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To the Mayor and City Council,

I am writing today to express my support for the Thunder Bay Public Library's plan to develop a new Central Library at the Intercity Shopping Centre. This facility will quickly become a critical piece of community infrastructure and greatly add to the social, cultural and educational enrichment of our community. I strongly endorse the City of Thunder Bay fully backing the project and giving it the necessary funding to realize its potential.

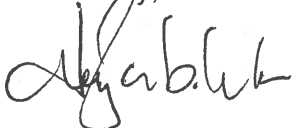
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I fully expect the clients we serve to be eager users of the new Central Library. Indeed, my organization can see ourselves using the space for older adult programming. In funding the Central Library, you are not only funding TBPL, you are supporting a whole range of community organizations who will partner with the Library to use the amazing facilities on offer in this unique community and family oriented space.

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Please vote to approve and fund the Central Library and help make the library a modern, accessible, dynamic and equitable space for everyone to enjoy. If you have any questions, please contact me at (807)684-3163 or by email at twyla.biluk@thunderbay.ca

Sincerely,



Twyla Biluk
Supervisor Community Programs Older Adults
Thunder Bay 55 Plus Centre



June 7, 2024

To the Mayor and City Council,

I am writing today to express our support for the Thunder Bay Public Library's plan to develop a new Central Library at the Intercity Shopping Centre. This facility will quickly become a critical piece of community infrastructure and greatly add to the social, cultural and educational enrichment of our community. I strongly endorse the City of Thunder Bay fully backing the project and giving it the necessary funding to realize its potential.

That being said, we must also share our dismay at the past and ongoing lack of funding provided by the City of Thunder Bay for the upkeep and maintenance of the Brodie Street library branch. This historic building has been a community hub in the south ward for decades and continues to be an important public resources for community members from all walks of life. It is our understanding that the City is unwilling to invest the necessary funds that would be required to keep this branch operational.

While we wholeheartedly support the Library's plan to develop a new Central Library at the Intercity Shopping Centre, we urge the City to consider ways to keep the Brodie Street branch open as well. For example, the model of generating income by renting part of the library space to another organization and keeping a smaller library branch operational should be revisited by the City. The closure of the Brodie Street branch will be a significant hardship for local residents, especially for low-income people who rely on the library as a safe and welcoming public space in their own neighbourhood.

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I fully expect the clients we serve to be eager users of the new Central Library. Many of our clients do not have access to internet and/or devices at home and use the library to meet the demands of living in a technological society. Our clients will be able to access computers and other resources to help them participate in tribunal hearings and apply for housing, social assistance, and other social programs.

In funding the Central Library, you are not only funding TBPL, you are supporting a whole range of community organizations who will partner with the Library to use the amazing facilities on offer in this unique community and family oriented space. My organization can see ourselves using the space for public legal education sessions, community consultations and meetings, and offering free drop-in legal advice clinics.

Finally, it is essential that Indigenous knowledge and resources are more than an afterthought in our library system. Public spaces must honour the contributions and experiences of Indigenous people and must be welcoming and relevant to Indigenous patrons. While the existing Indigenous Knowledge Centres are an important part of current library programming, the design for a dedicated culturally relevant Indigenous space in the new Central Library is a huge and important step forward for the library and for the City of Thunder Bay.

Please vote to approve and fund the Central Library and help make the Library a modern, accessible, dynamic and equitable space for everyone to enjoy.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Littleton', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Claire Littleton
Coordinator of Legal Services
Kinna-aweya Legal Clinic

May 1st, 2024

RE: Support for a Central Library at Intercity Shopping Centre

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I fully expect the clients we serve to be eager users of the new Central Library. Indeed, my organization can see ourselves using the space to provide psychoeducational and recreational groups for youth and adults experiencing mental health and addiction challenges in the City of Thunder Bay. We would also like to provide outreach to people in need of services, including housing. In funding the Central Library, you are not only funding TBPL, you are supporting a whole range of community organizations who will partner with the Library to use the amazing facilities on offer in this unique community and family oriented space.

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Thank you,

Nicole Latour RSW, MPH
Executive Director

Thunder Bay,
May 28, 2024

To the Mayor and City Council,

I am writing today to express my support for the Thunder Bay Public Library's plan to develop a new Central Library at the Intercity Shopping Centre. This facility will quickly become a critical piece of community infrastructure and greatly add to the social, cultural and educational enrichment of our community. I strongly endorse the City of Thunder Bay fully backing the project and giving it the necessary funding to realize its potential.

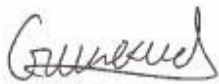
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Thank you,



Elodie Grunerud,
Executive Director
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Thunder Bay, le 28 mai 2024

Au Maire et au Conseillers municipaux,

Je vous écris aujourd'hui pour exprimer mon soutien au projet de la Bibliothèque publique de Thunder Bay de développer une nouvelle bibliothèque centrale au centre commercial Intercity. Cette installation deviendra rapidement un élément essentiel de l'infrastructure communautaire et contribuera grandement à l'enrichissement social, culturel et éducatif de notre communauté. J'appuie fortement le fait que la Ville de Thunder Bay appuie pleinement le projet et lui accorde le financement nécessaire pour réaliser son potentiel.

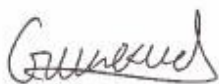
La nouvelle bibliothèque centrale sera un véritable espace communautaire au service de toutes les familles de Thunder Bay. Il concrétise la vision de créer un centre communautaire où plusieurs organisations trouveront un foyer et un débouché pour atteindre de nouveaux utilisateurs. Le projet est idéalement situé pour desservir toute la ville dans un emplacement pratique qui dessert au mieux tous les membres de notre ville de manière égale. Le fait qu'il se trouve le long d'une voie de transport en commun majeure, d'un corridor piétonnier désigné et de nos principales artères le rend particulièrement accessible.

Je m'attends à ce que les clients que nous servons soient des utilisateurs enthousiastes de la nouvelle bibliothèque centrale. En effet, mon organisation peut se voir utiliser l'espace pour des activités de connexion communautaire. En finançant la Bibliothèque centrale, vous ne financez pas seulement TBPL, vous soutenez toute une gamme d'organismes communautaires qui collaboreront avec la Bibliothèque pour utiliser les incroyables installations offertes dans cet espace communautaire et familial unique.

Il y en a pour tous les goûts à la Bibliothèque Centrale. Il répond à un besoin critique d'espaces intérieurs actifs et de programmes pour les enfants, répond à une pénurie chronique d'espaces réservés aux jeunes dans notre ville, offre un espace accessible et accueillant pour les personnes âgées, offre un débouché sûr et éducatif pour ceux qui vivent à faible revenu et offre aux adultes d'innombrables occasions de partager, d'apprendre, de socialiser et de grandir. La Bibliothèque centrale est vraiment unique en offrant des activités entièrement familiales dans un lieu dynamique à usage mixte au centre de notre communauté.

Veuillez voter pour approuver et financer la Bibliothèque centrale et contribuer à faire de la Bibliothèque un espace moderne, accessible, dynamique et équitable pour le plaisir de tous.

Merci,



Élodie Grunerud - Directrice générale
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To the Mayor and City Council,

I am writing on behalf of Canada Learning Code and our Thunder Bay Chapter to express our support for the Thunder Bay Public Library's plan to develop a new Central Library at the Intercity Shopping Centre.

Canada Learning Code is a national charity that strives to improve access to tech education and digital skills nationwide. We do so through local volunteer-led Chapters. Our Thunder Bay Chapter has been working with the Thunder Bay Public Library to further this vision in Northern Ontario. The Library has supported our mission by serving as a community hub to host our workshops and events. We see the Library's proposed Central Library as an excellent opportunity to augment the area's community infrastructure, as it will serve as a meeting point for the community's social, cultural and educational development.

Earlier this month, we organized a panel discussion event in Thunder Bay focused on enhancing diversity in tech, with participation from various organizations across the city, from employment agencies to tech incubators. The Library played a pivotal role in bringing this event to fruition, with the CEO as a panelist and facilitating connections with other community organizations that could benefit from the discussion. This event underscored for us and others the crucial role that the Library can and should play as a catalyst in fostering collaboration among community organizations.

As a result of this event, we also had the opportunity to learn more about the proposed Central Library and are excited about the prospect of having a space centred around a 'community-first' design. This, coupled with a central location, will make it uniquely accessible. In conversations with the Library's team, we learned about their vision to strive for a space that allows people to socialize, explore, and explore a variety of avenues, truly making it a space that meets the needs of Thunder Bay residents. The pandemic and other socio-economic challenges have profoundly impacted our communities, and the Library's vision to revitalize the community through a dynamic mixed-use space is what we need more of.

We are confident that our learners will be excited to attend our workshops and events at the new Central Library. In funding the Central Library, you would not only be funding the Thunder Bay Public Library but would also be supporting organizations like ours and the wider community in accessing a host of activities and services.

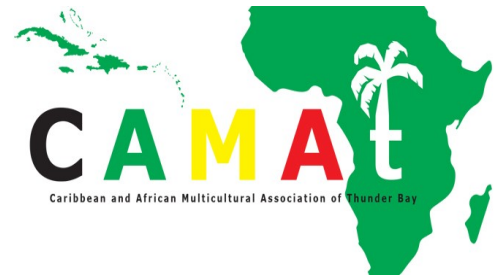
Please vote to approve and fund the Central Library and help make it a future-ready space for everyone to benefit from.

Thank you,



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May 02, 2024

To the Mayor and City Council,

I am writing to showcase my support for the Thunder Bay Public Library's endeavor to develop a new Central Library at the Intercity Shopping Centre. This infrastructure will become a crucial component of our community, substantially contributing to the social, cultural, and educational enrichment of our city. I urge the City of Thunder Bay to provide the project with its full backing and necessary funding to actualize its potential.

The new Central Library will be a true community space serving all of Thunder Bay's families. It realizes a vision to create a community hub where multiple organizations will find a home and an outlet to reach new users. The project is ideally located to serve the entire city in a convenient location that best serves all members of our city equally. Being along a major transit route, a designated pedestrian corridor and along our major arterial roads makes it uniquely accessible.

We are confident that our clients will be excited to use the new Central Library, and we also foresee our organization holding board meetings there. Your funding of the Central Library goes beyond TBPL, as it also supports numerous community organizations that will partner with the library to utilize the fantastic facilities within this family-friendly hub.

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We kindly request that you cast your vote in favor of financing and approving the Central Library, thereby contributing to the creation of a unified, cutting-edge, vibrant, and egalitarian area that can be enjoyed by everyone.

Thank you,

Ade Ogunberu
Acting President, CAMAT

4 June 2024

To the Mayor and City Council,

I am writing today to express the Coopérative Centre francophone de Thunder Bay's support for the Thunder Bay Public Library's plan to develop a new Central Library at the Intercity Shopping Centre. This facility will quickly become a critical piece of community infrastructure and greatly add to the social, cultural and educational enrichment of our community. I strongly endorse the City of Thunder Bay fully backing the project and giving it the necessary funding to realize its potential.

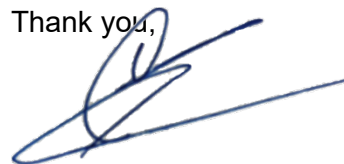
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Please vote to approve and fund the Central Library and help make the Library a modern, accessible, dynamic and equitable space for everyone to enjoy.

Thank you,

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Claudette Gleeson
President - Centre francophone

March 22, 2024

City of Thunder Bay
Development Services Department

To Whom It May Concern:

SUPPORT FOR APPLICATION FOR ZONING AND OFFICIAL PLAN UPDATES

The Chamber of Commerce continues to be an advocate for Zoning By-laws that support the expansion of walkable, mixed use, mixed income neighbourhoods. We are proud of our collaborative work with City administration in the development of the new Zoning By-Law that was approved in 2022.

A key objective of the Chamber's work is to ensure flexibility in zoning that supports the creation of multi-use spaces that bring together commercial offerings and community services in a way that is enticing, easily accessible and convenient for users. The Regional Centre Zone is reflective of this approach and the purpose of the zone is defined accordingly to allow "large format shopping and services to serve the region." The Chamber supports the zoning amendment and the official plan amendment requested by the Thunder Bay Public Library to provide flexibility in the Regional Centre Zone at ISC: Intercity Shopping Centre

As highlighted in the research report by Deloitte "The future of the mall"ⁱ, shopping malls such as ISC: Intercity Shopping Centre are undergoing a revolutionary change. The report states "The mall of the future will be a destination that feeds the functional requirements of our lives as well as our need to be social. It will be a thriving community where people will live, work, play, and eat. It will not be your parents' mall – so much so that we might no longer call it a "mall" anymore at all." One of the five critical changes recommended in the report is to "Become a new destination, creating a multi-purpose environment that offers extensive leisure activities as well as other services, like office, residential and cultural amenities." The proposal by the Thunder Bay Public Library to locate a central library within ISC: Intercity Shopping Centre is well-aligned with the recommendations of the Deloitte report and the future vision it describes to ensure the continued success of shopping malls.

ISC: Intercity Shopping Centre is a vital commercial centre for our region that contributes significantly to the local economy through the creation of jobs, offerings of in-demand products and services, and provision of tax revenues to the municipality. It is imperative that City of Thunder Bay policies provide the zoning flexibility that is necessary to allow for new tenants and offerings that will ensure long-term sustainability.

Sincerely,



Charla Robinson
President

ⁱ <https://www2.deloitte.com/ca/en/pages/consumer-industrial-products/articles/future-of-the-mall.html>

May 15, 2024

To the Mayor and City Council,

I am writing today to express my support for the Thunder Bay Public Library's plan to develop a new Central Library at the Intercity Shopping Centre. This facility will quickly become a critical piece of community infrastructure and greatly add to the social, cultural and educational enrichment of our community. I strongly encourage and endorse the City of Thunder Bay in fully backing the project and giving it the necessary funding to realize its potential.

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I fully expect the children, youth and families we serve will be eager users of the new Central Library. Indeed, the Children's Centre Thunder Bay can so clearly envision using this amazing space for youth groups, parenting education and support, and drop-in/walk-in services to name a few. It aligns beautifully with the work we are doing to design and implement our Youth Wellness Hub. We believe that in funding the Central Library, you are not only funding TBPL, you are supporting a whole range of community organizations who will partner with the Library to use the amazing facilities offered in this unique community and family oriented space.

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Please stand in support, vote to approve and fund the Central Library and help make the Library a modern, accessible, dynamic and equitable space for everyone to enjoy.

Thank you,



Diane Walker, MSW, RSW, PhD
Chief Executive Officer

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I fully expect the clients we serve to be eager users of the new Central Library. Indeed, we can see the members of the CCF using the space for their book club meetings. The library could also house the books, making them available to the wider public, once our readers are finished with them. We also hope that some of the francophone artists we support could hang their artwork on the wall from time to time, as they sometimes do in local cafés. It is critical that French activities be integrated into community spaces; this reminds our francophones that they are a vibrant part of our community, and it invites Anglophones to nurture their curiosity and passion for learning and culture alongside and in collaboration with the French-speaking community. In funding the Central Library, you are not only funding TBPL, but you are also supporting a whole range of community organizations who will partner with the library to use the amazing facilities on offer in this unique community and family-oriented space.

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Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Sarah Jacoba". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Sarah" and last name "Jacoba" clearly legible.

Sarah Jacoba
President
CCF de Thunder Bay



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Communities Together for Children provides opportunities and resources for children 0-6 years and their families to learn, grow and connect in a welcoming, inclusive and nurturing environment. In completing our strategic plan last year, we identified that we wanted to explore the possibility of a community hub. We envision a place where there are a variety of programs that meet the needs of families and people as a whole.

I fully expect the children and families we serve to be eager users of the new Central Library. Indeed, my organization can see ourselves using the space for:

- Collaboration with other community agencies to offer programming at the same time, therefore meeting the needs of the whole family.
- An opportunity to create multi-generational programming and partnerships.
- The potential to create much needed parenting programs and child-minding support.
- To have a space to better support all children and families in our community through the valued partnerships and collaboration under the Central Library service.

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Thank you,

Diane Tracey, Coordinator
Communities Together for Children
For
Kim Couch, Executive Director
Communities Together for Children.



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To the Mayor and City Council,

On behalf of the Student Union of Confederation College, we are writing to express our support for Thunder Bay Public Library's (TBPL) plan to develop a new Central Library at the Intercity Shopping Centre.

As representatives of the Student Union of Confederation College, we understand the importance of accessible resources for students. This facility will quickly become a critical piece of community infrastructure and greatly add to the social, cultural and educational enrichment of our community.

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We see the positive impact that a Central Library with these enhanced services and supports would have on our student population. By funding the Central Library, you are not only funding TBPL, but you are also supporting a whole range of community organizations who will partner with the library to use the amazing facilities.

Please vote to approve and fund the Central Library and help make the library a modern, accessible, dynamic and equitable space for everyone to enjoy.

Thank you,

Kendall Williams

Executive Director, Student Union of Confederation College



WILLIAM W. CREIGHTON YOUTH SERVICES

Sheri Norlen, Executive Director

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May 27, 2024

To Mayor Ken Boshcoff and City Council,

I am writing today to express support for the Thunder Bay Public Library's plan to develop a new Central Library at the Intercity Shopping Centre. This facility will quickly become a critical piece of community infrastructure and greatly add to the social, cultural and educational enrichment of our community. I strongly endorse the City of Thunder Bay fully backing the project and giving it the necessary funding to realize its potential.

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I fully expect the clients we serve to be eager users of the new Central Library. Many of the youth William W. Creighton Youth Services serves are at risk and are in need of support and safe places. In funding the Central Library, you are not only funding TBPL, you are supporting a whole range of community organizations who will partner with the library.

There is something for everyone at the Central Library. It meets a critical need for active indoor space and programming for children, addresses a chronic shortage of dedicated space for youth in our city, provides an accessible and welcoming space for seniors, it offers a safe and educational outlet for those living with low income and opens up countless opportunities for adults to share, learn, socialize and grow. The Central Library is truly unique in offering family activities in a dynamic mixed-use location in the centre of our community.

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Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kristie Kuizenga', is written in a cursive style.

Kristie Kuizenga, Executive Coordinator
William W. Creighton Youth Services



Dew Drop Inn Thunder Bay

To the Mayor and City Council,

April 24/2024

I had the pleasure of a meeting with Dr Richard Togman on Tuesday, April 23rd to review the proposed plans for a centralized Library. What an impressive presentation and it is exciting to see so many wonderful services that could be available to our community under one roof.

I am writing today to express my support and the support of the Dew Drop Inn Thunder Bay for the Thunder Bay Public Library's plan to develop a new Central Library at the Intercity Shopping Centre. I believe this facility will quickly become a critical piece of community infrastructure and will greatly add to the social, cultural, and educational enrichment of our community. I strongly endorse the City of Thunder Bay backing the project and giving the necessary funding to realize its potential.

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I fully expect the clients we serve to be eager users of the new Central Library. Indeed, my organization will be exploring possible partnership opportunities with this potential new facility. In funding the Central Library, you are not only funding TBPL, but you are also supporting a whole range of community organizations who will partner with the library to use the amazing facilities on offer in this unique community and family-oriented space.

What is so awesome about this is there is something for everyone at the Central Library. It meets a critical need for active indoor space and programming for children, addresses a chronic shortage of dedicated youth space in our city, provides an accessible and welcoming space for seniors, it offers a safe and educational outlet for those living with low income and opens countless opportunities for adults to share, learn, socialize, and grow. The Central Library is truly unique in offering whole family activities in a dynamic mixed-use location in the center of our community.

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Thank you,

Michael Quibell
Executive Director
Dew Drop Inn Thunder Bay

June 6th, 2024

Mayor Boshcoff and Members of City Council
cc Richard Togman, Thunder Bay Public Library

We are writing on behalf of Diversity Thunder Bay in support of Thunder Bay Public Library's plan to develop a new Central Library at the Intercity Shopping Centre. This facility has the potential to become a critical piece of community infrastructure and greatly add to the social, cultural and educational enrichment of our community.

Diversity Thunder Bay is a grassroots organization comprised of some 75 organizations and individuals working towards a community free of racism and discrimination of any kind. We applaud the leadership which Thunder Bay Public Library has shown towards reconciliation with First Nations people in Thunder Bay and we are pleased to see that this leadership continues with the dedicated space for First Nations in the new Central Library Plan. We are also pleased to see that accessibility is a key feature of the Central Library plan as well. There is much to be said for a ground level facility located on major transit routes and with a large parking lot.

The proposed space, however, still poses concerns for some of our members. The library is aware of these concerns and is addressing them to the best of their ability.

First there is concern in relation to a public facility being located on private property where the end goal of the owners is to make a profit. The library indicates it has addressed concerns by having separate entrances and its own rules of conduct but this remains a concern for some.

The second concern is the potential loss of neighbourhood libraries. A central community space, no matter how well planned and accessible it is, is not a neighbourhood space. The library wants to maintain both a central facility and neighbourhood branches but some fear that this option will not remain viable once a central library is in place.

A third concern is around staffing. The Plan provides space for many different ages and interests. However, it will require the right staffing to make such varied uses work. As the library has already learned, one group of users does not necessarily feel comfortable or safe in the presence of another group of users. The proposed space will provide many opportunities for community building but these opportunities will only be realized if the appropriate staffing is also in place.

That said many of our members agree that this plan has the potential to create a community hub used by many organizations and not just library patrons. Our own organization might well be interested in the meeting spaces being planned. The community needs more spaces where meetings, both large and small, can be held without a significant rental charge.

In summary while some of our members have reservations which we have noted we agree that this is an exciting concept with much potential. There is something for everyone in the Central Library plan. It meets a critical need for active indoor space and programming for children; addresses a chronic shortage of dedicated youth space in our city; provides an accessible and welcoming space for seniors. It offers a safe and educational outlet for those living with low incomes and opens up countless opportunities for adults to share, learn, socialize and grow. The Central Library is truly unique in offering whole family activities in a dynamic mixed-use location in the centre of our community.

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Thank you,



Ellen Chambers

Walid Chahal

Co-chairs Diversity Thunder Bay



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June 3, 2024

To the Mayor and City Council,

I am writing today to express my support for the Thunder Bay Public Library's plan to develop a new Central Library at the Intercity Shopping Centre. This facility will quickly become a critical piece of community infrastructure and greatly add to the social, cultural, and educational enrichment of our community. I strongly endorse the City of Thunder Bay fully backing the project and giving it the necessary funding to realize its potential.

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My organization can see ourselves using the space for our sustainability workshops and presentations. In funding the Central Library, you are not only funding TBPL, you are also supporting a whole range of community organizations who will partner with the Library to use the amazing facilities on offer in this unique community and family oriented space.

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Thank you,

Ashley Priem
Co-Executive Director
EcoSuperior Environmental Programs

April 8, 2024

To the Mayor and City Council,

Re: Proposed Move of the Library to Intercity Shopping Centre

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I fully expect the clients we serve to be eager users of the new Central Library. Indeed, my organization can see ourselves using the space for programs, events and a safe place to connect when our people are unable to make it to the other side of the city. In funding the Central Library, you are not only funding TBPL, you are supporting a whole range of community organizations who will partner with the Library to use the amazing facilities on offer in this unique community and family oriented space.

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Thank you,



Holly Gauvin
Executive Director



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Thank you

Linda Bruins
Executive Director
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Fort William First Nation

July 8, 2024
VIA EMAIL

Richard Togman
Chief Executive Officer
Thunder Bay Public Library
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RE: Consultation for Central Library

I would like to begin by thanking you for the information provided by your team regarding the proposed Centralization of the Thunder Bay Public Libraries.

Upon review of this proposition, Fort William First Nation does not have concerns regarding the closure of the Brodie Street library and potential closure of the County Park Library. However, Fort William First Nation would like to see the Mary JL Black branch remain in operation; allowing Fort William First Nation community members the continued use of a proximal library branch location.

Fort William First Nation looks forward to updates regarding this project as they become available. Any changes or changeover of the original plan are expected to be brought forth to Fort William First Nation for further review.

Miigwetch,

Alecia Boshcoff

Alecia Boshcoff
Consultation Liaison Officer
Fort William First Nation

Cc: Michele Solomon, Chief of Fort William First Nation
Michael Pelletier Sr, Director Economic Development
Robert Pierre, Manager Economic Development
Alecia Boshcoff, Consultation Liaison Officer



May 7, 2024

To the Mayor and City Council,

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I fully expect the clients we serve to be eager users of the new Central Library. Indeed, my organization can see ourselves using the space for a Used Bookstore, which incorporates a small Gift Store, and is stocked with all genres of reading material for all age groups including current popular fiction, gardening books, art book treasures and DVDS, as well as French language and even Finnish language books. We may very well be the ultimate recycling store for book lovers in Thunder Bay! Our inventory is mostly comprised of books that are generously donated by members of the community and those weeded from the collections at branches of the TBPL. Offering high quality, affordable materials, we are a very popular shopping destination especially for those on a budget and bargain hunters as well. The funds raised by our Bookstore are channeled to TBPL for the purchase of whatever items are needed to carry out their services to the public - a very worthy cause! In funding the Central Library, you are not only funding TBPL, you are supporting a whole range of community organizations who will partner with the Library to use the amazing facilities on offer in this unique community and family oriented space.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Fran Duke', written in a cursive style.

Fran Duke

President

Friends of the Thunder Bay Public Library



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Thank you,

Tina Bennett
Chief Executive Officer



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April 25, 2024

Dear Mayor and City Council,

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the Thunder Bay Public Library's proposal to establish a new Central Library at the Intercity Shopping Centre. This initiative promises to become an invaluable asset to our community, fostering social cohesion, cultural enrichment, and educational advancement.

I encourage the City of Thunder Bay to fully endorse and allocate the necessary funding to bring this project to fruition. The Central Library will serve as a vibrant community hub, accommodating diverse needs and interests. Its strategic location ensures equitable access for all residents, situated along major transit routes and pedestrian corridors.

Anticipating high demand, my organization envisions leveraging the Central Library space for our Healthy Kids programs, including literacy initiatives and after-school activities. By supporting this endeavor, you are not only investing in the Thunder Bay Public Library but also empowering numerous community organizations to collaborate and utilize its exceptional facilities.

The Central Library's offerings cater to individuals of all ages and backgrounds, addressing various needs such as indoor recreational space, dedicated youth facilities, and inclusive programming for seniors and those with limited resources. Its multifaceted approach fosters a sense of belonging and opportunity for personal growth.

I respectfully urge you to approve and allocate funding for the Central Library, ensuring it evolves into a modern, accessible, and inclusive space that enriches the lives of all our residents.

Thank you for your consideration,

Rachel Globensky Bayes
Healthy Kids HOME Program Coordinator



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Hill City Kinsmen

Thunder Bay, Ontario

To the Mayor and City Council,

We am writing today to express our support for the Thunder Bay Public Library's plan to develop a new Central Library at the Intercity Shopping Centre. This facility will quickly become a critical piece of community infrastructure and greatly add to the social, cultural and educational enrichment of our community. We strongly endorse the City of Thunder Bay fully backing the project and giving it the necessary funding to realize its potential.

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Thank you,

Brenton Hagberg
President Hill City Kinsmen



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Tuesday May 14, 2024

To the Mayor and City Council,

I am writing today to express our support for the Thunder Bay Public Library's plan to develop a new Central Library at the Intercity Shopping Centre. This facility will quickly become a critical piece of community infrastructure and greatly add to the social, cultural and educational enrichment of our community. I strongly endorse the City of Thunder Bay fully backing the project and giving it the necessary funding to realize its potential.

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Impact ON is committed to fostering the development of high-impact initiatives, focusing on strengthening community, networking of talents, advancement of applied research, as well as support for starting up and scaling up impact businesses such as cooperatives and social enterprises. This collective initiative aligns perfectly with our goals and mission, particularly with the TBPL's idea to start a social enterprise at the new Central Library in the form of a café. This impact business will not only provide a place for refreshment, but it will also provide job opportunities for equity seeking groups, and its surplus revenue will be reinvested into programming to support further development.

We are excited to be a part of this venture from such an early stage and can help its development by contributing our social economy expertise through consulting and project management support. I fully expect that multiple stakeholders will benefit from this impact business project, as well as from the library in general. In funding the Central Library, you are not only funding TBPL, you are supporting a whole range of community initiatives like the café, and the



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organizations behind them who will work with the Library to offer a variety of experiences in this unique community and family oriented space.

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Thank you,

Julien Geremie
Executive Director
Impact ON
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Thank you,

Emily MacKenzie

E. MacKenzie

Indigenous Student Navigator
Confederation College

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Thank you,



Kevin Haynen
Chief Executive Officer

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Ka-Na-Chi-Hih
Treatment Centre

To the Mayor and City Council,

I am writing today to express my support for the Thunder Bay Public Library's plan to develop a new Central Library at the Intercity Shopping Centre. This facility will quickly become a critical piece of community infrastructure and greatly add to the social, cultural, and educational enrichment of our community. I strongly endorse the City of Thunder Bay fully backing the project and giving it the necessary funding to realize its potential.

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I fully expect the clients we serve to be eager users of the new Central Library. Indeed, my organization can see ourselves using the space for life skills, social, and therapeutic outreach programming. In funding the Central Library, you are not only funding TBPL, but you are also supporting a whole range of community organizations who will partner with the Library to use the amazing facilities on offer in this unique community and family oriented space.

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Thank you,

Sean Moore
Director of Treatment Services

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May 16th, 2024

To the Mayor and City Council,

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I fully expect the youth we serve to be eager users of the new Central Library. Indeed, my organization can see ourselves using the space for engaging with the youth we service. As a non for profit organization with limited space, we have utilized the community space available within the existing libraries however due to the limited number available it has been difficult to access. We would be willing to make a donation to utilize the community rooms if this were to proceed. In funding the Central Library, you are not only funding TBPL, you are supporting a whole range of community organizations who will partner with the Library to use the amazing facilities on offer in this unique community and family oriented space.

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Thank you,

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Linda Dacre
Executive Director
Kairos Community Resource



May 16th, 2024

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Thank you,



Chantal Doucet
Executive director



May 30th, 2024

To: Mayor and City Council, Thunder Bay, ON

This letter is to express my support for the proposal to establish a new Central Library at the Intercity Shopping Centre. This innovative approach not only addresses the pressing need for a modern and accessible library space but also offers numerous benefits to our community.

Firstly, locating the Central Library in a commercial mall capitalizes on existing infrastructure. They are designed to accommodate high volumes of foot traffic, ample parking, and accessible features that make them convenient for a diverse range of visitors, including families, seniors, and individuals with disabilities. The strategic location ensures that the Central Library will be an easily reachable hub for all community members.

In addition, this move aligns with the evolving role of libraries as vibrant community centres. Modern libraries are no longer just about books, they are about providing a wide array of services. Being along a major bus route, a designated pedestrian corridor and along major arterial roads makes it uniquely accessible. This synergy can foster a culture of learning with community engagement within the commercial and social hub of Thunder Bay.

The commercial location also presents unique opportunities for collaboration and partnership. Proximity to retail shops, food outlets and other amenities can lead to creative programming and events that benefit both the library and surrounding businesses. This integration can help revitalize the mall creating a successful scenario for economic development and community enrichment.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and your continued commitment to improving our city's library services. Please vote to approve and fund the Central Library and help make the library a modern, accessible, dynamic, and equitable space for all our citizens to enjoy.

I full expect the clients we serve to be eager users of the new Central Library. I strongly endorse the City of Thunder Bay fully backing the project and offering the necessary funding to realize its potential.


Thank you.



Marie Klassen
Executive Director,
Lakehead Social Planning Council | 211 North



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June 3, 2024

RE: LAKEHEAD STUDENTS SUPPORT A CENTRAL LIBRARY

Dear Mayor Boshcoff and Members of Council,

The Lakehead University Student Union (LUSU), with unanimous support from our Board of Directors, is writing to you today to express support for the Thunder Bay Public Library's plan to develop a new Central Library at the Intercity Shopping Centre. This space will quickly become a critical piece of community infrastructure and greatly add to the social, cultural and educational enrichment of our community. LUSU strongly urges the City of Thunder Bay to fully back the project and give it the necessary funding to realise its potential.

The new Central Library will be a true community space serving all of Thunder Bay's families, students, and community members. It realises a vision to create a community hub where multiple organisations will find a home and an outlet to reach new users. The project is ideally located to serve the entire city in a convenient location that best serves all members of our city equally. Being along a major transit route, a designated pedestrian corridor and along our major arterial roads makes it uniquely accessible.

LUSU fully expects Lakehead students will be eager users of the new Central Library. We can see ourselves using the space for the pursuit of knowledge, personal growth, and community development. In funding the Central Library, you are not only funding TBPL, you are supporting a whole range of community organisations who will partner with the Library to use the amazing facilities on offer in this unique community and family oriented space.

There is something for everyone at the Central Library. It meets a critical need for active indoor space and programming for children, addresses a chronic shortage of dedicated youth space, provides an accessible and welcoming space for seniors, offers a safe and educational outlet for those living with low income, and opens up countless opportunities for all to share, learn, and grow. The Central Library is truly unique in offering whole family activities in a dynamic mixed-use location in the centre of our city.

Please vote to approve and fund the Central Library and help make the Library a modern, accessible, dynamic and equitable space for everyone to enjoy.

In the spirit of community,

The Lakehead University Student Union

April 04, 2024

To the Mayor and City Council of the City of Thunder Bay

Subject: Letter of support for the Thunder Bay Public Library's Vision of a New Central Library

I am writing to support the development of a new Central Library at the Intercity Shopping Centre, a crucial infrastructure project for Thunder Bay. I advocate for the City of Thunder Bay to provide the necessary funding to bring this vision to life.

The Central Library will serve as a community hub, accessible to all residents, including newcomers, fostering social, cultural, and educational enrichment. Its location, accessible by major transit routes and arterial roads, is ideal for serving the city's diverse population.

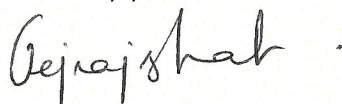
The library will benefit various community members, notably newcomers, by providing resources and programs that support their integration and connection within the community. My organization plans to utilize the space for English conversation circles, Newcomer Volunteering & Networking events extending the library's reach beyond traditional services.

By funding the Central Library, the city will support not just the Thunder Bay Public Library but also a range of community organizations. These partnerships will enhance the library's offerings, making it a unique space for family and community activities.

The facility addresses the need for dedicated spaces for all age groups and backgrounds, with a particular focus on inclusive services for newcomers. It will offer programs and resources that assist in language acquisition, cultural adaptation, and social integration.

Approving and funding the Central Library is a decision that will benefit the entire community, providing a modern, accessible, and equitable space for all residents. I urge you to vote in favor of this project, recognizing its potential to significantly impact Thunder Bay's social and cultural landscape.

Sincerely yours,



Tej Shah

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April 17, 2024

Dear Mayor Boshcoff and City Council:

I am writing in support of the Thunder Bay Public Library's plan to develop a new Central Library at the Intercity Shopping Centre.

This new Library will be a true community hub, serving all of Thunder Bay. It envisions a building where multiple organizations will find a home and an outlet to reach new users. The project is ideally located to serve our community in an open, welcoming and safe space.

Its inclusion along a major transit route, a designated pedestrian corridor and our major arterial roads makes it uniquely accessible.

I fully expect the individuals we have the privilege to serve utilizing this new location as a place to warm up, make new connections and take a break. At Lutheran Community Care, we would use this site to collaborate with partner agencies and provide community outreach and education.

This unique initiative would meet a critical need for an active indoor area and learning place for children, a dedicated youth space, and a gathering spot for seniors and those living with low income.

Please vote to approve and fund the Central Library and help make the Library a modern, accessible, dynamic and equitable space for everyone to enjoy.

Sincerely and respectfully,



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Friday April 19th, 2024

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Mayor Boshcoff and Thunder Bay City Council,

Please accept this letter as expression of Magnus Theatre's support for the Thunder Bay Public Library's development of a Central Branch at the Intercity Shopping Centre. It is clear that Dr. Togman and the Thunder Bay Public Library team have engaged in extensive collaboration in the design of this space, and the benefit to the community will be tremendous.

Having gone through the design and construction process ourselves over the past two years, it is apparent that thoughtful attention has been paid to ensuring that this community-oriented space is accessible, inclusive, and prioritizes culturally appropriate spaces for the Indigenous community. The space has been designed with consideration of including other non-profit organizations and providing a space that can be used by all.

We look forward to working with the Central Library Branch to further amplify our youth programming, expanding on our existing relationship with the Waverley Library. Whether through touring Theatre for Young Audiences programming that we've produced, bringing in programming from other theatre organizations across the country, or through presentation of our Lieutenant Governor's Award-Winning Collective Creation Project, this centralized space will increase our efforts to reach youth, reduce financial barriers to arts access, and increase patronage for both Magnus Theatre and the Thunder Bay Public Library.

I would encourage you to vote to approve the Central Library, which will serve the community for generations to come.

Sincerely,



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To the Mayor and City Council,

I am writing today to express my support for the Thunder Bay Public Library's plan to develop a new Central Library at the Intercity Shopping Centre. This facility will quickly become a critical piece of community infrastructure and greatly add to the social, cultural and educational enrichment of our community. I strongly endorse the City of Thunder Bay fully backing the project and giving it the necessary funding to realize its potential.

The new Central Library will be located to serve the entire city in a convenient location that best serves all members of our city equally. Being along a major transit route, a designated pedestrian corridor and along our major arterial roads makes it uniquely accessible.

I fully expect the individuals we serve to be avid users of the new Central Library. We can see ourselves using the space for community workshops and other skills based training opportunities. In funding the Central Library, you are not only funding TBPL, but you are also supporting a whole range of community organizations who will partner with the Library to use the amazing facilities offered.

There is something for everyone at the Central Library. It provides an accessible and welcoming space for persons living with disabilities, it offers a safe and educational outlet for those living with low income and opens up countless opportunities for adults to share, learn, socialize and grow.

Please vote to approve and fund the Central Library and help make the library a modern, accessible, dynamic and equitable space for everyone to enjoy.

Thank you,

Sincerely,



Todd Kennedy, Manager Community Programs
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LETTER OF SUPPORT

June 5, 2024

To the Mayor and City Council,

I am writing to express my support for the Thunder Bay Public Library's (TBPL) plan to develop a new central library at the Intercity Shopping Centre. This facility, once realized, will not only serve as a critical piece of community infrastructure but also as a beacon of social, cultural, and educational enrichment for the community. I strongly endorse the City of Thunder Bay to support this project and allocate the necessary funding to realize its potential. This initiative will significantly contribute to the well-being of all citizens throughout the community, underscoring the crucial role of your decision in shaping the community's future.

The new Central Library, a true community space, is designed to serve all Thunder Bay's families. It embodies a vision to create a community hub where multiple organizations will find a home and an outlet to reach new users. The project, strategically located to serve the entire city, with accessibility along a major transit route, a designated pedestrian corridor, and major arterial roads, is a testament to your commitment to serving all city citizens equally.

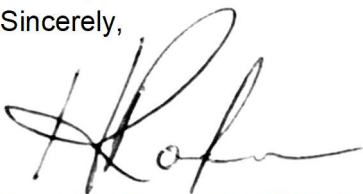
In funding the Central Library, you are not only funding the TBPL but also supporting a whole range of community organizations. These organizations will have opportunities to partner with the Library to use the fantastic facilities in this unique community and family-oriented space. This project is a testament to our shared responsibility for citizens and unity in creating a safe and inclusive learning and community engagement space that will be accessible and beneficial to all members of the diverse community.

There can be something for everyone at the Central Library. It meets a critical need for active indoor space and programming for children, addresses a chronic shortage of dedicated youth space in the city, provides an accessible and welcoming space for seniors, offers a safe and educational outlet for those living with low-income, adults, and opens up countless opportunities for Indigenous peoples to share, learn, socialize and grow. The Central Library is unique in offering whole family activities in a dynamic mixed-use location in the centre of the community, presenting a wealth of exciting possibilities for our citizens.

We hope the council will vote to approve and fund the Central Library. This project is not just a building but a symbol of a commitment to education, culture, and community. By supporting this project, you invest in the city's future and its citizens. Your decision will help make it a modern, accessible, dynamic, and equitable space for everyone to enjoy.

Thank you, Marci

Sincerely,



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Députée provinciale de Thunder Bay—Supérieur-Nord

Mayor and City Council
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June 7, 2024

Dear Mayor and City Council,

I am writing to express my wholehearted support for the Thunder Bay Public Library's initiative to establish a new Central Library at the Intercity Shopping Centre. As Member of Provincial Parliament for Thunder Bay – Superior North, I firmly believe that this endeavor will significantly contribute to the enrichment and development of our community.

This new Central Library will serve as a beacon of community engagement, providing a space where various organizations can converge and connect with a diverse range of residents. Situated at a strategic location along major transit routes and pedestrian corridors, it promises equal accessibility for all members of our city.

The proposed Central Library will not only serve as a vital piece of infrastructure but also as a cornerstone of social, cultural, and educational advancement for Thunder Bay. I urge the City of Thunder Bay to fully endorse and provide the necessary funding for this project to realize its full potential.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Lise Vaugois, MPP
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April 04, 2024

To the Mayor and City Council,

Subject: Support for the Thunder Bay Public Library's Vision of a New Central Library

On behalf of the Thunder Bay Multicultural Association (TBMA), I am pleased to express our full support for the Thunder Bay Public Library's (TBPL) initiative to establish a new central library next to Intercity Shopping Centre. We commend TBPL for its commitment to enhancing services, supports, and programming, which will undoubtedly have a positive impact on newcomers in Thunder Bay.

Support for Enhanced Services and Programming: TBMA supports the vision to create a central library that not only offers enhanced services and amenities but also provides programming that is inclusive of newcomers. The inclusion of diverse features such as children's play areas, an Indigenous knowledge center, a coffee shop, aligns with our mission to facilitate the integration of immigrants into the community. Such an environment, coupled with inclusive programming, is vital for fostering a sense of belonging, offering valuable learning resources, and encouraging cultural exchange and understanding.

Increased Accessibility: The new Central Library will be a true community space serving all of Thunder Bay's families. It realizes a vision to create a community hub where multiple organizations will find a home and an outlet to reach new users. The project is ideally located to serve the entire city in a convenient location that best serves all members of our city equally. Being along a major transit route, a designated pedestrian corridor and along our major arterial roads makes it uniquely accessible. By placing the library in a central, well-frequented location, making it an integral part of the newcomers' experience in Thunder Bay.

TBMA is going to continue its partnership with TBPL, in developing and offering programming that specifically targets newcomers, creating a welcoming and supportive environment for them. We believe that our collaborative efforts in this regard will greatly contribute to the successful integration of newcomers in our community.



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Thank you for your commitment to creating a more inclusive, accessible, and enriching environment for all Thunder Bay residents. We are keen to discuss further collaboration and support for this initiative.

Sincerely,

Cathy Woodbeck

Executive Director

Thunder Bay Multicultural Association



June 11, 2024

To the Mayor and City Council,

On behalf of the board of New Directions Speakers' School, I am writing today to express my support for the Thunder Bay Public Library's plan to develop a new Central Library at the Intercity Shopping Centre. We endorse the City of Thunder Bay fully backing the project and giving it the necessary funding to realize its potential of realizing the role of public libraries in the contemporary landscape.

The new Central Library realizes a vision to create a community hub where multiple organizations will find a home to support public education efforts. For our stakeholders, the project is ideally located to serve the entire city in a convenient location that best serves all members of our city equally. Being along a major transit route, a designated pedestrian corridor and along our major arterial roads makes it uniquely accessible.

We envision using the space for the New Directions Speakers School to hold classes for our students, most of whom face various social and economic challenges. Our aim is to help them find their voice to support constructive change in the community, province, country, and globe. Based on our conversations with the library, it offers a safe and educational outlet for those living with low income and opens up countless opportunities for adults to share, learn, socialize, and grow. The Central Library, a truly unique and valuable addition to our community, is the only one offering whole-family activities in a dynamic mixed-use location in the centre of our community. This is important as affordable childcare is a gap for our students, and low-income parents can bring their children there to be nurtured in an enriching environment.

Please vote to approve and fund the Central Library and help make it a modern, accessible, dynamic, and equitable space for everyone to enjoy.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "George Drazenovich", written over a horizontal line.

George Drazenovich
Chair
New Directions Speakers School
Cc/RR



To the Mayor and City Council,

I am writing today to express the support of Noojmawing Sookatagaing Ontario Health Team (OHT) for the Thunder Bay Public Library's plan to develop a new Central Library at the Intercity Shopping Centre. This facility will quickly become a critical piece of community infrastructure and greatly add to the social, cultural and educational enrichment of our community. We strongly endorse the City of Thunder Bay fully backing the project and giving it the necessary funding to realize its potential.

The new Central Library will be a true community space serving all of Thunder Bay's families. It realizes a vision to create a community hub where multiple organizations will find a home and an outlet to reach new users. The project is ideally located to serve the entire city in a convenient location that best serves all members of our city equally. Being along a major transit route, a designated pedestrian corridor and along our major arterial roads makes it uniquely accessible.

We fully expect the people of the City and District of Thunder Bay to be eager users of the new Central Library. Indeed, Noojmawing Sookatagaing OHT can see ourselves using the space for meetings, public engagements and consultation and shared workspace. In funding the Central Library, you are not only funding TBPL, you are supporting a whole range of community organizations who will partner with the Library to use the amazing facilities on offer in this unique community and family oriented space.

There is something for everyone at the Central Library. It meets a critical need for active indoor space and programming for children, addresses a chronic shortage of dedicated youth space in our city, provides an accessible and welcoming space for seniors, it offers a safe and educational outlet for those living with low income and opens up countless opportunities for adults to share, learn, socialize and grow. The Central Library is truly unique in offering whole family activities in a dynamic mixed-use location in the centre of our community.

Please vote to approve and fund the Central Library and help make the Library a modern, accessible, dynamic and equitable space for everyone to enjoy.

Thank you,

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Jennifer Lawrance
Implementation Lead
Noojmawing Sookatagaing Ontario Health Team

May 16, 2024

To the Mayor and City Council,

I am writing today to express my support for the Thunder Bay Public Library's plan to develop a new Central Library at the Intercity Shopping Centre. This facility will quickly become a critical piece of community infrastructure and greatly add to the social, cultural and educational enrichment of our community. I strongly endorse the City of Thunder Bay fully backing the project and giving it the necessary funding to realize its potential.

The new Central Library will be a true community space serving all of Thunder Bay's families. It realizes a vision to create a community hub where multiple organizations will find a home and an outlet to reach new users. The project is ideally located to serve the entire city in a convenient location that best serves all members of our city equally. Being along a major transit route, a designated pedestrian corridor and along our major arterial roads makes it uniquely accessible.

I fully expect the clients we serve to be eager users of the new Central Library. Indeed, my organization can see ourselves using the space based on availability to provide nursing and support services. In funding the Central Library, you are not only funding TBPL, you are supporting a whole range of community organizations who will partner with the Library to use the amazing facilities on offer in this unique community and family oriented space.

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Please vote to approve and fund the Central Library and help make the Library a modern, accessible, dynamic and equitable space for everyone to enjoy.

Thank you,



Juanita Lawson, CEO
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To the Mayor and City Council,

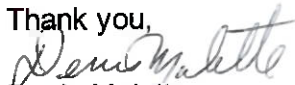
We are writing today to express our support for the Thunder Bay Public Library's plan to develop a new Central Library at the Intercity Shopping Centre. This facility will quickly become a critical piece of community infrastructure and greatly add to the social, cultural and educational enrichment of our community. We strongly endorse the City of Thunder Bay fully backing the project and giving it the necessary funding to realize its potential.

The new Central Library will be a true community space serving all of Thunder Bay's families. It realizes a vision to create a community hub where multiple organizations will find a home and an outlet to reach new users. The project is ideally located to serve the entire city in a convenient location that best serves all members of our city equally. Being along a major transit route, a designated pedestrian corridor and along our major arterial roads makes it uniquely accessible.

We fully expect the clients we serve (French speaking adult learners) to be eager users of the new Central Library. Indeed, Novocentre is a non-profit organisation and we can see ourselves using the space for meetings and resource distribution. In funding the Central Library, you are not only funding TBPL, you are supporting a whole range of community organizations who will partner with the Library to use the amazing facilities on offer in this unique community and family orientated space.

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Please vote to approve and fund the Central Library and help make the Library a modern, accessible, dynamic and equitable space for everyone to enjoy.

Thank you,

Denis Malette
Executive director
Novocentre

May 21, 2024

To the mayor and city council,

Re: Central library and intercity shopping centre

As the Executive Director of Northwestern Ontario Innovation Centre (NOIC), a Regional Innovation Centre committed to fostering entrepreneurship across Northwestern Ontario, I am writing to express NOIC's support for the Thunder Bay Public Library's central library proposal.

NOIC is a non-profit organization and active partner to motivated businesses and entrepreneurs, providing tailored resources and hands-on business support, focused on commercializing innovation in the region. Through personalized support and a deep understanding of our client's goals, NOIC actively supports innovative businesses, accelerating their growth and success. NOIC's programming, funding, services, and advisory team help Northwestern Ontario businesses rapidly scale, driving economic growth and diversity in the region.

I anticipate my organization will be offering programming, particularly our youth programming, to the TBPL community in the new space to engage with communities who would be otherwise unserved by NOIC. In funding the Central Library, you are not only funding TBPL, but you are also supporting a whole range of community organizations who will partner with the Library to use the amazing facilities on offer in this unique community and family oriented space.

Sincerely,



Jeff Coull

Executive Director



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May 30th, 2024

To the Mayor and City Council,

I am writing today to express my support for the Thunder Bay Public Library's plan to develop a new Central Library at the Intercity Shopping Centre. This facility will quickly become a critical piece of community infrastructure and greatly add to the social, cultural and educational enrichment of our community. I strongly endorse the City of Thunder Bay fully backing the project and giving it the necessary funding to realize its potential.

I fully expect the clients we serve to be eager users of the new Central Library. Indeed, my organization can see ourselves using the space for delivering some of our programming to families in need in the community. We hope to use the space to bring families together for training, while we utilize the play spaces for the children in the program. In funding the Central Library, you are not only funding TBPL, you are supporting a whole range of community organizations who will partner with the Library to use the amazing facilities on offer in this unique community and family oriented space.

There is something for everyone at the Central Library. It meets a critical need for active indoor space and programming for children, addresses a chronic shortage of dedicated youth space in our city, provides an accessible and welcoming space for seniors, it offers a safe and educational outlet for those living with low income and opens up countless opportunities for adults to share, learn, socialize and grow. The Central Library is truly unique in offering whole family activities in a dynamic mixed-use location in the centre of our community.

Please vote to approve and fund the Central Library and help make the Library a modern, accessible, dynamic and equitable space for everyone to enjoy.

Thank you,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Jackie Knough'.

Jackie Knough
Executive Director

Our mission is to empower individuals to build stronger families and inclusive communities by enhancing people's lives through personal growth and development. Charitable Registration Number 86950 8994 RR0001



May 29, 2024

To the Mayor and City Council,

I am writing today to express my support for the Thunder Bay Public Library's plan to develop a new Central Library at the Intercity Shopping Centre. This facility will quickly become a critical piece of community infrastructure and greatly add to the social, cultural and educational enrichment of our community. I strongly endorse the City of Thunder Bay fully backing the project and giving it the necessary funding to realize its potential.

The new Central Library will be a true community space serving all of Thunder Bay's families. It realizes a vision to create a community hub where multiple organizations will find a home and an outlet to reach new users. The project is ideally located to serve the entire city in a convenient location that best serves all members of our city equally. Being along a major transit route, a designated pedestrian corridor and along our major arterial roads makes it uniquely accessible.

I fully expect the clients we serve to be eager users of the new Central Library. Indeed, my organization can see ourselves using the space for Outreach & Peer Support. In funding the Central Library, you are not only funding TBPL, you are supporting a whole range of community organizations who will partner with the Library to use the amazing facilities on offer in this unique community and family oriented space.

There is something for everyone at the Central Library. It meets a critical need for active indoor space and programming for children, addresses a chronic shortage of dedicated youth space in our city, provides an accessible and welcoming space for seniors, it offers a safe and educational outlet for those living with low income and opens up countless opportunities for adults to share, learn, socialize and grow. The Central Library is truly unique in offering whole family activities in a dynamic mixed-use location in the centre of our community.

Please vote to approve and fund the Central Library and help make the Library a modern, accessible, dynamic and equitable space for everyone to enjoy.

Thank you, Merci, Meegwetch,

Georgina McKinnon
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Rainbow Collective of Thunder Bay

Dear Mayor Boshcoff, and City Councillors,

We are writing today to express my support for the Thunder Bay Public Library's plan to develop a new Central Library at the Intercity Shopping Centre. This facility will quickly become a critical piece of community infrastructure and greatly add to the social, cultural, and educational enrichment of our community. Our organization encourages the City of Thunder Bay and City Council to move this project ahead and support it with the necessary funding to realize its potential.

The new Central Library will be a true community space serving all Thunder Bay's families. It realizes a vision to create a community hub where multiple organizations (*like ours*) will find a home and an outlet to reach new users. The project is ideally located to serve the entire city in a convenient location that best serves all members of our city equally. Being along a major transit route, a designated pedestrian corridor and along our major arterial roads makes it uniquely accessible.

We fully expect the communities we serve to be eager users of the new Central Library. Indeed, our organization can see ourselves using the space for public events, board meetings and hosting of Pride events and Drag Queen StoryTime. In funding the Central Library, you are not only funding TBPL, but you are also supporting a whole range of community organizations who will partner with the Library to use the amazing facilities on offer in this unique community and family-oriented space.

There is something for everyone at the Central Library. It meets a critical need for active indoor space and programming for children, addresses a chronic shortage of dedicated youth space in our city, provides an accessible and welcoming space for seniors, it offers a safe and educational outlet for those living with low income and opens up countless opportunities for adults to share, learn, socialize and grow. The Central Library is truly unique in offering whole family activities in a dynamic mixed-use location in the center of our community.

On behalf of our board, volunteers, and 2SLGBTQIA+ communities we serve, we strongly ask and encourage you to vote to approve and fund the Central Library, and help make the Library a modern, accessible, dynamic, and equitable space for everyone to enjoy.

Thank you,

Jason Veltri
President
Rainbow Collective



April 11, 2024

To the Mayor and City Council,

I am writing today to express my support for the Thunder Bay Public Library's plan to develop a new Central Library at the Intercity Shopping Centre. This facility will quickly become a critical piece of community infrastructure and greatly add to the social, cultural and educational enrichment of our community. I strongly endorse the City of Thunder Bay fully backing the project and giving it the necessary funding to realize its potential.

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I fully expect the clients we serve to be eager users of the new Central Library. Roots Community Food Centre is interested in bringing the 'Garden Tool Lending Library' model to this space to make growing food more accessible to more people and we can see it being a great location for a pop-up Community Food Market offering low-cost fruits and vegetables to community members. In funding the Central Library, you are not only funding TBPL, you are supporting a whole range of community organizations who will partner with the Library to use the amazing facilities on offer in this unique community and family oriented space.

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Please vote to approve and fund the Central Library and help make the Library a modern, accessible, dynamic and equitable space for everyone to enjoy.

Thank you,

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Erin Beagle
Executive Director



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To the Mayor and City Council,

I am writing to express my full support for the Thunder Bay Public Library's plan to develop a new Central Library at the Intercity Shopping Centre. This project will greatly enrich our community by providing a central hub for social, cultural, and educational activities.

The new Central Library will serve as a community space for Thunder Bay's families, offering a variety of programs and resources. Its strategic location along major transit routes and pedestrian corridors ensures accessibility for all members of our city.

Our organization anticipates utilizing the Central Library for hosting public events, outreach activities, and continuing our partnership with TBPL. Supporting the Central Library means backing a diverse range of community organizations that will benefit from its facilities and contribute to its vibrant atmosphere.

This project addresses critical needs in our city, providing indoor space and programming for children, youth, seniors, and those with low income. It will be a safe, welcoming, and educational environment for all, fostering opportunities for learning, socializing, and growth.

I urge you to approve and support the Central Library, ensuring it becomes a modern, dynamic, and inclusive space for everyone in our community.

Thank you,

Ashley Larose
Chief Executive Officer



To the Mayor and City Council,

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I can speak for many of my clients by saying that we would prefer the convenience of the Brodie St facility to stay open. However, since it is my understanding that that is not possible due to aging infrastructure and the associated costs, and it's status as a historical building, I believe the Central Library plan is the best possible option.

A central library offers numerous benefits that go beyond simply providing access to books. It serves as a vibrant hub for learning, personal growth, and community engagement. By incorporating a wide array of services, our central library can cater to the needs of all age groups and demographics, fostering a culture of lifelong learning and inclusivity.

I fully expect the clients we serve to be eager users of the new Central Library. Indeed, my organization can see ourselves using the space to access computers to search for jobs and housing. In funding the Central Library, you are not only funding TBPL, you are supporting a whole range of community organizations who will partner with the Library to use the amazing facilities on offer in this unique community and family oriented space.

The establishment of a central library with these services will not only enhance the intellectual and cultural fabric of our community but also contribute to economic development by attracting families, businesses, and tourists. It is an investment in the future, promoting equity, opportunity, and a higher quality of life for all.

I wholeheartedly support this initiative and urge the city council to prioritize the development of a central library that meets the diverse needs of our community. Thank

you for considering my perspective, and I look forward to seeing this vision become a reality.

Thank you,



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I fully expect the clients we serve to be eager users of the new Central Library. Indeed, my organization can see ourselves using the space for a whole range of community organization along with indigenous partners. In funding the Central Library, you are not only funding TBPL, you are supporting a whole range of community organizations who will partner with the Library to use the amazing facilities on offer in this unique community and family-oriented space.

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Please vote to approve and fund the Central Library and help make the Library a modern, accessible, dynamic and equitable space for everyone to enjoy.

Thank you,

Wendy Houston

Wendy Houston
President -Thunder Bay & District Métis Council

Wednesday May 8,2024

Dear Mayor and City Council,

This letter is to express the support of the Thunder Bay Executives Association for the proposed Central Library in Intercity Mall. The ease of location will have a positive impact on many individuals that have previously not been able to access one of the other smaller locations. The location and high visibility area associated with the location will also attract individuals that have not accessed the library to learn more about the various programs and resources available. The proposed Central Library will also promote learning and community space for civic groups.

Overall , we believe this will be a beneficial addition to our community and will serve a diverse group of individuals in a positive way.

Thank You,

Richard Kehrig
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9 April 2024

To the Mayor and City Council,

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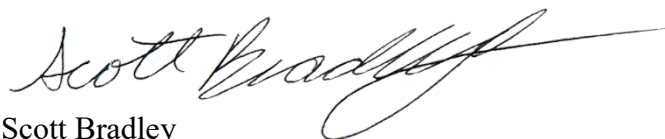
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I fully expect the patrons we serve to be eager users of the new Central Library. Indeed, my organization can see ourselves using the space for offsite exhibits and outreach programming; with the possibility of locating a paleontology exhibit there with a large dinosaur or other megafauna. In funding the Central Library, you are not only funding Thunder Bay Public Library, you are supporting a whole range of community organizations who will partner with the Library to use the amazing facilities on offer in this unique community and family-oriented space.

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Sincerely,

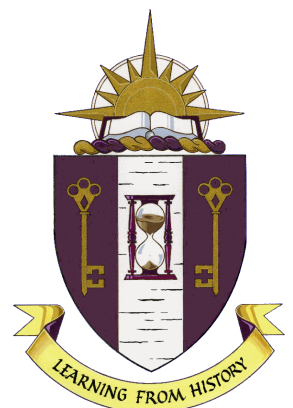


Scott Bradley

Executive Director

The Thunder Bay Historical Museum Society

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Celebrating History Since 1908



To the Mayor and City Council,

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I fully expect the clients we serve to be eager users of the new Central Library. Indeed, my organization can see ourselves using the space for pickleball. In funding the Central Library, you are not only funding TBPL, you are supporting a whole range of community organizations who will partner with the Library to use the amazing facilities on offer in this unique community and family oriented space.

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Thank you,

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Tudor Nisioiu
President, TBayPC



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June 6, 2024

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Re: Central Library

To Mayor Boshcoff and City Council:

I am the founder of Thunder Bay Repair Café. We have held six free repair events in the city since 2022, with our next one coming up on July 20. At each event, our volunteer repair experts, or "Fixers", help Thunder Bay residents make all possible repairs free of charge while sharing knowledge and walking attendees through the process. Participation and interest in Thunder Bay Repair Café is growing steadily, and we recently partnered with Thunder Bay Public Library to hold a repair café at a library location every three months throughout 2024. Thunder Bay residents want and need opportunities to have broken household items repaired, to learn to do their own repairs, and to help reduce overall waste.

I am writing today to express my support for the Thunder Bay Public Library's plan to develop a new Central Library at the Intercity Shopping Centre. This facility will quickly become a critical piece of community infrastructure and greatly add to the social, cultural and educational enrichment of our community. I support the City of Thunder Bay fully backing the project and giving it the necessary funding to realize its potential.

The new Central Library will be a true community space serving all of Thunder Bay's families. It realizes a vision to create a community hub where multiple organizations will find a home and an outlet to reach new users. The project is ideally located in a convenient location to best serve all members of our city equally. Being along a major transit route, a designated pedestrian corridor and along our major arterial roads makes it uniquely accessible.

Thunder Bay Repair Café has hosted three successful repair cafés at library locations, and I believe that the Central Library location would enable us to continue to grow our events and serve the needs of many in the city. In funding the Central Library, you are not only funding TBPL, you are supporting a whole range of community organizations who will partner with the Library to use the amazing facilities on offer in this unique community and family oriented space.

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Please vote to approve and fund the Central Library and help make the Library a modern, accessible, dynamic and equitable space for everyone to enjoy.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Nancy Saunders".

Nancy Saunders
Founder, Thunder Bay Repair Café



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To the Mayor and City Council,

I am writing today to discuss the Thunder Bay Public Library's plan to develop a new Central Library at the Intercity Shopping Centre. I believe that this facility could become a critical piece of community infrastructure and greatly add to the social, cultural, and educational enrichment of our community. Should City Council choose to fund this initiative, United for Literacy (formerly Frontier College) would be interested in partnering with the Library to enhance service to our learners.

The new Central Library will be a true community space serving all of Thunder Bay's families. It realizes a vision to create a community hub where multiple organizations will find a home and an outlet to reach new users. The project is ideally located in a central location that serves all members of our city equally.

Canada's literacy divide widens daily because so many people lack adequate support. Solving systemic literacy challenges is key to advancing social equity and prosperity across our country. Literacy changes everything.

United for Literacy (formerly Frontier College) is a national charity that was founded in 1899. We believe literacy is a right, and that every place can be a learning place. Our vision is a Canada in which everyone has the literacy skills they need to achieve their goals at school, at work, and in life. Our mission is to provide free of charge local learning support programs that change lives.

I fully expect the families we serve to be eager users of the new Central Library. Indeed, my organization can see ourselves partnering and using the space for creative and dynamic programs serving children, youth and families on a weekly basis.

There is something for everyone at the Central Library it is truly unique in offering whole family activities in a dynamic mixed-use location in the centre of our community.

Thank you,

Cathy Mehagan – Regional Manager Northern Ontario

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May 18, 2024

To the Mayor and City Council,

I am writing on behalf of the United Way of Thunder Bay to express our support for the Thunder Bay Public Library's plan to develop a new Central Library at the Intercity Shopping Centre. We believe this facility has the potential to become a vital community hub, significantly enhancing the social, cultural, and educational landscape of our city. Therefore, we urge the City of Thunder Bay to fully support and fund this essential project.

Having reviewed the plans for the new Central Library, I am impressed by its thoughtful design, which aims to serve as a true community space for all of Thunder Bay's families. The library embodies a vision of creating a hub where multiple organizations can connect with new users. Its strategic location ensures convenience for the entire city, offering equal access to all residents. Situated along a major transit route, pedestrian corridor, and major arterial roads, it is uniquely accessible to everyone.

Communities across Canada and around the world have successfully developed similar library hubs that serve as vital centres for community engagement and development. Cities like London, Calgary and Vancouver have transformed their central libraries into bustling hubs that offer a wide range of services, from digital literacy programs to community meeting spaces. Internationally, cities such as Aarhus in Denmark and Melbourne, Australia have set benchmarks with their innovative and inclusive library designs. These examples demonstrate the powerful impact that a well-designed library hub can have on a community, fostering collaboration, inclusivity, and lifelong learning.

As a community builder and convenor, the United Way of Thunder Bay encourages initiatives that promote collaboration, facilitate sharing of resources, and advance inclusivity. We are excited to explore how United Way and its partners can utilize this space to better serve users and our community. By funding the Central Library, you are not only supporting TBPL but also bolstering a diverse range of community organizations that will partner with the Library to leverage its incredible facilities.

The Central Library offers something for everyone. It fulfills a critical need for active indoor space and programming for children, addresses the shortage of dedicated youth space, provides an accessible and welcoming environment for seniors, offers a safe and educational outlet for those living with low income, and creates countless opportunities for adults to share, learn, socialize, and grow. The Central Library stands out as a unique space that offers comprehensive family activities in a vibrant, centrally located setting.

I urge you to vote in favor of approving and funding the Central Library, transforming it into a modern, accessible, dynamic, and equitable space for the enjoyment and benefit of all.

Albert Brulé

Chief Executive Officer

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June 11, 2024

Subject: Support for Waverley Library Improvements

To the City of Thunder Bay Council,

I am writing at the request of the Waterfront District BIA Board regarding library services within Thunder Bay.

The Waterfront District BIA Board strongly supports increased services and updates to the Waverley Library, recognizing its pivotal role as a cornerstone of our community. The Waverley Library is essential in meeting the cultural and educational needs of residents in the Waterfront District and beyond, and we believe that updating the building and enhancing its services will greatly benefit our community.

We are committed to maintaining a vibrant, dynamic, and supportive environment for our small businesses. As such, we fully support the Waverley Library's continued presence and enhancement. We are also open to supporting the Central Library project, provided it aligns with our shared goals of community support and economic growth.

If you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact us via phone at (807) 343-9032 or email at thewaterfrontdistrict@tbaytel.net.

Best regards,

Kara Pratt, Executive Director
Waterfront District BIA