

September 29, 2020

Mayor and Council
City of Guelph

Support for the Guelph Public Library Project

Mayor Guthrie and distinguished Councilors,

As a business owner and operator in this city for over 30 years, I consider the quality of our Public Library as essential to the culture and working life of our city.

Ever since the original Carnegie Library came to Guelph in 1905, the impact of the library on the social and intellectual growth of the community has been evidenced. Carnegie was a hard-nosed businessman whose philanthropy provided both economic and educational value that was the hallmark of progressive communities. Guelph was definitely one of the many communities that benefited from a public library. Even today, as printed books are being eclipsed by digital media, there is a vibrant role for the library at the heart of community activity.

The investment in our future library is a pittance compared to the benefits that will be reaped from a modern, efficient and accessible institution built in the Baker Street District. I encourage you to vote in favour of this landmark project that will demonstrate Guelph's commitment to future generations and to its position as a city of the future.

Sincerely,

Christopher J. Findlay, PhD
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