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Project Plan for Central Library Branch



Committee of the Whole
June 24, 2021

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Purpose

Provide Council with an overview of the proposed project plan to redevelop the Central Branch and progress to date.

Strategic Plan
CITY OF VICTORIA | 2019–2022
Amendments as of February 2021

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Background

- Renewal of the Central Branch is a strategic priority for the GVPL and the City
- Current location is owned by Strata Corporation (Province and five local municipalities)
- The existing site is well located and easily accessible by multiple modes of transportation



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Drivers for Change

- Facility is 40 years old with many building systems requiring renewal in the next 10 years
- Unable to support programming expansion or growth
- Does not meet current accessibility standards
- Area per capita is less than national average



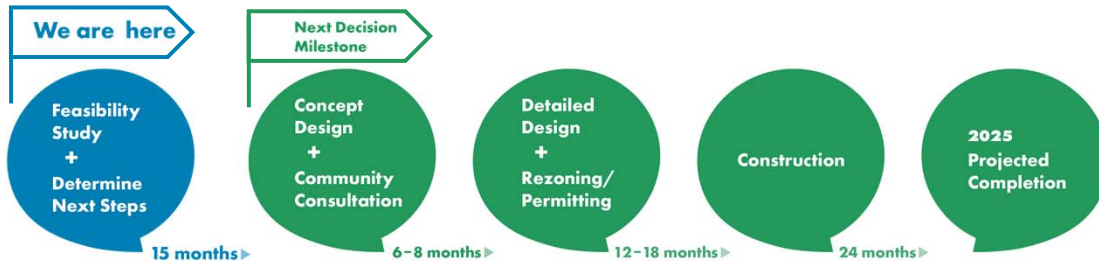
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Project Roadmap

The proposed roadmap outlines the planning and implementation process.



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Feasibility Study

The first step toward redevelopment is to complete a Feasibility Study, which will:

- Explore implications of renewal and expansion of the current facility
- Evaluate onsite and offsite options
- Outline an implementation plan for future project phases



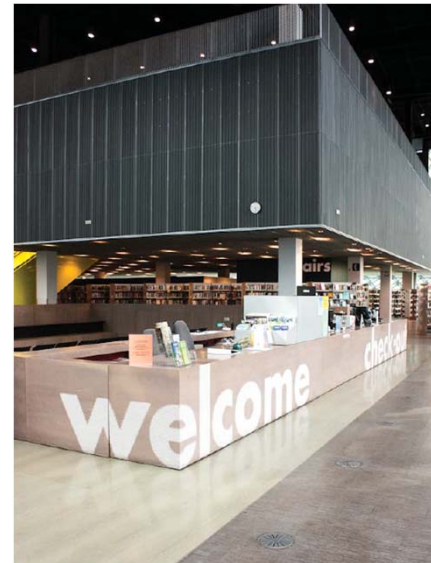
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Feasibility Study

- Collaboration with GVPL on service and operational requirements
- Coordination with Province on lifecycle asset management and long-term investment needs for existing building
- Approximately 15 months to complete (Q2 2021 – Q3 2022)
- \$200,000 budget has been approved



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Engagement

- The feasibility study will be informed by technical assessments and studies
- Community consultation will occur in the next phase of the project
- Progress updates will be provided through triannual reporting to Council



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Recommendation

That Council approve the project plan for the Central Library Feasibility Study.



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