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FOR INFORMATION:

TO: Planning and Budget Committee

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AGENDA ITEM: 8

Declaration of 240 McCaul Street as surplus to University requirements.

JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:

The Terms of Reference of the Planning and Budget Committee state that the Committee is responsible 'for the use of University resources (including, but not limited to: staff positions, funds, space and facilities, and campus lands).' Before the University can dispose of or develop University Property, it must be declared surplus to University requirements by the Governing Council, on the recommendation of the Academic Board, based on the advice of the Planning and Budget Committee.

BACKGROUND:

The University of Toronto purchased property from the Toronto District Board of Education in 2002. The property acquisition included three buildings (155 College Street, 263 and 255/257 McCaul Street) and a parking facility at 240 McCaul Street. Since this purchase, the University renovated 155 College Street to accommodate the Faculty of Nursing, and the Department of Public Health Sciences and the Department of Health, Policy, Management and Evaluation from the Faculty of Medicine. 263 McCaul Street was also renovated for The Department of Family and Community Medicine, and the Department of Occupational Health and Safety. Plans are currently being developed to renovate 257 McCaul Street for a Central Examination and Testing facility.

The parking structure was converted to become a surface parking lot because of structural inadequacies in early 2006, and since that time it has operated without full occupancy.

HIGHLIGHT:

The site at 240 McCaul Street has been reviewed to determine institutional opportunity for expansion. Because of its limited zoning provisions (low density residential designation) and location in a low-rise residential neighbourhood it has been assessed as having limited practical use for University activities. The other portions of the initial acquisition which have immediate and foreseen long term use are being retained for University purposes. It is recommended that the parking lot be declared surplus.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Planning and Budget Committee recommends to the Academic Board:
THAT the property, 240 McCaul Street, be declared surplus to University requirements.