the TPL's budget is wrong both economically and managerially. Please keep funds flowing to the public library so that it may continue providing excellent service to millions of Torontonians weekly.

Sincerely,

Claire Pfeiffer
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

cc:
Councillor Mary Fragedakis
Toronto Library Board Member

cc:
Toronto Public Library Board
c/o Nancy Marshall, Board Secretary

cc:
Councillor Paul Ainslie
Toronto Library Board Member

cc:
Councillor Ana Bailão
Toronto Library Board Member

cc:
Councillor Sarah Doucette
Toronto Library Board Member

Debi Tate

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, December 14, 2014 9:07 PM
To: mayor_tory@toronto.ca
Cc: councillor_fragedakis@toronto.ca; Nancy Marshall; councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca; councillor_bailao@toronto.ca; councillor_doucette@toronto.ca
Subject: RE: Toronto Public Library 2015 budget

John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

Dear Mayor Tory,

Congratulations on your election. This city needed a change in the Mayor's Office.

I hope you would agree that the Toronto Public Library is an incredibly important and popular institution in our city. I would hope this is the reason that Council supported a motion from Michelle Berardinetti during the last budget process to ask the Library Board to examine ways to re-invest in our public library.

I find it difficult to understand that the Library Board has just voted to reduce the requested budget recommendation that our city's library needs next year, just to maintain existing services. This despite the fact that the City Librarian has made clear that her proposed funding request for 2015 is necessary so that services are not cut.

The current Board is at the end of its mandate and the Board membership will be renewed in early 2015. Perhaps this is the reason that some of its members seem to consider it appropriate to defy Council.

I ask that you reject the Board's proposal and support the budget for 2015 as recommended by the City Librarian. I am a stronger supporter of the Toronto Library, which is used by so many different people in this city, and I support its expansion.

I would appreciate the courtesy of a reply.

Please get back to me.

Yours sincerely,

Celia Harte
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

cc:
Councillor Mary Fragedakis
Toronto Library Board Member

cc:
Toronto Public Library Board

Debi Tate

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, December 14, 2014 10:27 PM
To: mayor_tory@toronto.ca
Cc: councillor_fragedakis@toronto.ca; Nancy Marshall; councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca; councillor_bailao@toronto.ca; councillor_doucette@toronto.ca
Subject: RE: Toronto Public Library 2015 budget

John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

Dear Mayor Tory,

Please reject the outgoing Toronto Public Library Board's proposal and do not cut the TPL budget. In fact, I would support whatever increase can be managed in these hard times. TPL is an essential service for me and my grandchildren. Without it we would not be able to read the amount that we do. I believe it is an essential service for all of Toronto.

Thank you,

Janet Astington
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

cc:
Councillor Mary Fragedakis
Toronto Library Board Member

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Toronto Public Library Board
c/o Nancy Marshall, Board Secretary

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Toronto Library Board Member

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Toronto Library Board Member

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Councillor Sarah Doucette
Toronto Library Board Member

Debi Tate

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, December 14, 2014 11:16 PM
To: mayor_tory@toronto.ca
Cc: councillor_fragedakis@toronto.ca; Nancy Marshall; councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca; councillor_bailao@toronto.ca; councillor_doucette@toronto.ca
Subject: RE: Toronto Public Library 2015 budget

John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

Dear Mayor Tory,

After growing up almost always at the Toronto Public Library when I wasn't at home I am now distressed to read that there have been cuts to the library funding, thus affecting programs and services.

As our city is growing by leaps and bounds we should be supporting this very important system in our city. Newcomers find a place of belonging, seniors have somewhere to socialize, little ones learn how to read and everyone enjoys the many services from taking out books and music, to having the library come to us when we can't make it out, to the computers available for use, to the wonderful programs hosted at/by the Toronto Public Library and much more.

A cut or loss in funding will resort in branches having shorter hours, less staff available to help and less accessibility to the libraries and their programs.

People of the city of Toronto and others who use the library system whether every day or one in a while would find a huge void in their life with the cuts that would have to happen with the reduction in funding.

Please help the Toronto Public Library system keep it's integrity and allow users to benefit fully from them.

Thank you for taking the time to read this note.

Yours sincerely,

Jacqueline Reeves
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

cc:
Councillor Mary Fragedakis
Toronto Library Board Member

cc:
Toronto Public Library Board
c/o Nancy Marshall, Board Secretary

cc:

Debi Tate

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, December 15, 2014 12:58 AM
To: mayor_tory@toronto.ca
Cc: councillor_fragedakis@toronto.ca; Nancy Marshall; councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca; councillor_bailao@toronto.ca; councillor_doucette@toronto.ca
Subject: RE: Toronto Public Library 2015 budget

John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

Dear Mayor Tory,

No doubt, you are getting many emails from citizens concerned about the Library Board's rejection of the City Librarian's proposed 2015 budget to simply maintain services at current levels, and instead cut services even further. (In my opinion, past cuts to Library services went too far.)

I understand that the current Board is at the end of its mandate and the membership of the Board will be renewed early in 2015. Perhaps they are using this opportunity to force through the budget cuts which were overwhelmingly rejected by Torontonians early in Mayor Ford's term.

I urge you to reject the Board's proposal and support the budget for 2015 recommended by the City Librarian. For the record, I support expansion of our public library system.

I'm sure you must recognize that repeating Rob and Doug Ford's library budget cuts debacle would permanently and poorly define your character for the many Torontonians who voted for you despite having some doubts.

Please take this opportunity to demonstrate that Toronto new mayor is not just a more eloquent version of our past mayor.

Yours sincerely,

David Church
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

cc:
Councillor Mary Fragedakis
Toronto Library Board Member

cc:
Toronto Public Library Board
c/o Nancy Marshall, Board Secretary

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Councillor Paul Ainslie

Debi Tate

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, December 15, 2014 1:37 AM
To: mayor_tory@toronto.ca
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Subject: RE: Toronto Public Library 2015 budget

John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

Dear Mayor Tory,

I adore and value the Toronto Public Library system. I have been so proud to live in a city that actually has public space and services open to everyone, and enthusiastically used by millions. This library system is truly the envy of the world. Please take seriously the many users and supporters of this vital service. Though many are too young to vote, we are hoping for real change in city hall. The recent actions of the outgoing library board do not seem to be moving in the right direction. The library needs adequate funding. This seems like a no-brainer. There is always money somewhere (might I suggest council re-examine the enormous police budget?). What is needed is political will. Don't gut the one thing so many of us still cherish about this city after all those terrible Ford years. What you do in the first months of your term will be remembered. Make it count!

I urge you to reject the Board's proposal and support the budget for 2015 recommended by the City Librarian. For the record, I support expansion of our public library.

Please get back to me.

Yours sincerely,

Emily Rosser
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

cc:
Councillor Mary Fragedakis
Toronto Library Board Member

cc:
Toronto Public Library Board
c/o Nancy Marshall, Board Secretary

cc:
Councillor Paul Ainslie
Toronto Library Board Member

cc:

Debi Tate

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, December 15, 2014 6:19 AM
To: mayor_tory@toronto.ca
Cc: councillor_fragedakis@toronto.ca; Nancy Marshall; councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca; councillor_bailao@toronto.ca; councillor_doucette@toronto.ca
Subject: RE: Toronto Public Library 2015 budget

John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

Dear Mayor Tory,

The Toronto public library is one of the most important pieces of the city of Toronto. New immigrants and many families living below the poverty line need the services to apply for jobs, learn new skills and keep their children busy and out of trouble (all parents need to keep kids busy- however many have an income source to do this without the help of the library).

Although I am far above the poverty line, the TPL is one of the things that makes Toronto an amazing city. It is second only to the TTC in my books.

I understand that cuts need to be made somewhere, but I urge you to reassess and make the cuts elsewhere (does the TTC really need electronic banner signs at each new shelter?)

Cuts to the TTC will impact Toronto on an ongoing basis, less people will find jobs and kids will need to use other resources or have nowhere to escape an unhappy home.

TPL is a vital community resource.

Congratulations on your election victory. I welcome change in the Mayor's Office.

As you probably know, the Toronto Public Library is a very important and popular institution in our city. I assume that is why Council supported a motion from Michelle Berardinetti during the last budget process to ask the Library Board to examine ways to re-invest in our public library.

What I cannot understand is that the Library Board has just voted to reduce the recommended budget request our public library needs next year just to maintain existing services. This in spite of the fact that the City Librarian has clearly said her proposed funding request for 2015 is needed so that services are not cut.

I note the current Board is at the end of its mandate and the membership of the Board will be renewed early in 2015. Perhaps this is why some members seem to believe that defying Council is appropriate.

I urge you to reject the Board's proposal and support the budget for 2015 recommended by the City Librarian. For the record, I support expansion of our public library.

Please get back to me.

Yours sincerely,

Debi Tate

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, December 15, 2014 8:06 AM
To: mayor_tory@toronto.ca
Cc: councillor_fragedakis@toronto.ca; Nancy Marshall; councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca; councillor_bailao@toronto.ca; councillor_doucette@toronto.ca
Subject: RE: Toronto Public Library 2015 budget

John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

Dear Mayor Tory,

Congratulations on your election victory. I especially welcome change in the Mayor's Office and the return to normal business affairs.

As you probably know, the Toronto Public Library is a very important and popular institution in our city. I assume that is why Council supported a motion from Michelle Berardinetti during the last budget process to ask the Library Board to examine ways to re-invest in our public library.

What I cannot understand is that the Library Board has just voted to reduce the recommended budget request our public library needs next year just to maintain existing services. This in spite of the fact that the City Librarian has clearly said her proposed funding request for 2015 is needed so that services are not cut.

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I urge you to reject the Board's proposal and support the budget for 2015 recommended by the City Librarian. For the record, I support expansion of our public library.

As a long time user of the the Toronto Public Library, from childhood, I know the importance of this service to the community especially to low income earners. The last time I was at the Northern District Branch, I was shocked at the low number of new books available.

I look forward to hearing from you about reasonable financial support of the TPL and not more cuts.

Yours sincerely,

Sue Goodwin
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

cc:
Councillor Mary Fragedakis
Toronto Library Board Member

Debi Tate

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, December 15, 2014 8:15 AM
To: mayor_tory@toronto.ca
Cc: councillor_fragedakis@toronto.ca; Nancy Marshall; councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca; councillor_bailao@toronto.ca; councillor_doucette@toronto.ca
Subject: RE: Toronto Public Library 2015 budget. DEAR JOHN,

John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

Dear Mayor Tory,

Dear John,

READING IS TO THE MIND WHAT EXERCISE IS TO THE BODY (can't remember who said that.) LIBRARIES ARE THE TREASURE HOUSES OF THE MIND. (THIS WAS ENGRAVED ON THE JOHANNESBURG CITY LIBRARY FACADE. WHEN I WAS A CHILD LIBRARIES WERE MY FRIENDS AND MENTORS, MY KEY TO THE WORLD, MY REFUGE, MY SAFE HOUSES,)

I TEACH ADULT ESL TO NEW IMMIGRANTS IN THE JANE AND WILSON AREA (COSTI NORTH). YOU WOULD BE ASTOUNDED TO SEE HOW IMPORTANT THE LIBRARIES AND THEIR VARIOUS SERVICES ARE TO MY STUDENTS - (AND TO THEIR CHILDREN, OF COURSE.)

EVEN THOUGH MY SON HAD THE BENEFIT OF A WONDERFUL PRIVATE SCHOOL LIBRARY (AND AN AMAING LIBRARIAN) WE ALSO USED THE PUBLIC LIBRARIES AT FAIRVIEW, BAYVIEW AND DON MILLS AFTER SCHOOL AND ON WEEKENDS AND ESPECIALLY DURING THE VACATIONS.(NO COTTAGE :(....)

IN THIS DIGITAL ERA IT IS TEMPTING TO THINK THAT WE CAN DISPENSE WITH LIBRARIES (JUST AS IT IS TEMPTING TO CONTEMPLATE THE DECLARATION THAT "IF TEACHERS CAN BE REPLACED BY COMPUTERS - THEY SHOULD!" BOTH ARE FALLACIES!)

I HOPE YOU WILL BE ABLE TO LEAD YOUR COUNCIL TO AN APPRECIATION OF HOW IMPORTANT THE LIBRARY SERVICES ARE - EVEN THOUGH THEIR BENEFITS AND EFFECTS SOMETIMES ARE ONLY APPRECIATED YEARS AFTER THE VISITS....I KNOW ABOUT THIS!)

WISHING YOU EVERYTHING OF THE BEST AND BELATED CONGRATULATIONS!

Yours,
Claudie.

(This is the text of the library's suggested message - I identify with it - except with the "please get back to me - you are far to busy!) CG

As you probably know, the Toronto Public Library is a very important and popular institution in our city. I assume that is why Council supported a motion from Michelle Berardinetti during the last budget process to ask the Library Board to examine ways to re-invest in our public library.

What I cannot understand is that the Library Board has just voted to reduce the recommended budget request our public library needs next year just to maintain existing services. This in spite of the fact that the City Librarian has clearly said her proposed funding request for 2015 is needed so that services are not cut.

I note the current Board is at the end of its mandate and the membership of the Board will be renewed early in 2015. Perhaps this is why some members seem to believe that defying Council is appropriate.

I urge you to reject the Board's proposal and support the budget for 2015 recommended by the City Librarian. For the record, I support expansion of our public library.

Please get back to me.

Yours sincerely,

Gallia (Claudie) Graner
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

cc:
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Toronto Library Board Member

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Toronto Public Library Board
c/o Nancy Marshall, Board Secretary

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Toronto Library Board Member

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Councillor Ana Bailão
Toronto Library Board Member

cc:
Councillor Sarah Doucette
Toronto Library Board Member

Debi Tate

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, December 15, 2014 9:16 AM
To: mayor_tory@toronto.ca
Cc: councillor_fragedakis@toronto.ca; Nancy Marshall; councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca; councillor_bailao@toronto.ca; councillor_doucette@toronto.ca
Subject: RE: Toronto Public Library 2015 budget

John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

Dear Mayor Tory,

I am relieved that you have become our Mayor. I am hoping that you will reverse the cuts that happened to our libraries under the Ford regime and support the City Librarian's funding proposal for 2015, despite the rejection from the Ford-appointed library board.

Yours sincerely,

Stephen Yeates
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

cc:
Councillor Mary Fragedakis
Toronto Library Board Member

cc:
Toronto Public Library Board
c/o Nancy Marshall, Board Secretary

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Councillor Paul Ainslie
Toronto Library Board Member

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Councillor Ana Bailão
Toronto Library Board Member

cc:
Councillor Sarah Doucette
Toronto Library Board Member

Debi Tate

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, December 15, 2014 9:45 AM
To: mayor_tory@toronto.ca
Cc: councillor_fragedakis@toronto.ca; Nancy Marshall; councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca; councillor_bailao@toronto.ca; councillor_doucette@toronto.ca
Subject: RE: Toronto Public Library 2015 budget

John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

Dear Mayor Tory,

Congratulations on your election victory. I look forward to a more progressive voice representing our city. The Toronto Public Library is a very important and popular institution in our city. I am a frequent user of the library and feel that a strong and fully funded library system is a key component of an inclusive and liveable city. I have been informed that the Library Board has just voted to reduce the recommended budget request our public library needs next year just to maintain existing services. This in spite of the fact that the City Librarian has clearly said her proposed funding request for 2015 is needed so that services are not cut. The only acceptable course is to strengthen our public library system. I urge you to reject the Board's proposal and support the budget for 2015 recommended by the City Librarian.

Please get back to me.

Yours sincerely,

Robert Hester
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

cc:
Councillor Mary Fragedakis
Toronto Library Board Member

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Toronto Public Library Board
c/o Nancy Marshall, Board Secretary

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Councillor Paul Ainslie
Toronto Library Board Member

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Councillor Ana Bailão
Toronto Library Board Member

Debi Tate

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, December 15, 2014 10:23 AM
To: mayor_tory@toronto.ca
Cc: councillor_fragedakis@toronto.ca; Nancy Marshall; councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca; councillor_bailao@toronto.ca; councillor_doucette@toronto.ca
Subject: RE: Toronto Public Library 2015 budget

John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

Dear Mayor Tory,

Congratulations on your election.

We need our libraries to be available to Torontonians with all the amenities to continue and for needed funding to be made available for continued thriving of the community.

Yours sincerely,

Dani Holden
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

cc:
Councillor Mary Fragedakis
Toronto Library Board Member

cc:
Toronto Public Library Board
c/o Nancy Marshall, Board Secretary

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Councillor Paul Ainslie
Toronto Library Board Member

cc:
Councillor Ana Bailão
Toronto Library Board Member

cc:
Councillor Sarah Doucette
Toronto Library Board Member

Debi Tate

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, December 15, 2014 11:25 AM
To: mayor_tory@toronto.ca
Cc: councillor_fragedakis@toronto.ca; Nancy Marshall; councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca; councillor_bailao@toronto.ca; councillor_doucette@toronto.ca
Subject: RE: Toronto Public Library 2015 budget

John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

Dear Mayor Tory,

Congratulations on your election victory.

As you probably know, the Toronto Public Library is a very important and popular institution in our city. My local branch, Parkdale, is always impressively busy and is of huge value to the neighbourhood.

Our public libraries are an acknowledged asset to the city, and as such, Council supported a motion from Michelle Berardinetti during the last budget process to ask the Library Board to examine ways to re-invest in our public library.

However, the Library Board has just voted to reduce the library's recommended budget request, despite the fact that the City Librarian has clearly said that without these funds services will need to be cut.

I urge you to reject the Board's proposal and support the budget for 2015 recommended by the City Librarian. Our city needs more and better library services, not a struggle to maintain what is already in place.

Yours sincerely,

Catherine Dean
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

cc:
Councillor Mary Fragedakis
Toronto Library Board Member

cc:
Toronto Public Library Board
c/o Nancy Marshall, Board Secretary

cc:
Councillor Paul Ainslie
Toronto Library Board Member

cc:

Debi Tate

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, December 15, 2014 11:51 AM
To: mayor_tory@toronto.ca
Cc: councillor_fragedakis@toronto.ca; Nancy Marshall; councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca; councillor_bailao@toronto.ca; councillor_doucette@toronto.ca
Subject: RE: Toronto Public Library 2015 budget

John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

Dear Mayor Tory,

Congratulations on your election victory! I believe your tenure is a welcome change in the Mayor's Office.

As you probably know, the Toronto Public Library is a very important and popular institution in our city. I assume that is why Council supported a motion from Michelle Berardinetti during the last budget process to ask the Library Board to examine ways to re-invest in our public library.

What I cannot understand is that the Library Board has just voted to reduce the recommended budget request our public library needs next year just to maintain existing services. This in spite of the fact that the City Librarian has clearly said her proposed funding request for 2015 is needed so that services are not cut.

I note the current Board is at the end of its mandate and the membership of the Board will be renewed early in 2015. Perhaps this is why some members seem to believe that defying Council is appropriate.

I urge you to reject the Board's proposal and support the budget for 2015 recommended by the City Librarian.

I understand we will be getting a 100th branch of the library system in 2015.

I wholeheartedly support this expansion of our public library and the vital services it offers to Torontonians.

I look forward to reading about your initiatives in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

Dorothy Birtalan
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

cc:
Councillor Mary Fragedakis
Toronto Library Board Member

cc:
Toronto Public Library Board

Debi Tate

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, December 15, 2014 12:57 PM
To: mayor_tory@toronto.ca
Cc: councillor_fragedakis@toronto.ca; Nancy Marshall; councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca; councillor_bailao@toronto.ca; councillor_doucette@toronto.ca
Subject: RE: Toronto Public Library 2015 budget

John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

Dear Mayor Tory,

As you probably know, the Toronto Public Library is a very important and popular institution in our city. The City Librarian has clearly said her proposed funding request for 2015 is needed so that services are not cut.

I urge you to support the budget for 2015 recommended by the City Librarian, and would propose that you increase TPL funding even more than the recommendation. For the record, I support expansion of our public library.

Yours sincerely,

Allana Mayer
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

cc:
Councillor Mary Fragedakis
Toronto Library Board Member

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Toronto Public Library Board
c/o Nancy Marshall, Board Secretary

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Toronto Library Board Member

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Councillor Ana Bailão
Toronto Library Board Member

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Councillor Sarah Doucette
Toronto Library Board Member

Debi Tate

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, December 15, 2014 1:52 PM
To: mayor_tory@toronto.ca
Cc: councillor_fragedakis@toronto.ca; Nancy Marshall; councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca; councillor_bailao@toronto.ca; councillor_doucette@toronto.ca
Subject: RE: my own message re Toronto Public Library 2015 budget

John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

Dear Mayor Tory,

Rather than simply click on the provided message re the TPL budget...I'd like to use my own voice, to report what I see at my own local library (Deer Park). Though at Yonge & St Clair, it's heavily used not by the prosperous living in big houses there, but with young people, new Canadians, the retired, the unemployed (like myself). I know - I've lectured to them, and studied among them (I've been unemployed since my 20s, when I got epilepsy; I'm now 63). The TPL today is a social elevator to economic independence/educational institute for new Canadians. It's a safety net for the old and the less prosperous among Torontonians: somewhere they can go that offers them education free of charge. It's the library of the young, the poor and the old much more than it is the library of prosperous 'old' Torontonians. Undermining it will only add to Toronto's social and economic problems, to the 'us and them' mentality that's developed in the past few years. The TPL holds Toronto together. I realize that money's very tight, but adequately funding the TPL is one of the best and most cost-efficient, targeted ways I can think of to help solve Toronto's problems.

Yours sincerely,

Anne Thackray
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

cc:
Councillor Mary Fragedakis
Toronto Library Board Member

cc:
Toronto Public Library Board
c/o Nancy Marshall, Board Secretary

cc:
Councillor Paul Ainslie
Toronto Library Board Member

cc:
Councillor Ana Bailão
Toronto Library Board Member

Debi Tate

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, December 15, 2014 2:10 PM
To: mayor_tory@toronto.ca
Cc: councillor_fragedakis@toronto.ca; Nancy Marshall; councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca; councillor_bailao@toronto.ca; councillor_doucette@toronto.ca
Subject: RE: Toronto Public Library 2015 budget

John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

Dear Mayor Tory,

One of the most vital and popular institutions in our city is under threat from further cut-backs. Toronto Public Library has undergone too many cuts during the tenure of the last mayor, that many are working double time in the system, and other qualified people are out of work. The public that relies on libraries, for language learning, digital upgrade and reading services, has seen the number of books and materials decrease to a sorry state in the largest library system in the country, serving the largest population.

I assume that is why City Council supported a motion from Michelle Berardinetti, during the last budget process, to ask the Library Board to examine ways to re-invest in our public library.

What I cannot understand is that the Library Board has just voted to reduce the recommended budget request our public library needs next year just to maintain existing services. This in spite of the fact that the City Librarian has clearly said her proposed funding request for 2015 is badly needed to avoid cutting services further.

I note the current Library Board is at the end of its mandate and the membership of the Board will be renewed early in 2015. Perhaps this is why some current members seem to believe that defying Council is appropriate.

I urge you to reject the Library Board's proposal and support the budget for 2015 recommended by the City Librarian. For the record, I support expansion, not further shrinking, of our public library.

Thank-you for your attention to my letter. Please get back to me.

Yours sincerely,

Lynn McClory
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

cc:
Councillor Mary Fragedakis
Toronto Library Board Member

cc:
Toronto Public Library Board

Debi Tate

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, December 15, 2014 2:26 PM
To: mayor_tory@toronto.ca
Cc: councillor_fragedakis@toronto.ca; Nancy Marshall; councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca; councillor_bailao@toronto.ca; councillor_doucette@toronto.ca
Subject: RE: Toronto Public Library 2015 budget

John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

Dear Mayor Tory,

The Fords' attack on our libraries was one of the most odious features of their four years in office. Please take immediate steps to repair the damage.

Limiting library hours even further and cutting more features are attacks on poor and struggling families in our city. You have sounded a compassionate note about housing. Good for you! In the memory of Bill Davis, our real education premier, do the same for libraries.

Please get back to me.

Yours respectfully

Stephen Longstaff
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

cc:
Councillor Mary Fragedakis
Toronto Library Board Member

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Toronto Public Library Board
c/o Nancy Marshall, Board Secretary

cc:
Councillor Paul Ainslie
Toronto Library Board Member

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Councillor Ana Bailão
Toronto Library Board Member

cc:
Councillor Sarah Doucette

Debi Tate

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, December 15, 2014 2:47 PM
To: mayor_tory@toronto.ca
Cc: councillor_fragedakis@toronto.ca; Nancy Marshall; councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca; councillor_bailao@toronto.ca; councillor_doucette@toronto.ca
Subject: RE: Toronto Public Library 2015 budget

John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

Dear Mayor Tory,

I grew up with the marvelous Toronto library system.

Today the library is one of the institutions which have truly adapted to the changing needs of our communities. This one institution provides services to all ages, all languages, all socioeconomic groups, all cultures and all religions utilizing all media.

To underfund or cut back on the libraries in a major city such as Toronto will have a severe social and economic impact on the city.

Yours sincerely,

joey loughheed
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

cc:
Councillor Mary Fragedakis
Toronto Library Board Member

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Toronto Public Library Board
c/o Nancy Marshall, Board Secretary

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Councillor Paul Ainslie
Toronto Library Board Member

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Councillor Ana Bailão
Toronto Library Board Member

cc:
Councillor Sarah Doucette

Debi Tate

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, December 15, 2014 4:18 PM
To: mayor_tory@toronto.ca
Cc: councillor_fragedakis@toronto.ca; Nancy Marshall; councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca; councillor_bailao@toronto.ca; councillor_doucette@toronto.ca
Subject: RE: Toronto Public Library 2015 budget

John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

Dear Mayor Tory,

We have one of the best public libraries in the world right here in Toronto and I am writing to ask you to maintain that wonderful reputation by not cutting funds.

As an author and an avid reader, I'm in my local library (New Toronto) branch every week. As an English professor, I am constantly recommending the library and their services to my English as Second Language learners.

Of course, we (taxpayers) are always happy to save money but really, you can't operate a first class city (like Toronto is poised to become) without spending money -- and spending money on the TPL is spending money wisely. Thank you,
Maria

Yours sincerely, Maria Coletta McLean

Maria Coletta McLean
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

cc:
Councillor Mary Fragedakis
Toronto Library Board Member

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Toronto Public Library Board
c/o Nancy Marshall, Board Secretary

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Councillor Paul Ainslie
Toronto Library Board Member

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Councillor Ana Bailão
Toronto Library Board Member

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Councillor Sarah Doucette
Toronto Library Board Member

Debi Tate

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, December 15, 2014 4:44 PM
To: mayor_tory@toronto.ca
Cc: councillor_fragedakis@toronto.ca; Nancy Marshall; councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca; councillor_bailao@toronto.ca; councillor_doucette@toronto.ca
Subject: RE: Toronto Public Library 2015 budget

John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

Dear Mayor Tory,

Congratulations on your election victory. ...

The Library Board has just voted to reduce the recommended budget request our public library needs next year just to maintain existing services. ... [Some members of] the current Board ... seem to believe that defying Council is appropriate.

I urge you to reject the Board's proposal and support the budget for 2015 recommended by the City Librarian. For the record, I support expansion of our public library.

Please get back to me.

Yours sincerely,

Michael Caplan
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

cc:
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Toronto Library Board Member

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Toronto Public Library Board
c/o Nancy Marshall, Board Secretary

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Councillor Paul Ainslie
Toronto Library Board Member

cc:
Councillor Ana Bailão
Toronto Library Board Member

Debi Tate

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, December 15, 2014 6:49 PM
To: mayor_tory@toronto.ca
Cc: councillor_fragedakis@toronto.ca; Nancy Marshall; councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca; councillor_bailao@toronto.ca; councillor_doucette@toronto.ca
Subject: RE: Toronto Public Library 2015 budget

John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

Dear Mayor Tory,

On Saturday, the City of Halifax opened its exciting new library that will be a "vital centre for learning and culture in the heart of the community". The City of Toronto's Library Board isn't so forward-thinking and apparently doesn't value libraries the way the over 10,000 Haligonians who attended the opening do. The TPL reports it has 18.5 million people visit yearly, clearly showing that the library is an important part of many people's lives. But the TPL Board voted to reduce the recommended budget request our public library needs next year just to maintain existing services.

I urge you to read "So Much More: The Economic Impact of the Toronto Public Library on the City of Toronto" if you want to learn more about the economic role the TPL has in Toronto's prosperity.

I look forward to hearing your position on the Board's decision and what you plan to do.

Yours sincerely,

Jane Conlon
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

cc:
Councillor Mary Fragedakis
Toronto Library Board Member

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Toronto Public Library Board
c/o Nancy Marshall, Board Secretary

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Councillor Paul Ainslie
Toronto Library Board Member

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Councillor Ana Bailão
Toronto Library Board Member

Debi Tate

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, December 15, 2014 7:05 PM
To: mayor_tory@toronto.ca
Cc: councillor_fragedakis@toronto.ca; Nancy Marshall; councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca; councillor_bailao@toronto.ca; councillor_doucette@toronto.ca
Subject: RE: Toronto Public Library 2015 budget

John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

Dear Mayor Tory,

The Toronto Public Library is a very important and popular institution in our city. It is very, very helpful to so many people. Just visit and take a look at the immigrants, students, children, mature people--every kind of person--found using the library. It's a key to Toronto's pride and success.

What I cannot understand is that the Library Board has just voted to reduce the recommended budget request our public library needs next year just to maintain existing services. This in spite of the fact that the City Librarian has clearly said her proposed funding request for 2015 is needed so that services are not cut.

I note the current Board is at the end of its mandate and the membership of the Board will be renewed early in 2015. Perhaps this is why some members seem to believe that defying Council is appropriate.

I urge you to reject the Board's proposal and support the budget for 2015 recommended by the City Librarian.

Yours sincerely,

Janice Spellerberg
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

cc:
Councillor Mary Fragedakis
Toronto Library Board Member

cc:
Toronto Public Library Board
c/o Nancy Marshall, Board Secretary

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Councillor Paul Ainslie
Toronto Library Board Member

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Councillor Ana Bailão

Debi Tate

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, December 15, 2014 7:12 PM
To: mayor_tory@toronto.ca
Cc: councillor_fragedakis@toronto.ca; Nancy Marshall; councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca; councillor_bailao@toronto.ca; councillor_doucette@toronto.ca
Subject: RE: Toronto Public Library 2015 budget

John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

Dear Mayor Tory,

As you probably know, the Toronto Public Library is a very important and popular institution in our city. However the Library Board's recent vote to reduce the recommended budget request our public library needs next year just to maintain existing services is patently absurd. Especially in light of the fact the cumulative budget increase over the last four years has been 86% below the rate of inflation.

I urge you to reject the Board's proposal and support the budget for 2015 recommended by the City Librarian. For the record, I support expansion of our public library.

Let's make Toronto a world class city for its citizens, not a world class shopping destination for consumers.

Yours sincerely,

trista vincent
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

cc:
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Toronto Library Board Member

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Toronto Public Library Board
c/o Nancy Marshall, Board Secretary

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Councillor Paul Ainslie
Toronto Library Board Member

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Councillor Ana Bailão
Toronto Library Board Member

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Debi Tate

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, December 15, 2014 9:57 PM
To: mayor_tory@toronto.ca
Cc: councillor_fragedakis@toronto.ca; Nancy Marshall; councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca; councillor_bailao@toronto.ca; councillor_doucette@toronto.ca
Subject: Toronto Public Library budget

John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

Dear Mayor Tory,

Welcome to City Hall!

The Toronto Public Library is a very important resource for everyone in our city, but especially for people who can't afford to purchase books regularly.

I have just read that the Library Board has voted to reduce the recommended budget request for the library in the next year, even though the City Librarian has said that her proposed funding request for 2015 is needed so that services are not cut. I urge you to reject the Board's proposal and support the budget for 2015 recommended by the City Librarian. For the record, I support expansion of our public library.

I appreciate your attention, and will look for your reply.

Yours sincerely,

Catherine Goodwin
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

cc:
Councillor Mary Fragedakis
Toronto Library Board Member

cc:
Toronto Public Library Board
c/o Nancy Marshall, Board Secretary

cc:
Councillor Paul Ainslie
Toronto Library Board Member

cc:
Councillor Ana Bailão
Toronto Library Board Member

Debi Tate

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, December 15, 2014 10:22 PM
To: mayor_tory@toronto.ca
Cc: councillor_fragedakis@toronto.ca; Nancy Marshall; councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca; councillor_bailao@toronto.ca; councillor_doucette@toronto.ca
Subject: RE: Toronto Public Library 2015 budget

John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

Dear Mayor Tory,

First, I do not live in Toronto; I live in Saskatoon SK. but after reading the newspaper article about cutting your library budget I felt I had to make a comment.

Libraries are a necessity not a luxury. I am a senior and I use a small local library in my neighborhood. It's a low income neighborhood, and I have noticed that there are many kids who come in regularly to play games on the computes; that's ok ,but what I have noticed is that after about 2 mo. of regularly using the computers these same kids are starting to take out books to read at home.- these are children who would otherwise never pick up a book to read. This is maybe one of the most positive influences in their lives. I'm sure the same thing happens in Toronto.Please don't take that away from them.

Yours sincerely,Dianne Andres

Dianne Andres
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

cc:
Councillor Mary Fragedakis
Toronto Library Board Member

cc:
Toronto Public Library Board
c/o Nancy Marshall, Board Secretary

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Toronto Library Board Member

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Councillor Ana Bailão
Toronto Library Board Member

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Debi Tate

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Cc: councillor_fragedakis@toronto.ca; Nancy Marshall; councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca; councillor_bailao@toronto.ca; councillor_doucette@toronto.ca
Subject: RE: Toronto Public Library 2015 budget

John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

Dear Mayor Tory,

I want to say congratulations on your election victory. I welcome change in the Mayor's Office.

As a Toronto citizen & home schooling mother of 2 boys the library is a critical to our lives!

As you probably know, the Toronto Public Library is a very important and popular institution in our city. I assume that is why Council supported a motion from Michelle Berardinetti during the last budget process to ask the Library Board to examine ways to re-invest in our public library.

What I cannot understand is that the Library Board has just voted to reduce the recommended budget request our public library needs next year just to maintain existing services. This in spite of the fact that the City Librarian has clearly said her proposed funding request for 2015 is needed so that services are not cut.

I note the current Board is at the end of its mandate and the membership of the Board will be renewed early in 2015. Perhaps this is why some members seem to believe that defying Council is appropriate.

I urge you to reject the Board's proposal and support the budget for 2015 recommended by the City Librarian. For the record, I support expansion of our public library.

Please get back to me.

Yours sincerely,

Jennifer Stolte
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

cc:
Councillor Mary Fragedakis
Toronto Library Board Member

cc:
Toronto Public Library Board
c/o Nancy Marshall, Board Secretary

Debi Tate

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, December 16, 2014 12:39 AM
To: mayor_tory@toronto.ca
Cc: councillor_fragedakis@toronto.ca; Nancy Marshall; councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca; councillor_bailao@toronto.ca; councillor_doucette@toronto.ca
Subject: RE: Support Toronto Public Library by improving the 2015 Budget

John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

Dear Mayor Tory,

First, congratulations on your election victory; I certainly hope you bring a more mature tone to City Hall.

I am a major user of the Toronto Public Library, one of the most important and popular public institution in our city. During the previous administration, TPL saw budget cuts and labour action in protest.

Unfortunately, the Library Board has decided to continue ignoring the value the TPL gives the city by voting to reduce the recommended budget request by the TPL. This in spite of the fact that the City Librarian has clearly said her proposed funding request for 2015 is needed to just maintain existing services without cuts.

I note the current Board is at the end of its mandate and the membership of the Board will be renewed early in 2015. Perhaps this is why some members seem to believe that defying Council is appropriate.

I urge you to reject the Board's proposal and support the budget for 2015 recommended by the City Librarian. For the record, I support expansion of our public library.

I will be following up on your response in this matter. Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

David Simmons
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

cc:
Councillor Mary Fragedakis
Toronto Library Board Member

cc:
Toronto Public Library Board
c/o Nancy Marshall, Board Secretary

cc:
Councillor Paul Ainslie

Debi Tate

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, December 16, 2014 8:35 AM
To: mayor_tory@toronto.ca
Cc: councillor_fragedakis@toronto.ca; Nancy Marshall; councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca; councillor_bailao@toronto.ca; councillor_doucette@toronto.ca
Subject: RE: Toronto Public Library 2015 budget

John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

Dear Mayor Tory,

First, congratulations on your election victory.

My name is Donald Simmons, a homeowner here in Toronto, and I am writing to you today regarding the budget for the Toronto Public Library.

You have spoken on the need to bring the city back together after the years of division we have seen, and I believe that supporting the library would be a big step on that path.

Our library system is a hugely popular and important insituiion in our city, offering services that benefit hundreds of thousands of people on all levels of society. However, the Library Board has just voted to futher reduce the library budget, despite the statement from the City Librarian that the asked-for amount was the minimum needed to maintain existing services.

I note the current Board is at the end of its mandate and the membership of the Board will be renewed early in 2015. Perhaps this is why some members seem to believe that defying Council is appropriate.

I urge you to reject the Board's proposal and support the budget for 2015 recommended by the City Librarian. For the record, I support expansion of our public library.

Please get back to me.

Yours sincerely,

Donald Simmons
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

cc:
Councillor Mary Fragedakis
Toronto Library Board Member

cc:
Toronto Public Library Board

Debi Tate

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, December 16, 2014 11:33 AM
To: mayor_tory@toronto.ca
Cc: councillor_fragedakis@toronto.ca; Nancy Marshall; councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca; councillor_bailao@toronto.ca; councillor_doucette@toronto.ca
Subject: RE: Toronto Public Library 2015 budget

John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

Dear Mayor Tory,

Congratulations on your election victory. I very much welcome change in the Mayor's Office!

I'm writing to you today to express my support for the Toronto Public Library system. I grew up in Toronto and it would be no exaggeration to say that the library was the heart and soul of my education and development.

As you probably know, the Toronto Public Library is a very important and popular institution in our city. I assume that is why Council supported a motion from Michelle Berardinetti during the last budget process to ask the Library Board to examine ways to re-invest in our public library.

What I cannot understand is that the Library Board has just voted to reduce the recommended budget request our public library needs next year just to maintain existing services. This in spite of the fact that the City Librarian has clearly said her proposed funding request for 2015 is needed so that services are not cut.

I note the current Board is at the end of its mandate and the membership of the Board will be renewed early in 2015. Perhaps this is why some members seem to believe that defying Council is appropriate.

I urge you to reject the Board's proposal and support the budget for 2015 recommended by the City Librarian. For the record, I support expansion of our public library.

Please get back to me.

Yours sincerely,

Ben Grossman
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

cc:
Councillor Mary Fragedakis
Toronto Library Board Member

cc:
Toronto Public Library Board

Debi Tate

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, December 16, 2014 1:10 PM
To: mayor_tory@toronto.ca
Cc: councillor_fragedakis@toronto.ca; Nancy Marshall; councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca; councillor_bailao@toronto.ca; councillor_doucette@toronto.ca
Subject: RE: Toronto Public Library 2015 budget

John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

Dear Mayor Tory,

You probably have already read through this once or maybe more. The Toronto Public System is important and must be supported. Enough of what the frustrated Ford Stooges. I expect you to act responsibly.

...Joe

Please get back to me.

Yours sincerely,

Joe Harmatiuk
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

cc:
Councillor Mary Fragedakis
Toronto Library Board Member

cc:
Toronto Public Library Board
c/o Nancy Marshall, Board Secretary

cc:
Councillor Paul Ainslie
Toronto Library Board Member

cc:
Councillor Ana Bailão
Toronto Library Board Member

cc:
Councillor Sarah Doucette
Toronto Library Board Member

Debi Tate

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Sent: Tuesday, December 16, 2014 1:31 PM
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Cc: councillor_fragedakis@toronto.ca; Nancy Marshall; councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca; councillor_bailao@toronto.ca; councillor_doucette@toronto.ca
Subject: RE: Toronto Public Library 2015 budget

John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

Dear Mayor Tory,

As the newly elected mayor who purportedly offered a viable alternative to the slash and burn regime of the former mayor when it came to essential Library Services in the City of Toronto, I was dismayed to learn that you may be allowing that legacy to continue.

I was disgusted to hear the outgoing Library Board has just voted to reduce the recommended budget request our public library and the citizens of Toronto need for next year, just to maintain existing services (which have already been cut - hours of operation, materials, staff).

When Council supported a motion from Michelle Berardinetti during the last budget process to ask that Library Board to examine ways to re-invest in our public library, I hoped you would lead the way, using the influence of the Mayor's Office to ensure a positive outcome.

That the current Board is at the end of its mandate saw fit to oppose the will of our new and democratically-elected Council is unconscionable. The citizens of Toronto elected you to stop the absurdities that were integral to the former administration that spoke so recklessly about our public libraries

As a regular library user and as someone who has seen the tremendous social benefits in maintaining library services for tots, moms, youngsters, teens, students, teachers, seniors and other working people, I cannot urge you more strongly to reject the Board's proposal and support the budget for 2015 recommended by the City Librarian.

In fact, I support expansion of our public library system. I trust you understand that libraries are a modern day meeting place, fundamental to combatting illiteracy and street crime, as well as providing those in need with the means to improve their skills in a competitive economy.

I look forward to seeing you lead our City in "the right direction," by supporting an amazing library system and its hard-working, dedicated staff with an improved budget.

May a strong position on your part in this matter set the tone for keeping Torontonians proud that we elected you.

I would appreciate hearing from you in the near future.

Yours sincerely,

Leah Claire Stevenson
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Debi Tate

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, December 16, 2014 2:10 PM
To: mayor_tory@toronto.ca
Cc: councillor_fragedakis@toronto.ca; Nancy Marshall; councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca; councillor_bailao@toronto.ca; councillor_doucette@toronto.ca
Subject: RE: Toronto Public Library 2015 budget

John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

Dear Mayor Tory,

I cannot understand why the Library Board has just voted to reduce the recommended budget request our public library needs next year just to maintain existing services. This in spite of the fact that the City Librarian has clearly said her proposed funding request for 2015 is needed so that services are not cut.

I note the current Board is at the end of its mandate and the membership of the Board will be renewed early in 2015. It's unfortunate that this board doesn't seem to be acting in the best long-term interests of the public institution it represents.

please reject the Board's proposal and support the budget for 2015 recommended by the City of Toronto Librarian.

Yours sincerely,

yvonne coldridge
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

cc:
Councillor Mary Fragedakis
Toronto Library Board Member

cc:
Toronto Public Library Board
c/o Nancy Marshall, Board Secretary

cc:
Councillor Paul Ainslie
Toronto Library Board Member

cc:
Councillor Ana Bailão
Toronto Library Board Member

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Debi Tate

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, December 16, 2014 2:12 PM
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Cc: councillor_fragedakis@toronto.ca; Nancy Marshall; councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca; councillor_bailao@toronto.ca; councillor_doucette@toronto.ca
Subject: RE: Toronto Public Library 2015 budget

John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

Dear Mayor Tory,

Congratulations on your new post as our beloved city's Mayor's.

As you probably know, the Toronto Public Library is a very important and popular institution in our city. Many people from diverse backgrounds and all areas of the city depend on the library for a safe space to congregate, think and learn outside of their home or work environments. I assume that is why Council supported a motion from Michelle Berardinetti during the last budget process to ask the Library Board to examine ways to re-invest in our public library.

What I cannot understand is why the Library Board would vote to reduce the budget request in spite of the fact that the City Librarian has clearly said her proposed funding request for 2015 is needed so that existing services will not be cut.

I note the current Board is at the end of its mandate and the membership of the Board will be renewed early in 2015. Regardless, this action is not welcomed nor appropriate.

I urge you to reject the Board's proposal and support the budget for 2015 recommended by the City Librarian. For the record, I support the expansion of services and support for our public library. They are in the knowledge sharing business - this can only be a good thing for our city.

Please respond with how you plan to use your position as Mayor to protect and support the Toronto Public Library going forward.

Yours sincerely,

Tara Pearson
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

cc:
Councillor Mary Fragedakis
Toronto Library Board Member

cc:
Toronto Public Library Board
c/o Nancy Marshall, Board Secretary

Debi Tate

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, December 16, 2014 3:37 PM
To: mayor_tory@toronto.ca
Cc: councillor_fragedakis@toronto.ca; Nancy Marshall; councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca; councillor_bailao@toronto.ca; councillor_doucette@toronto.ca
Subject: TPL 2015 Budget

John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

Dear Mayor Tory,

The Toronto Public Library has done a great job over the past few years in maintaining their current services and staying relevant to their public with interesting and creative programming (eg. LGBT Speed Dating with a Book, digital labs, huge Overdrive e-book collections). In concert with the Martin Prosperity Institute they've run a groundbreaking study demonstrating the value of a public library to it's community. They make sure kids and teens have a safe space, no matter what neighborhood they live in. They provide a warm, clean space for those without homes in the winter. They've done so much, under a lot of pressure and with an almost laughable amount of funding for a city of this size.

What I cannot understand is that the Library Board has just voted to reduce the recommended budget request our public library needs next year just to maintain existing services. This in spite of the fact that the City Librarian has clearly said her proposed funding request for 2015 is needed so that services are not cut.

I urge you to reject the Board's proposal and support the budget for 2015 recommended by the City Librarian. For the record, I support expansion of our public library.

Please get back to me.

Yours sincerely,

Beth Mens
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

cc:
Councillor Mary Fragedakis
Toronto Library Board Member

cc:
Toronto Public Library Board
c/o Nancy Marshall, Board Secretary

cc:
Councillor Paul Ainslie
Toronto Library Board Member

Debi Tate

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, December 16, 2014 4:09 PM
To: mayor_tory@toronto.ca
Cc: councillor_fragedakis@toronto.ca; Nancy Marshall; councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca; councillor_bailao@toronto.ca; councillor_doucette@toronto.ca
Subject: RE: Toronto Public Library 2015 budget

John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

Dear Mayor Tory,

Congratulations on your election. I, along with many others, welcome the change in the Mayor's Office.

As you know, the Toronto Public Library system plays an important role in our city. In its many aspects, it provides a useful counter-force to the growing economic, educational and social inequities in Toronto.

Many of our City Councillors have recognized that the Library contributes significantly to building 'one Toronto.' During the last budget process, Council supported a motion from Michelle Berardinetti to ask the Library Board to examine ways to re-invest in our public library.

However, the Library Board has just voted to reduce the recommended budget the Library needs next year, despite the the City Librarian's clear statement that the funding requested for 2015 is needed just so that services can be maintained, not cut.

The current Board is at the end of its mandate; new Board members will be selected early in 2015. Under the circumstances, the current Board's defiance of Council's motion looks much like a last-ditch effort by the 'reduce taxes by cutting services' faction.

I urge you to reject the Board's proposal and as a minimum support the 2015 budget recommended by the City Librarian. Indeed, I would strongly urge you to support a budget that restores and expands Library services, rather than just maintaining the current level.

I look forward to hearing from you...

Yours sincerely, John Holt

John Holt
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

cc:
Councillor Mary Fragedakis
Toronto Library Board Member

Debi Tate

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, December 17, 2014 2:23 PM
To: mayor_tory@toronto.ca
Cc: councillor_fragedakis@toronto.ca; Nancy Marshall; councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca; councillor_bailao@toronto.ca; councillor_doucette@toronto.ca
Subject: RE: Toronto Public Library 2015 budget

John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

Dear Mayor Tory,

As you probably know, the Toronto Public Library is a very important and popular institution in our city. I assume that is why Council supported a motion from Michelle Berardinetti during the last budget process to ask the Library Board to examine ways to re-invest in our public library.

What I cannot understand is that the Library Board has just voted to reduce the recommended budget request our public library needs next year just to maintain existing services. This in spite of the fact that the City Librarian has clearly said her proposed funding request for 2015 is needed so that services are not cut.

I note the current Board is at the end of its mandate and the membership of the Board will be renewed early in 2015. Perhaps this is why some members seem to believe that defying Council is appropriate.

I urge you to reject the Board's proposal and support the budget for 2015 recommended by the City Librarian. For the record, I support expansion of our public library.

FURTHERMORE, I personally have seen significant evidence of deterioration of new materials being added to the Library's Collections - music CDs, DVDs and books are all showing real evidence of being stale. The collection, as well as new services (eBooks) and the physical structures need to be continue to be renewed and updated. Otherwise the Library will suffer the slow death of neglect and ability to continue to usefully serve the citizenry of Toronto.

Please get back to me.

Yours sincerely,

Brien Pepperdine
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

cc:
Councillor Mary Fragedakis
Toronto Library Board Member

cc:

Debi Tate

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, December 17, 2014 2:29 PM
To: mayor_tory@toronto.ca
Cc: councillor_fragedakis@toronto.ca; Nancy Marshall; councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca; councillor_bailao@toronto.ca; councillor_doucette@toronto.ca
Subject: RE: Toronto Public Library 2015 budget

John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

Dear Mayor Tory,

Congratulations on your election victory. I am pleased by the opportunities for positive change that it brings about for our city.

My family and I are regular users of the the Toronto Public Library both for work and school research, and for cultural and intellectual development in general. Thus it is a very important institution for us personally, and I recognize that many other Toronto residents feel the same way. My local branch, S. Walter Stewart, is heavily used by public school students, and I have also observed that in both wealthy and disadvantaged neighbourhoods in our city, the library is an extremely popular destination for youth - a quiet oasis where minds can develop. I assume that this general popularity and benefit to the city residents is why Council supported a motion from Michelle Berardinetti during the last budget process to ask the Library Board to examine ways to re-invest in our public library.

What I cannot understand is that the Library Board has just voted to reduce the recommended budget request our public library needs next year just to maintain existing services. This in spite of the fact that the City Librarian has clearly said her proposed funding request for 2015 is needed so that services are not cut.

I note the current Board is at the end of its mandate and the membership of the Board will be renewed early in 2015. Perhaps this is why some members seem to believe that defying Council is appropriate. Certainly it feels like a vestige of the previous city government, and not one appropriate to the new city government.

I urge you to reject the Board's proposal and support the budget for 2015 recommended by the City Librarian. For the record, I support expansion of our public library, and definitely not a reduction in services.

I look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely,

Edward Kay
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

cc:
Councillor Mary Fragedakis
Toronto Library Board Member

Debi Tate

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, December 17, 2014 2:32 PM
To: mayor_tory@toronto.ca
Cc: councillor_fragedakis@toronto.ca; Nancy Marshall; councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca; councillor_bailao@toronto.ca; councillor_doucette@toronto.ca
Subject: RE: Toronto Public Library 2015 budget

John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

Dear Mayor Tory,

Congratulations on your election victory. I'm thrilled with the change in the Mayor's Office.

As you probably know, the Toronto Public Library is a very important and popular institution in our city. I assume that is why Council supported a motion from Michelle Berardinetti during the last budget process to ask the Library Board to examine ways to re-invest in our public library.

I urge you to reject the Board's proposal and support the budget for 2015 recommended by the City Librarian.

For the record, I support expansion of our public library. I have two young girls & a library within walking distance to our house. We go to the library at least twice a month to get out new books to read. One of my girls is a little behind in reading & it's essential that we have access to different books to keep her interest up & wanting to read more.

What I cannot understand is that the Library Board has just voted to reduce the recommended budget request our public library needs next year just to maintain existing services. This in spite of the fact that the City Librarian has clearly said her proposed funding request for 2015 is needed so that services are not cut.

I note the current Board is at the end of its mandate and the membership of the Board will be renewed early in 2015. Perhaps this is why some members seem to believe that defying Council is appropriate.

Please get back to me.

Yours sincerely,

Kerry Collier
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

cc:
Councillor Mary Fragedakis
Toronto Library Board Member

cc:

Debi Tate

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, December 17, 2014 2:32 PM
To: mayor_tory@toronto.ca
Cc: councillor_fragedakis@toronto.ca; Nancy Marshall; councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca; councillor_bailao@toronto.ca; councillor_doucette@toronto.ca
Subject: RE: Toronto Public Library 2015 budget

John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

Dear Mayor Tory,

As you probably know, the Toronto Public Library is a very important and popular institution in our city. I assume that is why Council supported a motion from Michelle Berardinetti during the last budget process to ask the Library Board to examine ways to re-invest in our public library.

What I cannot understand is that the Library Board has just voted to reduce the recommended budget request our public library needs next year just to maintain existing services. This in spite of the fact that the City Librarian has clearly said her proposed funding request for 2015 is needed so that services are not cut.

I note the current Board is at the end of its mandate and the membership of the Board will be renewed early in 2015. Perhaps this is why some members seem to believe that defying Council is appropriate.

I urge you to reject the Board's proposal and support the budget for 2015 recommended by the City Librarian. For the record, I support expansion of our public library.

The public library system is a foundational piece of our democracy and it needs to be nurtured.

Please get back to me.

Yours sincerely,

Alex Thomson
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

cc:
Councillor Mary Fragedakis
Toronto Library Board Member

cc:
Toronto Public Library Board
c/o Nancy Marshall, Board Secretary

cc:

Debi Tate

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, December 17, 2014 2:38 PM
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Cc: councillor_fragedakis@toronto.ca; Nancy Marshall; councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca; councillor_bailao@toronto.ca; councillor_doucette@toronto.ca
Subject: RE: Toronto Public Library 2015 budget

John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

Dear Mayor Tory,

Congratulations, we are very pleased to have you as our new Mayor and wish you the best in your new office.

In my working life, I lived in major cities all over the U.S. as well as in Toronto.

Nowhere have I appreciated the library system and have made the most use of ...The Toronto Public Library.

I urge you to support the Toronto Library System in its mandate and budget requirements. I am so proud of the way our Library is run and it would be a shame not to support and maintain our existing services an example for any major metropolis.

Respectively,

Lynne Ritchie
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

cc:
Councillor Mary Fragedakis
Toronto Library Board Member

cc:
Toronto Public Library Board
c/o Nancy Marshall, Board Secretary

cc:
Councillor Paul Ainslie
Toronto Library Board Member

cc:
Councillor Ana Bailão
Toronto Library Board Member

Debi Tate

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Subject: RE: Toronto Public Library 2015 budget

John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

Dear Mayor Tory,

Our public library is very important to me, and I consider it to be a cornerstone of my community. My daughter has used many of the programs in her, (almost), eight years. For these services we are immensely grateful and consider the library to be a testament to the greatness of Toronto etcetera, etcetera, etcetera... Please consider how important of a resource this is to Toronto during the budget process.

Thank you for considering me and my community.

Please get back to me.

Yours sincerely,

james mason
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

cc:
Councillor Mary Fragedakis
Toronto Library Board Member

cc:
Toronto Public Library Board
c/o Nancy Marshall, Board Secretary

cc:
Councillor Paul Ainslie
Toronto Library Board Member

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Councillor Ana Bailão
Toronto Library Board Member

cc:
Councillor Sarah Doucette

Debi Tate

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Cc: councillor_fragedakis@toronto.ca; Nancy Marshall; councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca; councillor_bailao@toronto.ca; councillor_doucette@toronto.ca
Subject: RE: Toronto Public Library 2015 budget

John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

Dear Mayor Tory,

Congratulations on your victory, I was a strong pusher of you as a mayor to all my contacts. I believe someone with your background and experience can be a great figurehead and motivator to all city leadership and services.

As a younger person, my use of the public library was very strong, from services to books, I even had a job there as a youth after school. Now as a middle ager with a kid, who in recent years has become somewhat shut in due to illness, the public library is a necessity. I read about 5 books a week and use the online platform almost exclusively.

Please ensure that our library budget ensures that tax payers get access to library services that suit their needs. From multi languages, local walking distance branches, to ongoing electronic access and availability of real staff to assist with these needs.

I'm concerned that the Library Board has just voted to reduce the recommended budget request our public library needs next year just to maintain existing services. This in spite of the fact that the City Librarian has clearly said her proposed funding request for 2015 is needed so that services are not cut.

I urge you to reject the library Board's proposal and support the budget for 2015 recommended by the City Librarian. For the record, I support expansion of our public library as it is something that all constituents need.

Thank you, Patricia Sparks

Yours sincerely,

Patricia Sparks
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

cc:
Councillor Mary Fragedakis
Toronto Library Board Member

cc:
Toronto Public Library Board
c/o Nancy Marshall, Board Secretary

Debi Tate

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, December 17, 2014 2:50 PM
To: mayor_tory@toronto.ca
Cc: councillor_fragedakis@toronto.ca; Nancy Marshall; councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca; councillor_bailao@toronto.ca; councillor_doucette@toronto.ca
Subject: RE: Toronto Public Library 2015 budget

John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

Dear Mayor Tory,

Thank you for taking on the city's well-being as your goal. I appreciate your efforts to make this a sane, functioning, fair city. Please help support our library to do what it does best: providing access to information and literacy support to all, which is especially important to those on limited incomes, and children.

As you probably know, the Toronto Public Library is a very important and popular institution in our city. I assume that is why Council supported a motion from Michelle Berardinetti during the last budget process to ask the Library Board to examine ways to re-invest in our public library.

What I cannot understand is that the Library Board has just voted to reduce the recommended budget request our public library needs next year just to maintain existing services. This in spite of the fact that the City Librarian has clearly said her proposed funding request for 2015 is needed so that services are not cut.

I note the current Board is at the end of its mandate and the membership of the Board will be renewed early in 2015. Perhaps this is why some members seem to believe that defying Council is appropriate.

I urge you to reject the Board's proposal and support the budget for 2015 recommended by the City Librarian. For the record, I support expansion of our public library.

Please get back to me.

Yours sincerely,

Linda Gustafson
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

cc:
Councillor Mary Fragedakis
Toronto Library Board Member

cc:
Toronto Public Library Board
c/o Nancy Marshall, Board Secretary

Debi Tate

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Subject: RE: Toronto Public Library 2015 budget

John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

Dear Mayor Tory,

For Pete's sake, Mr. Tory. The least you can do, now you're in office, is ensure that all the cuts to the Toronto Public Library budget that took place during the Ford administration are reversed (in real dollars, taking into account inflation).

The Toronto Public Library is a lifeline for me, my family and countless others like us. We take out books quite often, yes, but even more often, we bring the kids to the library to read books there, to make use of the educational play areas, and to participate in Library activities, both organized and informal. Our experience at the Library is thoroughly dependent on the presence of an experienced and knowledgeable staff of professional librarians. Cuts to the Library budget have meant cuts to services we depend on, and prevented the expansion of Library hours that would be so helpful to young families like mine.

Please get back to me.

Yours sincerely,

Phil Pothen
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

cc:
Councillor Mary Fragedakis
Toronto Library Board Member

cc:
Toronto Public Library Board
c/o Nancy Marshall, Board Secretary

cc:
Councillor Paul Ainslie
Toronto Library Board Member

cc:
Councillor Ana Bailão
Toronto Library Board Member

Debi Tate

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Subject: RE: Toronto Public Library 2015 budget

John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

Dear Mayor Tory,

Libraries are vibrant and essential community hubs that we need to minimally maintain, and ideally grow to meet demand. We are a dynamic, literate and intelligent city - let's stay that way.

I respectfully urge you to reject the Board's proposal and support the budget for 2015 recommended by the City Librarian. For the record, I support expansion of our public library.

I look forward to your response with thanks in advance.

Wendy Dunning

Yours sincerely,

Wendy Dunning
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

cc:
Councillor Mary Fragedakis
Toronto Library Board Member

cc:
Toronto Public Library Board
c/o Nancy Marshall, Board Secretary

cc:
Councillor Paul Ainslie
Toronto Library Board Member

cc:
Councillor Ana Bailão
Toronto Library Board Member

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Debi Tate

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Sent: Wednesday, December 17, 2014 3:03 PM
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Cc: councillor_fragedakis@toronto.ca; Nancy Marshall; councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca; councillor_bailao@toronto.ca; councillor_doucette@toronto.ca
Subject: RE: Toronto Public Library 2015 budget

John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

Dear Mayor Tory,

I find library services are an extremely important part of our diverse city life. At this point in time, I use the library less than I used to, but according to Ms. O'Reilly's research, library use is going up; others are using it more. I am very willing to pay as much as necessary to ensure the library is properly funded, especially for that time when I start using it more again.

Please give special attention to this situation.

Thank-you.

Yours sincerely,

Jessica Raum
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

cc:
Councillor Mary Fragedakis
Toronto Library Board Member

cc:
Toronto Public Library Board
c/o Nancy Marshall, Board Secretary

cc:
Councillor Paul Ainslie
Toronto Library Board Member

cc:
Councillor Ana Bailão
Toronto Library Board Member

cc:
Councillor Sarah Doucette

Debi Tate

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Subject: RE: Toronto Public Library 2015 budget

John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

Dear Mayor Tory,

Have you seen the pictures of the new library in Halifax? Now there is a city that knows the value of an excellent library system. Why can't Toronto appreciate the value of a good library like that?

Congratulations on your election victory. I welcome the change in the Mayor's Office.

As you probably know, the Toronto Public Library is a very important and popular institution in our city. I assume that is why Council supported a motion from Michelle Berardinetti during the last budget process to ask the Library Board to examine ways to re-invest in our public library.

What I cannot understand is that the Library Board has just voted to reduce the recommended budget request our public library needs next year just to maintain existing services. This in spite of the fact that the City Librarian has clearly said her proposed funding request for 2015 is needed so that services are not cut.

I note the current Board is at the end of its mandate and the membership of the Board will be renewed early in 2015. Perhaps this is why some members seem to believe that defying Council is appropriate.

I urge you to reject the Board's proposal and support the budget for 2015 recommended by the City Librarian. For the record, I support expansion of our public library.

Please get back to me.

Yours sincerely,

Anna Bloom
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

cc:
Councillor Mary Fragedakis
Toronto Library Board Member

cc:
Toronto Public Library Board

Debi Tate

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, December 17, 2014 4:09 PM
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Cc: councillor_fragedakis@toronto.ca; Nancy Marshall; councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca; councillor_bailao@toronto.ca; councillor_doucette@toronto.ca
Subject: RE: Toronto Public Library 2015 budget

John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

Dear Mayor Tory,

Congratulations on your election victory. I welcome change in the Mayor's Office. I have been a passionate reader all my life and a key factor in my deciding to move to Toronto was the reputation of its extensive and well stocked library system. I was not disappointed. But now I am concerned for its future. As you probably know, the Toronto Public Library is a very important and popular institution in our city. I assume that is why Council supported a motion from Michelle Berardinetti during the last budget process to ask the Library Board to examine ways to re-invest in our public library.

What I cannot understand is that the Library Board has just voted to reduce the recommended budget request our public library needs next year just to maintain existing services. This in spite of the fact that the City Librarian has clearly said her proposed funding request for 2015 is needed so that services are not cut.

I note the current Board is at the end of its mandate and the membership of the Board will be renewed early in 2015. Perhaps this is why some members seem to believe that defying Council is appropriate.

I urge you to reject the Board's proposal and support the budget for 2015 recommended by the City Librarian. For the record, I support expansion of our public library.

Please get back to me.

Yours sincerely,

deirdre fowles
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

cc:
Councillor Mary Fragedakis
Toronto Library Board Member

cc:
Toronto Public Library Board
c/o Nancy Marshall, Board Secretary

Debi Tate

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Subject: RE: Toronto Public Library 2015 budget

John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

Dear Mayor Tory,

I welcome change in the Mayor's Office, and hope that this change is positively reflected in the decisions made about our infrastructure and philosophy towards the care and growth of our city institutions such as the Public Library. As a mother, grandmother and educator I wish to remind you and the Library Board that the Toronto Public Library is a very important and popular institution in our city. For those who cannot afford to buy their own resources the Toronto Public Library is a lifeline to literacy and education. I assume that such reasons are why Council supported a motion from Michelle Berardinetti during the last budget process to ask the Library Board to examine ways to re-invest in our public library.

Given such a motion it is not understandable that the Library Board has just voted to reduce the recommended budget request our public library needs next year just to maintain existing services. This in spite of the fact that the City Librarian has clearly said her proposed funding request for 2015 is needed so that services are not cut.

The current Board is at the end of its mandate and the membership of the Board will be renewed early in 2015. Perhaps this is why some members seem to believe that defying Council is appropriate.

I urge you to reject the Board's proposal and support the budget for 2015 recommended by the City Librarian. For the record, I support expansion of our public library.

Please get back to me.

Yours sincerely,

Monica Walters
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

cc:
Councillor Mary Fragedakis
Toronto Library Board Member

cc:
Toronto Public Library Board
c/o Nancy Marshall, Board Secretary

Debi Tate

From: [REDACTED]
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Cc: councillor_fragedakis@toronto.ca; Nancy Marshall; councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca; councillor_bailao@toronto.ca; councillor_doucette@toronto.ca
Subject: RE: Toronto Public Library 2015 budget

John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

Dear Mayor Tory,

Congratulations on your election victory. I look forward to positive and progressive leadership in the Mayor's Office.

As you probably know, the Toronto Public Library is a very important and popular institution in our city. I assume that is why Council supported a motion from Michelle Berardinetti during the last budget process to ask the Library Board to examine ways to re-invest in our public library.

I hope this will be done in earnest. I, along with my entire family, go once if not several times each week. It is a necessary part of our family culture, as buying all of these books would be way beyond our budget. Not to mention the wonderful social interactions of bumping into friends while we're there.

What I cannot understand is that the Library Board has just voted to reduce the recommended budget request our public library needs next year just to maintain existing services. This in spite of the fact that the City Librarian has clearly said her proposed funding request for 2015 is needed so that services are not cut.

I note the current Board is at the end of its mandate and the membership of the Board will be renewed early in 2015. Perhaps this is why some members seem to believe that defying Council is appropriate.

I urge you to reject the Board's proposal and support the budget for 2015 recommended by the City Librarian. For the record, I support expansion of our public library. It is a critical part of my life in this city.

Please get back to me.

Yours sincerely,

Liz Pounsett
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

cc:
Councillor Mary Fragedakis
Toronto Library Board Member

cc:

Debi Tate

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, December 17, 2014 5:33 PM
To: mayor_tory@toronto.ca
Cc: councillor_fragedakis@toronto.ca; Nancy Marshall; councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca; councillor_bailao@toronto.ca; councillor_doucette@toronto.ca
Subject: RE: Toronto Public Library 2015 budget

John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

Dear Mayor Tory,

As an enthusiastic Torontonians who really does LOVE my city, I welcome you as Mayor.

One of Toronto's success stories, and often hidden gems, is its library system. Imagine a scene I recently saw at a library in Scarborough. A family of three little boys, their mum dressed in hijab, and their father helping the boys to choose books. Lined up at the desk to check out, the father proudly presented his library card to the librarian, as if it was a \$100 bill. The parents' look of pride and hope to see their boys taking out books was a moving scene that I will never forget.

Michelle Berardinetti during the last budget process to asked the Library Board to examine ways to re-invest in our public library.

What I cannot understand is that the Library Board has just voted to reduce the recommended budget request our public library needs next year just to maintain existing services. This in spite of the fact that the City Librarian has clearly said her proposed funding request for 2015 is needed so that services are not cut.

I note the current Board is at the end of its mandate and the membership of the Board will be renewed early in 2015. Perhaps this is why some members seem to believe that defying Council is appropriate.

I urge you to reject the Board's proposal and support the budget for 2015 recommended by the City Librarian. For the record, I support expansion of our public library. I am not a poor immigrant, but I believe that every child should have a library card, rich or poor, as well as every adult. Our library promotes knowledge, entertainment, awareness of the world and a sense of who we are.

Please vote for the expansion of our libraries and all the good things they do for our citizens.

Please get back to me.

Yours sincerely,

Kate Pocock
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

cc:

Debi Tate

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, December 17, 2014 5:35 PM
To: mayor_tory@toronto.ca
Cc: councillor_fragedakis@toronto.ca; Nancy Marshall; councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca; councillor_bailao@toronto.ca; councillor_doucette@toronto.ca
Subject: RE: Toronto Public Library 2015 budget

John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

Dear Mayor Tory,

Congratulations on your election victory. I very much welcome change in the Mayor's Office.

As you probably know, the Toronto Public Library is a very important and popular institution in our city. There are those not far from my neighborhood who rely on it for internet and other services as they have no other means of accessing these things. I assume that is why Council supported a motion from Michelle Berardinetti during the last budget process to ask the Library Board to examine ways to re-invest in our public library.

The Library Board has just voted to reduce the recommended budget request our public library needs next year just to maintain existing services. The City Librarian has clearly said her proposed funding request for 2015 is needed so that services are not cut.

I note the current Board is at the end of its mandate and the membership of the Board will be renewed early in 2015. Perhaps this is why some members seem to believe that defying Council is appropriate.

I urge you to reject the Board's proposal and support the budget for 2015 recommended by the City Librarian. For the record, I support expansion of our public library.

Please get back to me.

Yours sincerely,

Will Lawrie
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

cc:
Councillor Mary Fragedakis
Toronto Library Board Member

cc:
Toronto Public Library Board
c/o Nancy Marshall, Board Secretary

Debi Tate

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, December 17, 2014 6:52 PM
To: mayor_tory@toronto.ca
Cc: councillor_fragedakis@toronto.ca; Nancy Marshall; councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca; councillor_bailao@toronto.ca; councillor_doucette@toronto.ca
Subject: RE: Toronto Public Library 2015 budget

John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

Dear Mayor Tory,

Please disabuse me of my fear that your agenda will be no different that that of your predecessor. TORONTO DESERVES BETTER and we expect you to do better.

Thanks and Congratulations on your election victory.

As you probably know, the Toronto Public Library is a very important and popular institution in our city. I assume that is why Council supported a motion from Michelle Berardinetti during the last budget process to ask the Library Board to examine ways to re-invest in our public library.

What I cannot understand is that the Library Board has just voted to reduce the recommended budget request our public library needs next year just to maintain existing services. This in spite of the fact that the City Librarian has clearly said her proposed funding request for 2015 is needed so that services are not cut.

I note the current Board is at the end of its mandate and the membership of the Board will be renewed early in 2015. Perhaps this is why some members seem to believe that defying Council is appropriate.

I urge you to reject the Board's proposal and support the budget for 2015 recommended by the City Librarian. For the record, I support expansion of our public library.

Please get back to me.

Yours sincerely,

Elaine Gort
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

cc:
Councillor Mary Fragedakis
Toronto Library Board Member

cc:
Toronto Public Library Board
c/o Nancy Marshall, Board Secretary

Debi Tate

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, December 17, 2014 7:17 PM
To: mayor_tory@toronto.ca
Cc: councillor_fragedakis@toronto.ca; Nancy Marshall; councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca; councillor_bailao@toronto.ca; councillor_doucette@toronto.ca
Subject: RE: Toronto Public Library 2015 budget

John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

Dear Mayor Tory,

I am a retired teacher and I tutor a child at the library at Parliment and Gerrard. I am able to book a quiet room for one hour and when we enter the library for our weekly session, I never fail to be impressed that every computer, study carrel and table is used by people from at all ages and stages. The library is not only a library, it serves as a community hub. At my own branch at Main Street library patrons line up to get in at 9 am to get in. I get the impression that many spend the better part of the day there, using Wifi, computers, books, newspapers and magazines. I can see how important the facility is for new Canadians. Please ensure that the library staff has the financial resources they feel they need to continue this vital service.

Yours sincerely,

Claudia Wood
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

cc:
Councillor Mary Fragedakis
Toronto Library Board Member

cc:
Toronto Public Library Board
c/o Nancy Marshall, Board Secretary

cc:
Councillor Paul Ainslie
Toronto Library Board Member

cc:
Councillor Ana Bailão
Toronto Library Board Member

cc:
Councillor Sarah Doucette
Toronto Library Board Member

Debi Tate

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, December 17, 2014 8:03 PM
To: mayor_tory@toronto.ca
Cc: councillor_fragedakis@toronto.ca; Nancy Marshall; councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca; councillor_bailao@toronto.ca; councillor_doucette@toronto.ca
Subject: RE: Toronto Public Library 2015 budget

John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

Dear Mayor Tory,

Congratulations on your election victory. I VOTED FOR YOU because I wanted change for the better in the Mayor's Office. You were the head of United Way and an activist, so I'm sure you are aware of the ways in which the Public Library supports the community and how important it is.

I assume that is why Council supported a motion from Michelle Berardinetti during the last budget process to ask the Library Board to examine ways to re-invest in our public library.

I cannot understand why the Library Board has just voted to reduce the recommended budget request our public library needs next year just to maintain existing services. This in spite of the fact that the City Librarian has clearly said her proposed funding request for 2015 is needed so that services are not cut.

I note the current Board is at the end of its mandate and the membership of the Board will be renewed early in 2015. Perhaps this is why some members seem to believe that defying Council is appropriate.

I strongly urge you to reject the Board's proposal and support the budget for 2015 recommended by the City Librarian. For the record, I am a Torontonion librarian who does NOT work for the TPL; however, I support expansion of our public library to improve the opportunities and quality of life for other Torontonians.

I would appreciate it if you wrote back to me.

Sincerely (from an actual librarian),

Alexandra Kwan
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

cc:
Councillor Mary Fragedakis
Toronto Library Board Member

cc:
Toronto Public Library Board
c/o Nancy Marshall, Board Secretary

Debi Tate

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, December 17, 2014 8:04 PM
To: mayor_tory@toronto.ca
Cc: councillor_fragedakis@toronto.ca; Nancy Marshall; councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca; councillor_bailao@toronto.ca; councillor_doucette@toronto.ca
Subject: RE: Toronto Public Library 2015 budget

John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

Dear Mayor Tory,

First of all, I extend my congratulations on your recent election victory. I recall meeting you in person on September 10 with the Young Women's Professional Association at the Rosewater Supper Club. I am so very pleased to see that with new leadership we can begin to get Toronto back on track.

In my opinion, the Toronto Public Library is a critically important institution in our City. I believe others think so as well -- and why Council supported a motion from Michelle Berardinetti during the last budget process to ask the Library Board to examine ways to re-invest in our public library.

However, what I am not able to grasp is why the Library Board has just voted to reduce the recommended budget request to a level that will barely maintain the existing level of services. This decision flies directly in the face of the City Librarian who has clearly stated that the amount of her proposed funding request for 2015 is so that services are not cut.

I understand that the current Board is at the end of its mandate and the membership of the Board will be renewed early in 2015. Is this why some members of the Board are comfortable with rejecting the City Librarian's proposed budget - because they will not have to live with the consequences of their actions?

Mayor Tory, I urge you to support the budget for 2015 recommended by the City Librarian -- and flatly reject the Board's proposal. For the record, I also support expansion of the services of our public library system.

I look forward to hearing back from you.

Yours sincerely,

Gail Aller-Stead
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

cc:
Councillor Mary Fragedakis
Toronto Library Board Member

cc:

Debi Tate

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, December 17, 2014 8:21 PM
To: mayor_tory@toronto.ca
Cc: councillor_fragedakis@toronto.ca; Nancy Marshall; councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca; councillor_bailao@toronto.ca; councillor_doucette@toronto.ca
Subject: The 2015 Toronto Public Library Budget

John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

Dear Mayor Tory,

We have one of the best libraries in the world. We can truly be proud of it.

It is an important place to help level the playing field between rich kids and poor kids, especially in accessing study materials and computers.

I cannot understand why the Library's own Board has voted to reduce the budget for 2015 even though this will mean a cut in services.

I urge you to reject the Board's proposal and support the budget for 2015 recommended by the City Librarian.

I support expansion of the services offered by Toront's Public Library.

Please get back to me.

Yours sincerely,

Nancy Weir
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

cc:
Councillor Mary Fragedakis
Toronto Library Board Member

cc:
Toronto Public Library Board
c/o Nancy Marshall, Board Secretary

cc:
Councillor Paul Ainslie
Toronto Library Board Member

cc:

Debi Tate

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, December 17, 2014 9:16 PM
To: mayor_tory@toronto.ca
Cc: councillor_fragedakis@toronto.ca; Nancy Marshall; councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca; councillor_bailao@toronto.ca; councillor_doucette@toronto.ca
Subject: RE: Toronto Public Library 2015 budget

John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

Dear Mayor Tory,

Please don't let our library services be cut any further.

I urge you to reject the Board's proposal and support the budget for 2015 recommended by the City Librarian. For the record, I support expansion of our public library.

Yours sincerely,

Lisa Onwubuke
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

cc:
Councillor Mary Fragedakis
Toronto Library Board Member

cc:
Toronto Public Library Board
c/o Nancy Marshall, Board Secretary

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Councillor Paul Ainslie
Toronto Library Board Member

cc:
Councillor Ana Bailão
Toronto Library Board Member

cc:
Councillor Sarah Doucette
Toronto Library Board Member

Debi Tate

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, December 17, 2014 9:36 PM
To: mayor_tory@toronto.ca
Cc: councillor_fragedakis@toronto.ca; Nancy Marshall; councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca; councillor_bailao@toronto.ca; councillor_doucette@toronto.ca
Subject: RE: Toronto Public Library 2015 budget

John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

Dear Mayor Tory,

Glad to have you in the Mayor's Office!

As someone who used to work in libraries, I know the importance of the Toronto Public Library system for our city. I have been recently informed that the Library Board has just voted to reduce the recommended budget request our public library needs next year just to maintain existing services. The services that the libraries offer to all city people - rich, poor, young and old - are too valuable to keep cutting.

It seems that the current Board, which is at the end of its mandate does not see this and is just in a mood to keep cutting, as was witnessed with the previous city leadership.

I urge you to reject the Board's proposal and support the budget for 2015 recommended by the City Librarian. For the record, I support expansion of our public library.

Please get back to me.

Yours sincerely,

Frances Scovil
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

cc:
Councillor Mary Fragedakis
Toronto Library Board Member

cc:
Toronto Public Library Board
c/o Nancy Marshall, Board Secretary

cc:
Councillor Paul Ainslie
Toronto Library Board Member

Debi Tate

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, December 17, 2014 9:53 PM
To: mayor_tory@toronto.ca
Cc: councillor_fragedakis@toronto.ca; Nancy Marshall; councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca; councillor_bailao@toronto.ca; councillor_doucette@toronto.ca
Subject: RE: Toronto Public Library 2015 budget

John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

Dear Mayor Tory,

Congratulations on your election victory. I welcome the change in the Mayor's Office !!!

Please help support the Public Library System in Toronto. Nothing could be more important to children's future than literacy! Our children need opportunities to access books in order to secure their future.

I urge you to reject the Board's proposal and support the budget for 2015 recommended by the City Librarian.

Please get back to me.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Judelman
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

cc:
Councillor Mary Fragedakis
Toronto Library Board Member

cc:
Toronto Public Library Board
c/o Nancy Marshall, Board Secretary

cc:
Councillor Paul Ainslie
Toronto Library Board Member

cc:
Councillor Ana Bailão
Toronto Library Board Member

cc:
Councillor Sarah Doucette

Debi Tate

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, December 17, 2014 11:14 PM
To: mayor_tory@toronto.ca
Cc: councillor_fragedakis@toronto.ca; Nancy Marshall; councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca; councillor_bailao@toronto.ca; councillor_doucette@toronto.ca
Subject: RE: Toronto Public Library 2015 budget

John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

Dear Mayor Tory,

Now is the time to support our public library system.

I count on an educated mayor to recognize the importance of the traditional and extended services our libraries provide to our citizens.

I urge you to reject the Board's proposal and support the budget for 2015 recommended by the City Librarian. And for the record, I support expansion of our public library.

Please respond.

Yours sincerely,

Elizabeth Park
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

cc:
Councillor Mary Fragedakis
Toronto Library Board Member

cc:
Toronto Public Library Board
c/o Nancy Marshall, Board Secretary

cc:
Councillor Paul Ainslie
Toronto Library Board Member

cc:
Councillor Ana Bailão
Toronto Library Board Member

cc:
Councillor Sarah Doucette
Toronto Library Board Member

Debi Tate

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, December 18, 2014 1:55 AM
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Cc: councillor_fragedakis@toronto.ca; Nancy Marshall; councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca; councillor_bailao@toronto.ca; councillor_doucette@toronto.ca
Subject: RE: Toronto Public Library 2015 budget

John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

Dear Mayor Tory,

Congratulations on your election victory.

I believe that when many people think of the library, they think of books. I hope that you receive many emails such as mine, and you do not begin to see the library as a nuisance.

I see the library as something different and very special. I am a professional artist - painter and sculptor, and I have been working and showing in Toronto for about 6 years. There are a number of artists in this city. Competition is fierce, and there are a limited number of spaces available to us as well as a limited number of buyers. Being an artist is not that much different a job than any other. Typically, gallerists and collectors want to see that you have shown and sold before they take a chance on you. The eternal question, of course, is how do you show and gain sales without having had the ability to show and, thus, gain sales? My answer was the Toronto Public Library. They were the institution that enjoyed my work enough to grant me my first solo exhibition. I was incredibly grateful for this opportunity. It led to very important sales, as I was preparing for the birth of my first child, and an increased confidence and commitment to my work.

I got through high school thanks to the resources of the library. I wrote my first resume in a library.

As far as I understand, the TPL's budget is less than the Parks Department's budget. I am thoroughly supportive of the parks, and I think that if you do plan on further cutting the TPL's budget, you should consider increasing the Park's. At the worst, further cuts to North America's greatest library system may lead to increased habitation and at best to that of people 'occupying' them.

Thank you for your time. Please find below the form letter composed by the TPL Worker's Union.

To see shots of my Runnymede show, please go to the following link:
https://www.facebook.com/scott.eassonart?hc_location=timeline

Best,

Scott Easson

As you probably know, the Toronto Public Library is a very important and popular institution in our city. I assume that is why Council supported a motion from Michelle Berardinetti during the last budget process to ask the Library Board to examine ways to re-invest in our public library.

What I cannot understand is that the Library Board has just voted to reduce the recommended budget request our public library needs next year just to maintain existing services. This in spite of the fact that the City Librarian has clearly said her proposed funding request for 2015 is needed so that services are not cut.

I note the current Board is at the end of its mandate and the membership of the Board will be renewed early in 2015. Perhaps this is why some members seem to believe that defying Council is appropriate.

I urge you to reject the Board's proposal and support the budget for 2015 recommended by the City Librarian. For the record, I support expansion of our public library.

Please get back to me.

Yours sincerely,

Scott Easson




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Toronto Library Board Member

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Debi Tate

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John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

Dear Mayor Tory,

i am very relieved we now have a mayor who, I presume, understands how important our libraries are to the people of this city. Your support of the library would give a strong signal that times indeed have changed for the better.

I am a big user of the library, and supporter, giving money every year.

However, services continue to be cut.

The Library Board has just voted to reduce the recommended budget request our public library needs next year just to maintain existing services. This in spite of the fact that the City Librarian has clearly said her proposed funding request for 2015 is needed so that services are not cut.

Perhaps they still think the Fords are running the show.

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I urge you to reject the Board's proposal and support the budget for 2015 recommended by the City Librarian. For the record, I support expansion of our public library.

Please get back to me.

Yours sincerely,

Joy Crysdale
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

cc:
Councillor Mary Fragedakis
Toronto Library Board Member

cc:
Toronto Public Library Board

Debi Tate

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, December 18, 2014 7:40 AM
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Subject: RE: Toronto Public Library 2015 budget

John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

Dear Mayor Tory,

Like so many other Torontonians, I am thrilled with your election win and look forward to positive changes in our city.

While it is a mammoth task to try to prioritize spending, I urge you to back up the Public Library system for several reasons:

1. Having taught in the public elementary panel in various parts of Toronto for 30 years (now retired), I know that unquestionably there is a link between children's literacy development and their success in school and beyond. School libraries continue to be on the chopping block across the TDSB, and as a teacher-librarian in two different schools I relied upon a partnership with the local library branch to meet the needs of our students. If the public library services are reduced or cut, we run the risk of even higher illiteracy levels. In other words, we need to 'pay it forward' by investing in our children in order to reduce burdens on our systems when our citizens are older.
2. With good community partnerships, libraries can also provide safe spaces for children who might otherwise be spending time on the streets or in malls, which can lead to troublesome behaviour. However, it takes money to provide varied, engaging programs and technology in order to draw in pre-teens and young adults. The recent renovation of the Fairview branch is an excellent example of how libraries can be revitalised in neighbourhoods that are being revitalised. The library branch, along with parks and community centres, should be the hub of our communities.
3. We cannot ignore the fact that a huge percentage of our city's population is comprised of adults and children whose first language is not English. We currently do not have sufficient services in place for adult English learning and for children's ESL programs in the school system. Again, the public libraries provide resources, technology, and meeting spaces for English language learners, many of whom are living on a low income.

The Toronto Public Library is a very important and popular institution in our city. I assume that is why Council supported a motion from Michelle Berardinetti during the last budget process to ask the Library Board to examine ways to re-invest in our public library. However, I do not understand why the Library Board has voted to reduce the recommended budget to maintain existing services, in spite of the fact that the City Librarian has clearly said her proposed funding request for 2015 is needed so that services are not cut. We all face rising costs, as do the libraries: heat, hydro, print materials, and human resources, so this decision simply does not make sense.

For these and many more reasons, I urge you to reject the Board's proposal and support the budget for 2015 recommended by the City Librarian.

Thank you for considering these thoughts.

Yours sincerely,

Donna Creighton

[REDACTED]

cc:

Councillor Mary Fragedakis
Toronto Library Board Member

cc:

Toronto Public Library Board
c/o Nancy Marshall, Board Secretary

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Councillor Paul Ainslie
Toronto Library Board Member

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Councillor Ana Bailão
Toronto Library Board Member

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Councillor Sarah Doucette
Toronto Library Board Member

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John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

Dear Mayor Tory,

Toronto has a terrific library system. Please give it your full support. The Bagnells.

Yours sincerely,

Barb Bagnell
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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Toronto Library Board Member

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John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

Dear Mayor Tory,

People need to read, to explore, to learn.
People need libraries.
I know.
I was a literacy volunteer at the Toronto Kiwanis Boys & Girls Club.

Yours sincerely,

Rick Walker
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

cc:
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Toronto Library Board Member

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c/o Nancy Marshall, Board Secretary

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Toronto Library Board Member

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Debi Tate

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Subject: RE: Toronto Public Library 2015 budget

John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

Dear Mayor Tory,

I am sending this note because I am appalled by the Library Board's threat to cut existing services. The Toronto Public Library has played an invaluable role in my life. As the daughter of a poor immigrant family, this was my refuge; the place where I found the magic of other people's stories. My reading expanded my horizons then and still does. I am now a retired professional. My husband and I are regular users. We now have time to use the library even more. We have paid taxes all these years and now, when we need this resource, we are faced with reductions.

I voted for you and am thrilled you are our mayor; one we can be proud of. Please take our petition seriously.

Yours sincerely,

Florence Silver
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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Toronto Library Board Member

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c/o Nancy Marshall, Board Secretary

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Toronto Library Board Member

Debi Tate

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John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

Dear Mayor Tory,

The state and quality of a city's public library system is an important measure of its cultural development. This is particularly so for Toronto, which is a reflection of Canadian society at large.

As such, it is disconcerting that the Library Board has just voted to reduce the recommended budget request, even though City Librarian has clearly explained her proposed funding request for 2015 is needed to avoid service cuts.

I urge you to reject the Board's proposal and support the budget for 2015 recommended by the City Librarian.

Yours sincerely,

Martin Islam
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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Toronto Library Board Member

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John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

Dear Mayor Tory,

I am disappointed that the Library Board voted to reduce the budget request our libraries sorely need next year. This request was simply for the maintenance of existing services in 2015, which had already been cut, almost to bare bones.

Please reject the Library Board's proposal and support our public libraries. Future generations deserve the same advantages that enriched our lives, so many of which are now denied them. This is one simple, and important, fix and an opportunity for thoughtful leadership. Please support the 2015 budget recommendation of the City Librarian.

Better yet - I urge you to support the expansion of our Public Library.

Yours sincerely,

Brenda Ferguson
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

Dear Mayor Tory,

Congratulations on your election victory. I welcome change in the Mayor's Office.

Public libraries were being expanded world wide in the late 1800s to today. Having retired & now have time to read, I find our Public library a gem, It has encouraged me to read more together with a men's only book club where we choose our books based on the libraries book availability. I am SO pleased that my tax in the past as well as I anticipate in the future will fully support our treasure to the level they require. Please don't disappoint I urge you to reject the Board's proposal and support the budget for 2015 recommended by the City Librarian. For the record, I support expansion of our public library.

Please get back to me.

Yours sincerely,

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Toronto Library Board Member

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Toronto Library Board Member

Debi Tate

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Subject: RE: Toronto Public Library 2015 budget

John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

Dear Mayor Tory,

Congratulations on your election victory. It's encouraging to see some of the decisive actions you have already taken to improve services in the City.

One of the great assets in Toronto is the Public Library system and the programming in recent years has been excellent, ranging from authors' forums to 3-D printing.

It would be a travesty to see the programs and their accessibility diminished by short-sighted budget cuts.

I hope your appreciation of the contribution this institution makes to the quality of life in Toronto will prevent compromising its services.

Yours sincerely,

Udo Kaul
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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Councillor Sarah Doucette

Debi Tate

From: [REDACTED]
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Subject: RE: Toronto Public Library 2015 budget

John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

Dear Mayor Tory,

Congratulations on your election victory. I believe you will enjoy a fine mayoralty, balanced and thoughtful.

You will know that the Toronto Public Library is a very important and popular institution in our city. I assume that is why Council supported a motion from Michelle Berardinetti during the last budget process to ask the Library Board to examine ways to re-invest in our public library.

It is deplorable that the Library Board has just voted to reduce the recommended budget request our public library needs next year just to maintain existing services. This in spite of the fact that the City Librarian has clearly said her proposed funding request for 2015 is needed so that services are not cut.

I note the current Board is at the end of its mandate and the membership of the Board will be renewed early in 2015. To defy Council at this point seems almost petulant on the part of members whose terms are likely up.

I urge you to reject the Board's proposal and support the budget for 2015 recommended by the City Librarian. For the record, I support expansion of our public library. A Toronto native, I frequently use our local library, and am satisfied with it on the whole. I also visit Halifax frequently these days and use their busy libraries. Their standard may exceed ours, so cutting fiscal support of our libraries seems a retrograde step in this information age.

Best of good wishes as you pursue your goals in the governance of our fine city.

On the library matter, please get back to me.

Yours sincerely,

Randal Johnston
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

cc:
Councillor Mary Fragedakis
Toronto Library Board Member

cc:

Debi Tate

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, December 29, 2014 1:34 PM
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John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

Dear Mayor Tory,

Congratulations on your election victory. I welcomed change in the Mayor's Office (and voted for you, accordingly)!

As you probably know, the Toronto Public Library is a very important and popular institution in our city. I have been a frequent user of it for decades (just picked up another requested item today, in fact, while dropping off a novel I just finished). I assume that is why Council supported a motion from Michelle Berardinetti during the last budget process to ask the Library Board to examine ways to re-invest in our public library.

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Please get back to me.

Yours sincerely,

Judy Gombita
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

cc:
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Toronto Library Board Member

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Toronto Public Library Board
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Debi Tate

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Subject: RE: Toronto Public Library 2015 budget

John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

Dear Mayor Tory,

Congratulations on your election victory. It must be both exciting and daunting to take on the role of Mayor of the largest city in Canada. This is a great place, but it is not perfect. There is much that needs to be improved; public transit infrastructure & highway infrastructure for example, and I know you and Council will need to look for ways to make running the City more cost efficient.

A cautionary note, however. Please, please do not do so at the expense of the things that are working best. The prime example that I can think of is the Public Library system. We have one of the best Public Libraries in the world, which contributes greatly to all the citizens of Toronto and is one of the reasons this is a great city to live in. Please do not jeopardize that for the sake of a few dollars - it would not be worth it.

Yours sincerely,

Heather Hilliard
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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