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Public library requests zero per cent mill rate increase

The Regina Public Library Board of Directors will not be asking for an increase to its mill rate.

“Regina Public Library continues to be mindful of its role as an effective steward of the public’s money,” Board Chair Sean Quinlan said. “We are aware of the current fiscal situation in the province, and in our city, and we are committed to maximizing the resources available to us to meet community needs and expectations.”

According to Quinlan cost savings and efficiencies will be found within the current budget.

“We will have increased revenue through growth in property tax assessment, and the amount of federal and provincial grants-in-lieu,” said Quinlan. “As well, our new budget friendly organizational structure will improve managerial effectiveness.”

Quinlan also expects that RPL’s new accounting and integrated payroll system will streamline the organization’s financial processes and trim costs.

RPL will also be reducing the use of external consultants.

“The efficiencies we gain now provide a solid base from which future efficiencies can be identified,” said Quinlan.

With the zero per cent increase and new management structure Quinlan believes the changes will improve RPL’s service to the public.

“Our priority is our customers, and the citizens of Regina,” Quinlan said. “We will work within the parameters set by a zero per cent increase and continue to meet the objectives of our strategic plan.”

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