To:       Toronto Public Library Board – March 5, 2001
         
From:  City Librarian

Subject:  Reconstruction of Leaside Neighbourhood Branch Library

Purpose:

To employ the services of a General Contractor to complete the demolition and reconstruction of the Leaside Neighbourhood Branch Library, as per Toronto Public Library’s drawings and specifications.

Funding Implications and Impact Statement:

On January 30, 2001, the Toronto City Council approved a capital budget of $3,011,000 for the reconstruction of Leaside Neighbourhood Branch Library.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Toronto Public Library award a contract to the lowest bidder, Struct-Con Construction Ltd., to complete the demolition and reconstruction of Leaside Neighbourhood Branch Library, at a cost of $2,500,000 (excluding GST).

Background:

In December 1999, the Toronto Public Library employed the services of Moffat Kinoshita Architects Inc. to provide required architectural consulting services for the reconstruction of Leaside Neighbourhood Branch Library. On February 24, 2000, an advertisement was placed in the Daily Commercial News for pre-qualifications of General Contractors interested in bidding on the Leaside project. Upon completion of the bidders’ submissions, the Architect identified six (6) contractors best qualified for this project. The following firms were identified:

- The Atlas Corporation
- Cairn Construction Ltd.
- Jasper Construction Corp.
- Richard & B.A. Ryan Limited
- Struct-Con Construction Ltd.
- Tasis Contractors Ltd.
At 11:00 a.m. on February 27, 2001, the Toronto Public Library received quotes from:

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<th>Bidder</th>
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Comments:

The tender documentation submitted by the recommended bidder has been reviewed by the firm of Moffat Kinoshita Architects Inc. and Toronto Public Library staff, and was found to be in conformance with tender requirements.

Conclusion:

This report requests authority to issue a contract to complete the reconstruction of Leaside Neighbourhood Branch Library in accordance with drawings and specifications to Struct-Con Construction Ltd. being the lowest tender received.

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