Mission Statement

The Hamilton Public Library unites people and ideas in a warm and welcoming environment. The library's staff, collections, and access to global electronic resources help to enrich the lives of individuals. The library actively champions literacy, access to information, and the joy of reading.

Strategic Priorities

Strengthen Communities
Support Diverse Needs
Continue to develop and energize our organization

HAMILTON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

Executive Committee Meeting Friday, August 25, 2006 Hamilton Public Library, Board Room

2:00 p.m. Meeting

AGENDA

1.	5 th Floor Renovations – WG/KR	Attachment #1
2.	North End Community Health Care Centre – WG/KR	Attachment #2
3.	Building Better Communities Award Funding – WG	Attachment #3



Date:

August 22, 2006

To:

Chair and Members of the Executive Committee

From:

William Guise, Director, Finance and Facilities

Hamilton Public Library

Subject:

5th Floor Central Library

RECOMMENDATION:

That the funding allocated from the Reserve for Reserve for Redeployment, Training and Restructuring (Deptid 106011) for the renovations to the 5th Floor Central Library be increased from \$424,000 to \$745,000.

BACKGROUND:

The Library Board at its regular meeting on Wednesday, September 21st 2005, approved to allocate \$424,000 from the Reserve for Redeployment, Training and Restructuring (Deptid 106011) for renovations to the 5th floor at Central Library.

The proposed renovations will result in relocating the Library Board Room from the 6th floor, Community Information Services and Hamilton Wentworth CommunityNet from the 1st floor to the 5th, new meeting rooms, revised and new meeting area for Human Resources and revised work and storage areas for Communications & Community Development and Children's Librarians. In addition, work will be carried out to address some of the heating and cooling problems existing on the 5th floor.

The scope of the project was reviewed by a project manager appointed by the City and by an architect hired by the Library and then detailed interviews were held with each of the stakeholders reviewing their existing space and their needs and draft renovation plans were drafted. The stakeholders then reviewed the plans and additional meetings were held with the stakeholders, architect and project manager where the draft plans were further refined.

Cost estimates have been prepared based on the final plans and the cost has been estimated to be approximately \$745,000. Several factors have given rise to the increased costs. Some of the factors are a) requirement to use a union contractor or union subcontractor for any work involving Carpentry, Acoustic and Drywall, additional washrooms as result of additional people load on the 5th floor and work to improve the heating and cooling conditions on the 5th floor.



Date:

August 22, 2006

To:

Chair and Members of the Executive Committee

From:

Ken Roberts, Chief Librarian

Hamilton Public Library

Subject:

North End Community Health Centre

RECOMMENDATION:

That \$300,000 from the Reserve for Major Library Capital Projects (Deptid 106008) be approved to provide funding for the Capital costs associated with the proposed move of the North End library branch to the newly proposed North End Community Health Centre facility, and

That this motion replaces a motion on the same issue passed by the Library Board on June 25, 2006.

BACKGROUND:

Administration proposed a figure of \$200,000 at the June, 2006 Board meeting. After that meeting, the architectural firm hired to design the north end complex met with us. They stated that detailed costing showed that the library's share of the Capital costs was likely to be closer to \$265,000. We polled members of the library board to see if they were still as enthusiastic about the project. All Board members who responded (and they were the majority) indicated that the new cost estimates did not change their feelings that the move was the proper one for the North End community.

We are suggesting a figure of \$300,000 to provide a littler cushion above the figure that was quoted by the architects. We understand that construction costs are climbing rapidly at present.



Date:

August 22, 2006

To:

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From:

William Guise, Director, Finance and Facilities

Hamilton Public Library

Subject:

Building Better Communities Award

RECOMMENDATION:

That the funds received from Building Better Communities Award be credited to the Reserve for Library General Development (Deptid 106007) and recommendations for the use of the funds be brought back to the Board for approval.

BACKGROUND:

The Library received the Building Better Communities Award in the amount of ten thousand US dollars from Sirsi Dynix at the ALA meeting in New Orleans in June of this year.

The funds have been received in the form of a check in Canadian funds in the amount of \$11,201.10 and it is recommended that the funds be deposited into a reserve account until such time as a recommendation can be made to the Board on the use of these funds.