



Library Board Chair Opening Remarks

Ken Whiteford



2020 Year in Review

- 1.5 million library uses
- . 273,280 items borrowed
- 121,409 visits

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2021 LIBRARY BUDGET PRESENTATION



2020 Year in Review

- 355,749 social media engagements
- 8,874 program attendance
- 26% increase in the use of our digital collections.



2020 Year in Review

Installation of a change station in the family washroom.



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2021 LIBRARY BUDGET PRESENTATION



2020 Year in Review

Installation of 2 self-check kiosks.





2021 Status Quo

Budget Request

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2021 LIBRARY BUDGET ASSUMPTIONS



Assumptions

Based on past experience, the Library can expect the following:

2021 LIBRARY BUDGET ASSUMPTIONS



- More lock-downs and closures of the Library.
- Restrictions on the use of the collection and access to the building.
- Reduced levels of revenues from fines and fees.

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2021 LIBRARY BUDGET ASSUMPTIONS



- No in-person physical programming in the library.
- Continued disruption in the publishing and printing industry.
- Continued use of PPE and social distancing until the end of 2021.

2021 LIBRARY BUDGET ASSUMPTIONS



- A need to provide collections, services and programs in digital formats.
- A slow return to pre-COVID library usage levels.
- Municipal revenues will be under stress.

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2021 LIBRARY BUDGET PRESENTATION



The Library Board approved a status quo budget request for 2021 given the ongoing uncertainties surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic.

2021 LIBRARY BUDGET DRIVING FACTORS



Three main drivers in the 2021 Library Budget are:

- Contractual Obligations
- COVID-19 Related Costs
- City IT Projects

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2021 LIBRARY BUDGET DRIVING FACTORS



Contractual Obligations

Staff pay increases in accordance with the Collective Agreement, benefits, hydro, etc.

Note: The Library will be negotiating a Collective Agreement in 2021.

2021 LIBRARY BUDGET DRIVING FACTORS



COVID-19 Related Costs & Savings

- Purchase of Personal Protective Equipment for Staff, cleaning supplies, HVAC filters, etc. (\$6,000)
- Expected loss in fines and fees revenue due to COVID. (\$14,500)
- Savings on travel and attendance at conferences, and programming supplies costs.

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2021 LIBRARY BUDGET DRIVING FACTORS



City IT Projects

- City Network Services and Infrastructure Improvements: \$15,000
- Office 360 Implementation for the Library: \$5,000
- New Telephone System: \$8,000

2021 LIBRARY STATUS QUO BUDGET SUMMARY



Total 2021 Expenditures: \$2,913,660

Total 2021 Revenues: \$325,250

Total 2021 Net Expenditures: \$2,588,410

2.26% increase (\$57,070) over 2020

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2021 LIBRARY FOCUS



- Continue to adapt library services.
- Complete outstanding 2020 projects.
- Building Expansion Feasibility Study.
- Conduct a diversity and inclusion review of library services.



Questions?

Thank You

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