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Regina Public Library Issues RFP for Renewal of Central Library Study

Regina Public Library (RPL) has issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) seeking to identify an owner's representative to provide research, analysis, and recommendations for a renewed Central Library.

"Regina Public Library is known as a community leader that cultivates and supports the joy of reading as well as lifelong learning and growth," said RPL board chair Sean Quinlan. "To assist our board with this important decision and to ensure the long-term needs of our growing community are met, we are looking for a firm to provide us with a recommendation and work with us on potential solutions for the future of the Central Library".

The RFP will be released today, October 10.

"We will be drawing on the previous findings, new research and the collective experience and expertise of our board to decide the direction of the new Central Library initiative," added Quinlan.

Regina Public Library is an urban library system comprised of nine locations: eight branches and a Central library that includes a Central Children's library.

A backgrounder is included below.

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Backgrounder

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Regina Public Library provides a significant return on investment and acts as an important social hub for the community. There were over 1.75 million visits to RPL locations in 2018.

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We are committed to the highest level of service delivery to our customers and the people of Regina which is why our board of directors and management staff are re-examining options for a renewed Central Library. The Central Library must serve to balance traditional library offerings with opportunities for community-based services, both for the downtown and the larger Regina community.

Part of the work of the owner's representative will be to review past documents, reports and research created for the Central Library. As well, the owner's representative will also undertake new studies and research as required. Recommendations and options for a relevant and sustainable future Central Library will be analyzed and presented to the Board for consideration.

The final report will include recommendations that will help the board of directors to make an informed decision on whether to build new, renovate the existing building, or a combination of renovate and new build.

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