



REPORT TO THE LIBRARY BOARD

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Recommendation

It is recommended that this report be received by the Board.

Issue / Opportunity

On February 12, 2008, there will be a tribute to former CEO Darrel Skidmore, which will include a donation to the Library of a water monument in recognition of Mr. Skidmore's contribution to LPL, to be mounted in the Central Passageway. Funds for the monument and the reception were donated by longtime Library supporter and personal friend of Mr. Skidmore, Mr. Edwin Holder of Stevenson and Hunt Insurance Limited. The event will take place in the Stevenson and Hunt Room from 5-7PM on February 12 with some brief formal remarks and the dedication in the Passageway.

The reception, including the event agenda, will be coordinated by Mr. Holder.

Background & Review

Mr. Skidmore was CEO of LPL from October 1999 – April 2005. During this time, his efforts contributed significantly to the revitalization of the London Public Library system, including the building or refurbishment of 11 branches.

At the time of his departure from LPL in 2005, funds were donated by Mr. Holder to secure the dedication. Due to multiple priorities in the Community Relations and Development department at that time, and subsequent staff changes in the department in 2006-07, the dedication unfortunately did not take place.