



REPORT TO THE LIBRARY BOARD

MEETING DATE: September 17, 2008

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| Session: | Public Session |
| Subject: | Financial Update – Financial Statements to August 31, 2008 |
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| Purpose of Report: | For Receipt and Information Only <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

Recommendation:

It is recommended that this report be received.

Issue:

The purpose of this report is to provide the London Public Library financial Statements for the period ending August 31, 2008, along with explanatory notes identifying any significant variances from budget.

Review:

There are no significant concerns related to the variances; nevertheless, the following explanations are provided for clarification:

Expenditures:

Human Resources Costs:

- Positions identified in the Sustainability Study have been filled. This line should be close to target by the end of the year.

Human Resources Services:

- Registrations and Conferences are spent out, for the most part, for the year. They included the Ontario Library Association Conference in June.

Purchased Services:

- Memberships have been purchased for the year; the 2009 budget has been adjusted to reflect experience.

Facilities Services:

- Rents are slightly under budget as the Charitable Rebate for 2008 taxes has now been received.

Collections:

- Collections will be fully committed by the end of the year. It is critical to note that, as per past precedent, a transfer to the collections reserve may be necessary in order to accommodate timing differences between the ordering and receipt of collections materials over year end.

Revenues:

Operating Revenues:

- Investment income is over budget due to an improved cash flow and due, in part, to earlier receipt of the Provincial grant.

City Appropriation:

- The budgeted City appropriation on the April 30, 2008 financial statements was shown as \$16,315,352. It was reduced to \$16,265,352 as the \$50,000 that Council approved during budget deliberations for Capital Project RC3541 is now being recorded as an increase to the capital budget, rather than a contribution to the capital reserve through the Library's operating budget.