



February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013

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Councillor W.J. Armstrong  
Councillor J. L. Baechler  
Councillor J.P. Bryant  
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Councillor S. White

**Re: 2013 London Public Library Operating Budget - Recommendation of the City of London Strategic Planning & Priorities Committee, January 25, 2013, Parts a) and b)**

On February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013, the London Public Library (LPL) Board held a special meeting of the Board to discuss the recommendation to London City Council by the Strategic Planning & Priorities Committee, January 25, 2013 Parts a) and b):

*Notwithstanding the request of the Library for an increase in net budget of 2.3% over 2012 (or \$410,000), that:*

- a) *a net budget increase of 1.9% (or \$343,000) **BE APPROVED**; and,*
- b) *the balance of the Library request of 0.4% (or \$67,000) **BE BUDGETED** in a corporate account and made available to the Library on a onetime basis for 2013 to help phase-in changes that will result in permanent cost savings over 2013, noting that Council has previously made available the services of PWC to assist.*

The community has demonstrated with its continued high levels of use of library services and through its input to the 2013 City of London Budget Process that it needs, uses and values library services. The Library Board wishes to thank the members of the Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee (SPPC) for considering this in their careful deliberation of the *LPL 2013 Operating Budget Business Cases* and for the SPPC above recommendation to City Council, subject to final approval by Council on February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

The Library Board, by motion, formally accepts the offer by the City of London to engage the services of PriceWaterhouseCoopers (PWC) for the purpose of an internal audit of the Library's existing processes, under the City's existing terms of engagement with PWC and at the City's expense and thanks the City for extending this service

The Library Board accepts this generous offer with the understanding that the PWC report be provided directly to the Library Board, as an autonomous body, for consideration and review and that action on any recommendations be subject to the governance and strategic direction of the Library Board.

The London Public Library again thanks you for your contribution to ensuring the best possible library services for Londoners.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. Morgan', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Josh Morgan  
Chair, London Public Library Board

Cc: Art Zuidema (City Manager)  
Martin Hayward (Managing Director, Corporate Services & City Treasurer, Chief Financial Officer)  
Susanna Hubbard Krimmer (CEO & Chief Librarian, London Public Library)