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PROPOSED 2011 BUDGET FOR THE BARRIE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Catherine Virgo, Chair of the Barrie Public Library Board, Ray Duhamel, Vice Chair of the Library Board and Al Davis, Library Director provided a presentation to City Council regarding the proposed 2011 Budget for the Barrie Public Library. Ms. Virgo noted that the Library Board is requesting a 10.3% increase over their 2010 budget and explained that 7% of the increase is related to the opening of the Painswick Branch, including staffing costs, opening day collection and library equipment. She noted that the remaining 3% increase is for the Downtown location. Ms. Virgo provided detailed statistics comparing the Barrie Public Library and other libraries in Ontario. She concluded by noting that the Board has completed a new Strategic Planning process for library services in the City of Barrie.

Members of City Council asked a number of questions related to the presentation.