

Guelph, ON

October 1, 2020

Dear Mayor Guthrie, City Councillors and City Planning Department:

I have been a proud resident of Guelph since 1976 and during that time have used the Guelph Public Library extensively. I want to let the Mayor, the entire Council and City Planning Department know that I am strongly in favour of a new library as discussed, debated on and decided by a vote of City Council. In addition, this debate has been ongoing for 25 years and the debate needs to end. The lack of forward motion over the years is not bringing this important institution into the present century!

The current main library is ill equipped to offer up-to-date information services that so many other communities enjoy and felt were needed. It is in dreadful physical condition and DOES NOT MEET ACCESSIBILITY REQUIREMENTS. In addition, the building contains asbestos and thus is clearly a liability for the City.

One year ago, City Council voted in favour of:

- Building a new library as part of the Baker Street development
- Providing a budget of 67.1 million dollars
- Designing for 88,000 square feet of space

Thus, I reiterate, there is absolutely no justification for debating the decision further. The more this is debated, the more the costs go up. Action over words is needed at this time.

I am asking our Council to maintain all of the parameters agreed upon and voted for by (more than 50%) of our City Council in 2019.

Sincerely,

Dorothy M. Fisher