



ARNPRIOR PUBLIC LIBRARY EXPANSION REPORT

Background

Expansion / renovation plans

Funding sources

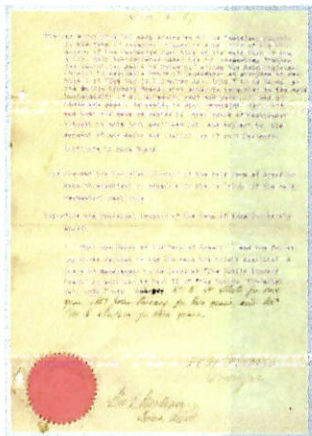
Request for project endorsement
from Town of Arnprior

Request for support in applying for
Trillium Capital Investment Stream

April 2019

Arnprior Public Library

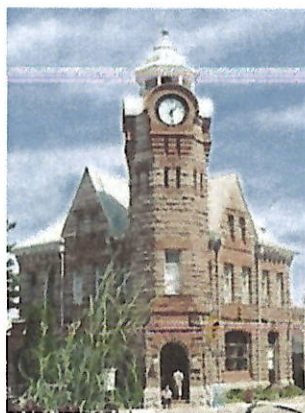
Here We Grow Again!



1895 By-law that creates the Arnprior Public Library, making it one of the oldest public libraries in the province.



1895- 1967 From Mechanics' Institute to Public Library located in the Arnprior Town Hall, Elgin Street.



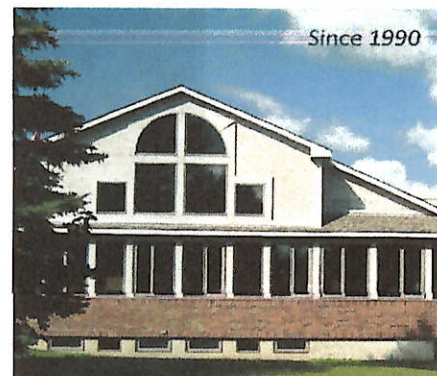
1967-1991 Centennial project brought the library into the DA Gillies Building with the Museum situated on the second floor.

In the late 1980's the community supported the concept of a new library building with a campaign for which the citizens and businesses of Arnprior McNab/Braeside raised in excess of \$450,00 towards the project.

Construction began in 1990 with the official opening in 1991.

Expansion into the lower level was started in April 2010 with official opening ceremony in October 2010.

This \$650,000 renovation was funded by successful Federal/Provincial grant applications and contributions from the Bert Gaumond Reserve Fund in addition to the Town's Reserve Fund for library expansion.



The Arnprior Public Library has a rich history. Through the decades it has met the needs of the growing community of Arnprior, McNab/Braeside. It has seen many transitions and upgrades. Technology has driven many of the changes and the library now serves as a true community hub.

To that end, it is now evident the library needs to meet those new demands with some innovative renovation design.

The library sees more than 98,000 annual visits. Quiet spaces for reading, tutoring and small group meetings are sorely lacking; space for library programming is in constant struggle with the need of community groups requiring meeting space and office space could be better utilized.

Planning and Foresight

At the start of Downtown Revitalization along Madawaska Street, the Library Board took advantage of Hydro's plan to upgrade the transformer box located at the east end of the building.



The Board paid for the survey to move the hydro easement thereby paving the way for future expansion of the building in the only direction where renovations were possible.

Guided by the Board's Strategic Plan, the Board sought input from the architectural firm involved in the 2010 renovation. In early 2019, Dreessen Architects provided concept designs for an internal re-configuration and an extension providing a total of 1200 sq ft. of public access. In addition to the design work, the Dreessen team provided a class C Budget amount of \$390,000 for the entire renovation.



In keeping with the existing style of the building, the addition would measure 18X24, ensuring the existing evergreen planted 30 years ago would not be affected by the extension.

Natural light in the main library would be maintained. The new space on the main floor could be used for general seating (which currently is in high demand due to volume of visits to the library; as well as programming (art lessons, author visits and more).

The addition includes a sunken garden area allowing for natural light for the lower level extension. The downstairs renovation would afford several much-needed small meeting spaces.

The Concept

An outdoor patio provides additional space and a bridge between the revitalized downtown and the waterfront trails leading to Robert Simpson Park.

Additionally, it offers an inviting entrance to the downtown core.

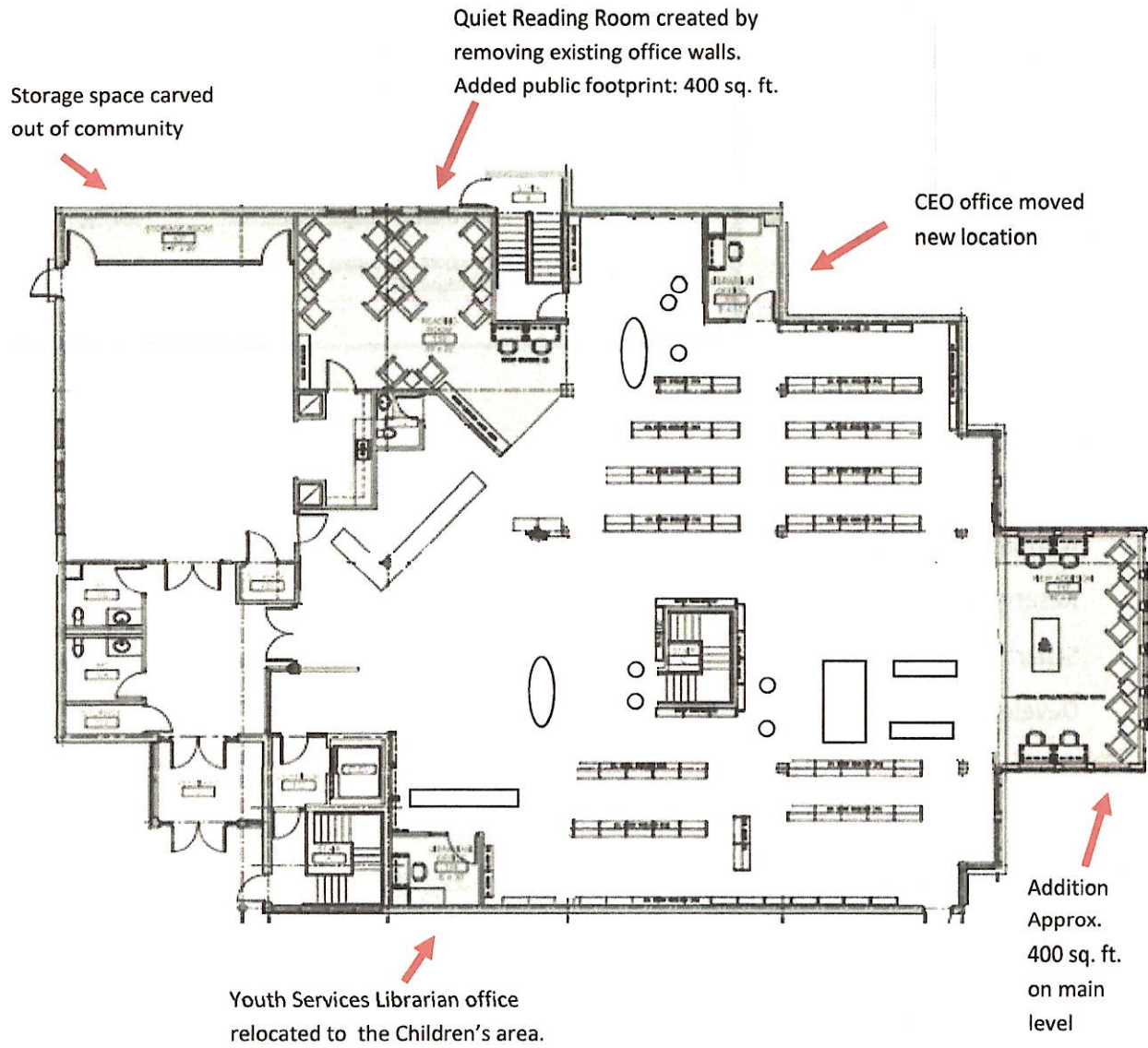


The patio allows for library programming to be taken out- of-doors.

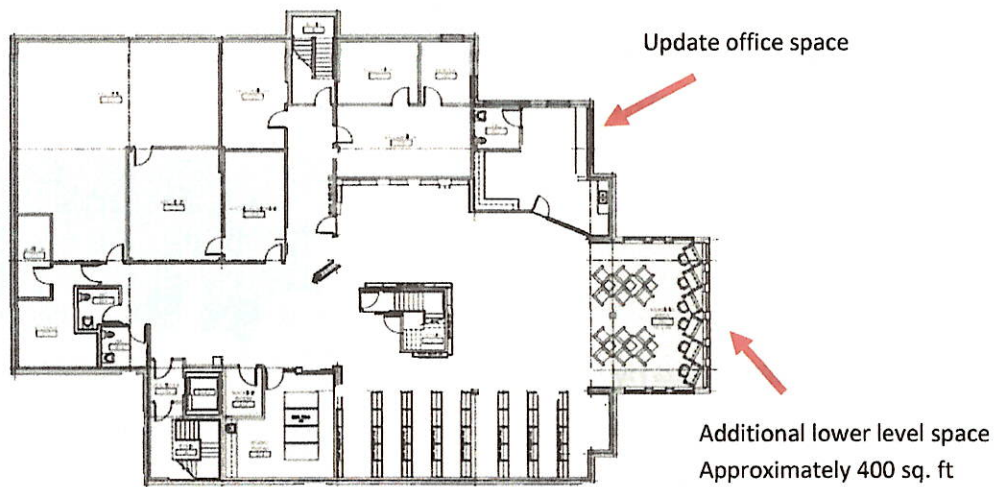
It also provides an inviting setting near the green-space, complete with library WiFi access.



Internal Renovations - Main Level



Lower Level



Financial Implications

As of April 2019 , the Board has received a Class C Budget from MB Ford Construction (via Dreessen Architects) in the amount of \$390,500 for both facets of the proposed renovation / expansion.

Based on the preliminary drawings and scope of work provided on March 18, 2019, we offer the following Class C Budget for the Arnprior Library.

- Provide supervision, general labour and project management.
- Provide demolition to minor areas as noted in the existing library.
- Provide demolition and shoring to wall along Grid Line 8.
- Provide excavation and backfill to new addition and landscape areas.
- Create Garden area including retaining wall.
- Replace flooring in shaded areas only.
- Provide new drywall partitions as noted on drawings for storage room, Work room, Reading room, and two librarian rooms.
- Construct new addition, including new HVAC distribution and electrical requirements.
- All plumbing to remain as is, elevator is assumed to be existing.

All of the above for the Class C Budget amount of..... 390,500.00 plus HST.

To replace flooring throughout the existing space, please allow an additional \$75,000.00, based on replacing with carpet tile.

Financial Breakdowns

Library reserves

Bert Gaumont Bequest	\$ 39,277
Norma Hall Bequest	\$ 17,703
Reserve for Future Development	\$ 15,000
Scharf Family Charitable Trust	\$100,000 *
Development Charges (Facilities)	\$146,430
Total	\$318,410

* The Board has a MOU with the Trust administrators for a contribution of \$20,000 each year for the next 5 years for this capital expansion.

Trillium Capital Investment Stream - deadline June 12, 2019.

Maximum available \$150,000

Rationale for Trillium Funding

The Arnprior Public Library has never applied for Trillium Funding. With major community fundraising efforts currently underway by Arnprior Regional Health and Teachers Against Poverty, the Board feels confident in making a successful bid for library expansion funding which would benefit the community as a whole and not infringe on the fundraising efforts of other current projects.

Respectfully submitted by Arnprior Public Library Board , April 2019.

