

BOROUGH OF YORK PUBLIC LIBRARY

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March 13, 1978

Madam Chairman and Members of the Board

We are here tonight to present a request for a Public Meeting held in Weston; this request:

"THAT the Library Board for the Borough of York request from the Board of Education for the Borough of York a sufficient area to accommodate the library with up to 12,000 square feet of floor space."

This request is made in a last minute attempt by the Historical Society to assure the future of the present library as a historical site by incorporating it as a part of an enlarged library.

You recall that early in February 1977 the Library Board did ask the Board of Education to sell to the Library Board a maximum of 8,500 square feet so that the present library could be enlarged. Some time later, on March 17, 1977, we learned from the Board of Education that our request was not approved.

Naturally the Library Board proceeded to investigate further sites for a library and has been successful in two areas. Firstly, the Ministry of Works accepted an offer for the old Post Office at 1979 Weston Road. Secondly, the Metro Housing Authority agreed to an offer to sell a section of Eagle Manor at the corner of Lawrence Avenue and Weston Road. The Library Board favours the latter for several reasons:

1. 11,200 square feet of floor space is all on one floor.
2. Adequate parking is available on the site.
3. It is well located to serve the Weston area and any new development on the Levy site.
4. There would be a substantial monetary saving.

A comparison of cost is roughly as follows:

2 King Street

Renovation cost	\$ 75,000
Addition - 9,000 square feet at \$44	396,000
Architect's fees	38,000
Land - 8,500 square feet at \$15	127,500
TOTAL	\$636,500

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1979 Weston Road

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Site	\$175,000
Demolition	15,000
11,200 square feet at \$44	492,800
Architect's fees	35,000
TOTAL	\$717,800

Eagle Manor

Building	\$150,000
Renovation - 11,200 square feet at \$22	246,400
Architect's fees	24,640
TOTAL	\$421,040

We deeply regret the delay that this second approach to the Board of Education has created in providing that section of the Borough of York with the library services that they need. It is our hope, however, that a prompt and decisive reply by the Board will enable us to proceed as quickly as possible.

F. Roy Rutherford
Chairman, Buildings and Property Committee

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Note: In the absence of Mr. Rutherford, Mr. Frank Lambert made the presentation to the Board of Education on March 13, 1978.

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