



## REPORT TO THE LIBRARY BOARD

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### Recommendation

It is recommended that the Library Board receive this report.

### Issue / Opportunity

The purpose of this report is to present background information and a status report about London Public Library renewal funded through the "Infrastructure Stimulus Fund".

### Background & Review

London Public Library operates sixteen (16) facilities comprised of approximately 325,800 square feet of space. Twelve (12) of the branches are owned and four are leased. Between 2001 and 2007, eleven (11) of the branches, including the Central Library, were built, restored or renovated, with a capital investment value of \$41,130,000, of which the Library funded almost 20 percent. In 2010, LPL opened the Stoney Creek Branch Library of approximately 8,000 square feet and closed the Northridge Branch of 2,170 square feet with a net increase of 5,830 square feet.

The management of LPL facilities is funded both by operating and capital budgets. LPL's Facility Services Operating Budget includes funding for repairs, maintenance, health and safety inspections, cleaning and building supplies. Annual capital expenditures are over and above the Facility Services Operating Budget. They support life cycle maintenance, i.e. the value and longevity of LPL tangible capital assets.

In 2009, LPL developed a capital plan including a *Capital Life Cycle Renewal Priorities List* that included a brief description of each current need by location and the approximate cost

by location and for the system; total costs based on 2009 estimates (actual value would be determined at the time of procurement); and sources of funding. “Stimulus” Infrastructure Funding was identified as a source of funding.

### Stimulus Infrastructure Funding

On January 29th, 2009, as part of its Economic Action Plan, the Federal Government announced a number of economic stimulus programs aimed at creating jobs and improving municipal infrastructure. These programs are grouped into five broad initiatives:

- Infrastructure Stimulus Fund (ISF)
- Community Recreation and Facilities Initiative Fund
- Housing Initiative Fund
- Green Initiatives Fund
- Accelerated Build Canada Initiative Fund.

London Public Library received \$400,000 in ISF funding to be used towards branch capital improvements.

### LPL Infrastructure Supported Projects

In April 2009, the Library Board received a staff report on the City of London strategy and process for seeking “Stimulus” Infrastructure Funding and the inclusion of \$400,000 funding towards Library projects as part of that application. The LPL funding request of \$400,000 was equivalent to the total capital funding previously requested from the City of London for the years 2009 to 2012 inclusive through RC3540 – Library Facility Renewal Plan.

LPL received notice from City of London staff on June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009 that the ISF funding request was approved. The result was an accelerated time frame for projects to address needs already identified in the capital planning process. Consistent with the City of London funding strategy, LPL would not receive the \$100,000 per annum contribution to RC3540 – Library Facility Renewal Plan for the years 2009 – 2012. As part of its longer term capital plan, LPL also projected needs for 2013 and beyond based on future facility renewal timelines, i.e. life cycle maintenance. Therefore, as part of its recommendation to the City of London, LPL indicated that its previous request of \$100,000 per annum for the years 2013 through 2019 would still be required as the funding would address future needs that cannot be addressed at this time.

### Status of LPL Projects

Priority was given to projects at four locations (Beacock, Byron, Landon and Westmount) addressing building envelope elements (such as roofs, exterior walls, cladding: brick/stonework/siding, etc.), exterior hard surfaces (such as sidewalks, parking lots) and

interior structural and built items. The contribution of projects towards achieving improved accessibility and/or energy management was considered in setting priorities.

At this time planned for roof work at Landon has been completed; a large portion of the work at Westmount, including exterior brickwork and a garbage enclosure, has been completed; and the work at Beacock and Byron was tendered in November 2010 and is currently underway.

#### Extension of ISF Deadline

In December of 2010, government announced that the deadlines for projects funded by infrastructure stimulus funding would be extended. While the vast majority of LPL's work will be complete by March 31, 2011 which is the original IFS deadline, LPL will benefit from an additional construction season to get all work completed. The City of London has supported LPL by making the formal submission to request deadline extension for the balance of the work.