

November 25, 2022

Robin Clark  


Dear Ms. Clark,

**RE: Submission of September 19, 2022**

Thank you for the submission you provided to the RPL Board of Directors for their meeting on September 27, 2022.

We appreciate your thorough exploration of RPL's history, Central Library's architectural and heritage value, and your thoughtful explanation of your concerns with the Board's preference of building a new Central Library. Your understanding of the nuances of heritage conservation, community identity, and environmental sustainability all come through in your letter.

The Board has carefully weighed our options and has determined the best approach is to build new. It aligns with key project objectives, including responsiveness to community priorities through a purpose-built space, providing maximum flexibility and capacity to deliver RPL programs and services.

In terms of studies to assess environmental impact of the renewal project, we aren't quite at that stage in planning yet. Further review of environmental impact is a part of future work.

RPL is proud of our heritage. Like our predecessors, we will maintain important keepsakes including the plaque from the original Carnegie building, the Tyndel stone carved lintel in the lobby, and segments of the columns that flanked the main entrance. Most importantly, a new build on the current property will continue to hold this place in downtown Regina as part of our heritage – the location of Central Library since 1912.

I do hope that this letter addresses your concerns, Ms. Clark. If you have more questions, let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jeff Barber', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jeff Barber  
Library Director & CEO, Regina Public Library