Session: Public Session
Subject: 2010 Capital Budget with Forecasts for 2011-2019
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Purpose of Report: For Decision: Approval

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Library Board approve the draft 2010 Capital Budget with Forecasts for 2011-2019 as attached in Appendix A. In order to meet the City’s deadline for the Capital Budget submission, a draft budget was submitted to the City on July 10, 2009 with a note indicating that it is subject to Board approval.

In summary:

The 2010 Capital Budget Request to the City of London includes:
- $250,000 Integrated Library System
- $50,000 RC3533 – Library Branch Facilities Upgrade
- $100,000 RC3540 - Library Facility Renewal (funded through Government of Canada Stimulus Infrastructure Fund)

The funding timelines for the Southeast Branch would be deferred a year from previous projections with
- $750,000 funded in 2011, rather than 2010, for the purchase of property and
- $3,000,000 funded in 2013, rather than 2012, for the construction of the branch.

Thus, the total 2010 Capital Budget request would be $400,000 (with $100,000 being funded from stimulus funding). This is compared with the projected 2010 need of $1,150,000 as approved in the 2009 City of London budget process.

Issue / Opportunity

The capital budget includes funding for LPL’s:
- Integrated Library System;
- Branch Facilities Life Cycle Renewal and
- Branch Facilities Growth.
At its meeting of May 2009, the Library Board received the business case for the LPL Integrated Library System, LPL’s service delivery and infrastructure system. The projected need for 2010 is $250,000.


At its meeting of June 25, 2009 the Library Board received background information about capital renewal and growth needs and sources of funding for LPL Branch Facilities.


Sources of funding to address life cycle needs include annual capital funding from the City of London through two life cycle renewal funds:
- RC3540 – Library Facility Renewal - $100,000 designated for ongoing facilities renewal and lifecycle maintenance
- RC3533 – Library Branch Facilities Upgrade - $50,000 designated for flooring, furniture and minor renovations

As identified in the report, the Government of Canada Stimulus Infrastructure Fund will be a source of funding for the 2010 request of $100,000 for RC3540.

The Northeast, Northwest and Southeast Branch Libraries are considered growth projects and were approved by the Library Board in February 2008 and by City Council in February 2009 as part of the Library’s ten year growth summary.

The funding request for the Southeast Branch was $750,000 to be funded in 2010 for the purchase of property and $3,000,000 to be funded in 2012 for the construction of the branch library. At this time, it is recommended that the timelines for the proposed Southeast Branch be deferred a year from previous projections in order that this growth project be considered in the broader context of the:
- LPL Service Based Business Plan;
- LPL review of its “Service Areas” and corresponding service delivery model as part of the 2010-2013 LPL Strategic Plan;
- Strategy of developing multipurpose facilities that combine City of London and LPL initiatives, along with those of community partners, as appropriate and feasible; and
- Impact of the project on the LPL Operating Budget.

The revised projected funding timelines for the Southeast Branch would be:
- $750,000 funded in 2011, rather than 2010, for the purchase of property and
- $3,000,000 funded in 2013, rather than 2012, for the construction of the branch.
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