

**From:** Abigail Chicoine <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 19, 2019 8:33 PM  
**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** Form submission from: Write a Letter to Council



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Date Tuesday, November 19, 2019

To His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

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City Saskatoon

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Postal Code [REDACTED]

Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable)

Subject Downtown Library

Meeting (if known)

Comments

To Council,

Libraries are a crucial asset to growing cities such as Saskatoon. Libraries are some of the last true public spaces and provide programming, books, and education to those who utilize them. Please consider eschewing from building a new arena and instead put the money and time into providing a new public space for everyone to enjoy. Thank you.

Attachments

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**From:** Tara Wallace [REDACTED] > on behalf of Tara Wallace  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 20, 2019 9:34 AM  
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To His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

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Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable)

Subject New library

Meeting (if known)

Comments

It has come to my attention that in order to build a new library in Saskatoon, the public library needs to ask for a loan and the city is considering using that money to build a new arena.

I am in support of a new library. Public libraries are one of the last few public civic spaces and are a great benefit to many people in the community.

I am pro library.

Thanks for your time.

Attachments

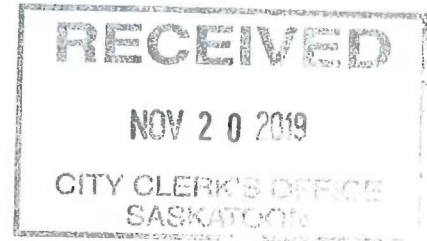
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**Subject:** Letters of support



**From:** Scott Gregor [<mailto:s.gregor@saskatoonlibrary.ca>]  
**Sent:** November 20, 2019 3:31 PM  
**To:** Hudson, Janice <[Janice.Hudson@Saskatoon.ca](mailto:Janice.Hudson@Saskatoon.ca)>  
**Subject:** FW: Letters of support

As per conversation with Kari Smith, can you add these Letters of Support to 5.2 Communications Requiring Direction?  
I understand it is too late to add them to the regular agenda.

Thank you.

Scott Gregor, CPA, CMA  
Director, Finance & Administrative Services

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**From:** Rachel Landriault <[r.landriault@saskatoonlibrary.ca](mailto:r.landriault@saskatoonlibrary.ca)>  
**Sent:** November 20, 2019 12:55 PM  
**To:** Scott Gregor <[s.gregor@saskatoonlibrary.ca](mailto:s.gregor@saskatoonlibrary.ca)>  
**Subject:** Letters of support

As discussed.

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SPL we change lives through community connections, engagement, and inclusivity.



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September 11, 2019

Saskatoon Public Library  
Attn: City Council  
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Dear His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council:

I am writing in support of funding for a new central building for the Saskatoon Public Library. Libraries change lives, and central library branches revitalize downtown cores, build communities, and support citizens. Additionally, robust and vital central libraries are a significant visual representation of a city's commitment to the learning, development, and enrichment of its residents.

Modern libraries are much more than repositories for books. In this age of rampant misinformation, libraries ensure that their clients have both 1) access to accurate information and 2) the professional support necessary to make sure they are able to access that information. They promote reading, host cultural events, create exhibits on topics of local and global interest, support entrepreneurship, and help immigrants acculturate. Central libraries also serve as a cornerstone of a city's infrastructure, operating as a key social, cultural, and educational institution. Through their role as a welcoming and accessible public commons, libraries bring people together to form and strengthen communities.

The Saskatoon Public Library's central library plan creates a space that blends traditional library services with enhanced programming to support Saskatoon's diverse citizens. Students, newcomers, local historians, the low literate, innovators, those without reliable internet access, readers, non-readers, local businesses – in short, all Saskatonians – will benefit from a revitalized library that is built to address our community's unique needs.

Speaking as the Dean of the University Library, the city library supports primary and secondary schools students who are potential future University of Saskatchewan students. A strong central library will help prepare students for university by supporting literacy, information literacy, digital fluency, and a culture of inquiry. The potential for partnership with the University to bring our researcher expertise to the broader community through shared programming in SPL central library spaces is enormous. Speaking as a resident of Saskatoon and a proud, and active, SPL card-holder, a new central library that serves as a beacon of learning and civic engagement would be a welcome addition to our growing city. My family, and families across our city, would know that Saskatoon prioritizes the intellectual and cultural enrichment, and civic engagement, of all its residents.

I am excited by the potential addition of a new central library to our downtown, and am pleased to provide my unequivocal support.

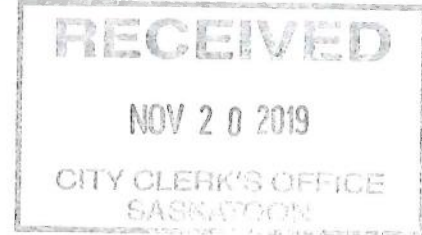
Sincerely,

Melissa L. Just, MLIS, EdD  
Dean, University Library



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September 8, 2019



To Whom It May Concern:

The Greater Saskatoon Catholic School Division would like to offer this letter of support on behalf of the Saskatoon Public Library for their request for funding for a new central library to be located in downtown Saskatoon. We appreciated and valued the opportunity to participate in a consult in 2018 to identify what a possible new vision might look like for the Saskatoon Public Library and how it could enhance services for the community.

Our school division values our partnership with the City of Saskatoon libraries and are excited that there is revisioning on how they can possibly expand and improve services that are currently be offered to the community of Saskatoon. We believe that students and families would benefit from a new central library with increased access to programs, access to new and innovative technology and flexible learning space to collaborate.

We look forward to this exciting project and the many positive social impacts for the community of Saskatoon. Through this new central library, we will continue to work collaborative to meet the diverse needs of the City of Saskatoon with a continued focus on improving literacy for all members of our community.

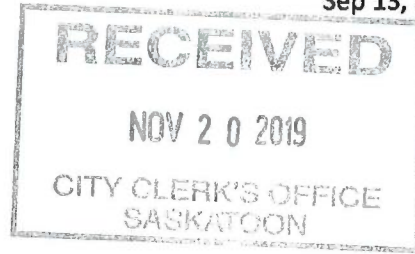
Sincerely,

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Tammy Shircliff  
Superintendent of Education



Sep 13, 2019



**Saskatoon Public Library**

**RE: Letter of Support for Saskatoon Public Library**

**Attention: City Council**

The YMCA is a longstanding and proud part of the Saskatoon community, and exemplifies a model of community support that promotes the mental, physical, and social wellbeing of those we serve. We are pleased to hear that the Library is working towards a new central Library that will undoubtedly serve the needs of many in our community. I firmly believe that the Library is a vital and unique part of a vibrant community. The needs that they are able to meet for community members will help our City ensure that we continue moving towards a revitalized downtown.

In the last several years there have been many positive examples of investment in Libraries and Library services throughout Canada. The goals of building a flexible space, a welcoming community hub and a place for learning and innovation align and complement our own Strategic goals.

I understand that one of the next steps in this process would be working with stakeholders to ensure that a variety of perspectives and community needs are identified. We would be very pleased to be involved in this process as we are also firm believers in the power of partnerships, combined effort, and having more impact together. In our most recent conversations with the Library staff we were very pleased to identify many possibilities to work together on program level opportunities and I see this as a very positive step. I look forward to seeing what these opportunities will lead to in the future.

The YMCA of Saskatoon is pleased to provide this letter of support for the Saskatoon Public Library and the work they do in the Saskatoon community.

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Dean Dodge  
Chief Executive Officer

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Barry MacDougall, Director of Education

September 5, 2019

Ms. Carol Cooley  
Director of Libraries & CEO  
Saskatoon Public Library  
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**Attention: City Council**

Dear Saskatoon City Council,

Saskatoon Public Schools supports the development of a new central library, to be located in downtown Saskatoon. We endorse the proposed business case for a new central library because it will be of great benefit to students and teachers in our division.

The library's renewed focus on learning and innovation will provide more active, relevant learning support for students. As teachers work to fulfil commitments to students and achieve strategic student goals, a new central library will position Saskatoon Public Library as a key partner in learning in a more wide-reaching and responsive way.

The adaptive infrastructure and learning programs envisioned in the plan for the new library will enhance the support provided for increased literacy rates in young people and families. Saskatoon Public Library has worked in partnership with Saskatoon Public Schools for many years in our common goal of growing child and family literacy. If actualized, the plan for a new central library, with new literacy programming to address 21<sup>st</sup> century learning needs, will strengthen the effectiveness of the service that both of our organizations provide to students and families.

Students and staff of Saskatoon Public Schools look forward to the creation of a new downtown central library and all the advantages it will bring to the community. We anticipate many benefits and enthusiastically support the plan as a way to strengthen our partnership with the Saskatoon Public Library in the service of student learning.

Sincerely,

Barry MacDougall, Director of Education, Saskatoon Public Schools

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September 13, 2019

His Worship Mayor Charlie Clark and City Councillors  
City Hall  
222 Third Avenue North  
Saskatoon, SK S7K 0J5

Dear Mayor Clark and City Councillors,

Re: Support for New Downtown Central Library

Downtown Saskatoon is supportive of plans to build a new central library in our district. In cities around Canada and the world, there are many recent examples where central libraries have served as catalysts for urban development and renewal in addition to providing needed services to the community.

As stated in the *City Centre Plan* (2013), in order to attract new residential and commercial uses to the City Centre, the amenities that each of these groups require must be increased. Certainly, a renewed central library will play a key role in fostering growth in the City Centre.

We look forward to reviewing the complete business and financial plan for the proposal. In principle, we believe that a new central library located in Downtown Saskatoon will quickly become a prized community asset and assist in other civic goals such as expanding the residential population in the City Centre and attracting other private investment in the area.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brent Penner'.

Brent Penner  
Executive Director

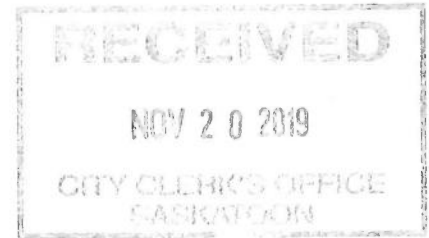
cc: Chris Beavis, Chair, Downtown Saskatoon Board of Management  
Carol Cooley, CEO, Saskatoon Public Library





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September 3, 2019

City Councillors  
222 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue North  
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Dear Saskatoon City Councillors;

On behalf of the Saskatoon Open Door Society (SODS), I would like to express my unreserved support for the Saskatoon Public Library's (SPL) new central library project proposal. I believe a new central library is sorely needed within our community and would provide myriad economic and social benefits for our vibrant and growing city.

At SODS, we see firsthand the impact SPL has on our community, particularly in relation to newcomers. Public libraries are invaluable resources for new Canadians and often one of the first places they visit upon arriving in their new community. SPL, in particular, offers free and equal access to critical programs and services such as story times, job search help, resume writing workshops, and EAL seminars where newcomers can practice English and learn about life in Canada. In addition to the practical help these programs provide, they are tremendously beneficial in helping new Canadians establish a sense of belonging and community. By offering free access to public computers, Wi-Fi and other forms of technology that are tremendously important, SPL also helps bridge the digital divide for newcomers and many other community members with limited financial means.

Though the Frances Morrison Central Library has served our city well for more than 50 years, it is now outdated, non-compliant with nearly all significant building codes, and severely undersized in relation to our current population. A new facility would contribute to downtown rejuvenation efforts in a very meaningful way and significantly enhance the social welfare and quality of life for all Saskatonians. While this would be a significant financial investment for our city, I firmly believe it would provide invaluable returns.

Sincerely,

Ali Abukar  
Chief Executive Officer



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**From:** Rachel Engler-Stringer <rachel.engler-stringer@usask.ca>  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 21, 2019 11:05 AM  
**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** Form submission from: Write a Letter to Council  
**Attachments:** letter\_of\_support-library.pdf



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Date Thursday, November 21, 2019  
To His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council  
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City Saskatoon  
Province Saskatchewan  
Postal Code S7L 1S8  
Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable) Department of Community Health and  
Epidemiology, University of Saskatchewan  
Subject Support for New Downtown Library  
Meeting (if known)  
Comments  
I do not request to speak but please include my letter in the package to the mayor and council.  
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Dr Rachel Engler-Stringer, Associate Professor

November 21, 2019

Re: Support for New Central Library

As a researcher who studies the social determinants of health I firmly support the New Central Library and support borrowing 87.5 M to make this a reality. Libraries are critical social infrastructure in cities like ours and our central library no longer meets the needs of our community. I recently read *Palaces for the People* that examines how social infrastructure can literally mean the difference between life and death for some, and quality of life for others. Our city very much needs a new Central Library that meets the information needs of our community now and into the future.

I like to visit libraries in other cities when I travel and I have seen what incredible places they can be. Places like Halifax and Calgary have built beautiful new libraries in the last couple of years that include maker spaces where you can access state of the art technology for free. I have seen recording studios, rental space for artists, 3D printing and book binding. The new Calgary library has a teens only space with the needs of young people in mind. It's also exciting to see these new libraries embracing their role in providing support for homeless and underhoused people, as well as social workers and counselling for people going through difficult experiences.

We need more space for newcomers in our city to use free services to become more connected to others in our community. We need a library that is much more physically accessible for those who face mobility challenges.

**We live in a world where there are fewer and fewer safe, comfortable spaces that people can access without needing to spend money. With so few free public spaces anymore and with rising inequality the need is only going to get more critical.**

Climate change is going to mean that critical infrastructure like libraries is only going to get more expensive to build and given we are already well past due for a new library I feel that this is THE moment to build.

Sincerely,

Rachel Engler-Stringer

**From:** Sheena Greer <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 21, 2019 1:15 PM  
**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** Form submission from: Write a Letter to Council



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Submitted by anonymous user: 108.60.184.131

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Date Thursday, November 21, 2019  
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Last Name Greer  
Email [REDACTED]  
Address [REDACTED] Hazen Street  
City Saskatoon  
Province Saskatchewan  
Postal Code [REDACTED]  
Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable)  
Subject New Central Library  
Meeting (if known)  
Comments

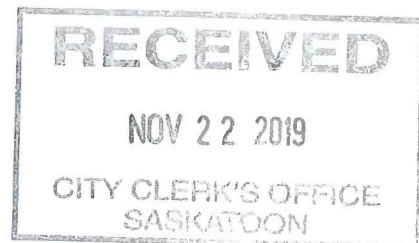
In a 2016 column, Jordon Cooper said the following:  
"Other cities that want strong downtowns, engaged citizens and strong community hubs have all realized that a well-funded, vibrant and visionary library system is a big part of equation. Hopefully Saskatoon arrives at the same conclusion sooner rather than later because we have a long way to catch up."  
<https://thestarphoenix.com/opinion/columnists/jordon-cooper-libraries-vital-to-a-vibrant-city>  
His words ring truer now than ever before.

This is why I wish to express full support of the new central library project.  
Such a project is crucial to revitalizing downtown in a way that is accessible to all citizens. Not allowing this project to go forward would be short-sighted – a new central library is long overdue, and as a city we've been discussing this for a long time. Putting a hold on such a project is putting a hold on community progress. Unlike other major projects completed or being discussed, the library is a space that EVERY citizen can use – not everyone can afford to go to a gallery, attend concerts, or buy sports tickets. Libraries are free and accessible for all citizens, and this is crucial for continuing to build a city and downtown that is truly inclusive. At this point, every naysayer's argument against this project can be easily debunked with a bit of research. Yes, people still use libraries. Indeed, new central libraries make the entire library system and branch libraries stronger. And no, \$87.5 million dollars (or about \$5 per household a year) isn't too much. Right now, our society needs a truly democratic space that encourages and supports its citizens. Our public libraries are the strongest bastion of freedom, democracy, and community equality that we have.

Attachments

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**From:** Bryn Rawlyk <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 22, 2019 6:14 AM  
**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** Form submission from: Write a Letter to Council



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Submitted by anonymous user: 70.64.100.169

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Date Friday, November 22, 2019

To His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

First Name Bryn

Last Name Rawlyk

Email [REDACTED]

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City Saskatoon

Province Saskatchewan

Postal Code [REDACTED]

Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable)

Subject Approval of loan on behalf of library

Meeting (if known)

Comments

Hi,

I love everything that the library does for our city. The programming, the collection, that it is one of the last remaining true public spaces are small examples of how special it is for our city.

I am writing that I support the loan on behalf of the library for their new downtown branch plans.

Bryn

Attachments

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**From:** Anthony Gossner <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 22, 2019 10:31 AM  
**To:** City Council  
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City Saskatoon  
Province Saskatchewan  
Postal Code [REDACTED]  
Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable)  
Subject Support for new central library  
Meeting (if known)  
Comments

I would like commend the work council has been doing on communicating the need for a new central library. I believe a majority of the negative views surrounding the prospective cost of a new library are ignorant and short sighted. If people are truly concerned about tax increases they should be focusing on other Civic matters, ie sprawl. My support is definitely for a new library and it's services.

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**From:** Maygen Kardash <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 23, 2019 10:36 AM  
**To:** City Council  
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Last Name Kardash  
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Address [REDACTED] McBeth Cres  
City Saskatoon  
Province Saskatchewan  
Postal Code [REDACTED]  
Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable)  
Subject I support the new library build  
Meeting (if known)  
Comments

Hi, I'm a mom, Girl Guide leader, and blogger here in Saskatoon. I'm concerned that people aren't expressing that they're in favor of the new main branch Library because they are afraid of coming out in support of a high-ticket build when poverty seems a bigger issue. They don't want to seem selfish. Or, they think people don't use the library like they do. But they may not realize two things: 1. The correlation between growing literacy and reducing poverty, and 2. The Library is for everyone, and benefits the community every day. I've shared the thoughts below with my followers and I hope you'll have a read:

What does the Library mean to you? To me, it's more than books. It's a place to connect with other parents and allow my children to create relationships in the community, too, thanks to free baby and child programming. Our downtown library especially is more than books to so many people. It's a resource for legal advice, resume-building, newcomer outreach... and did you know there are social workers to connect people who are struggling with the right community service, or just to be a safe person to talk with? And everything, from computer access, skill-building services, and homework help to art workshops and guest speakers, everything EVERYTHING is free and accessible to all. Something I learned while volunteering with READ Saskatoon is that poverty is fought with literacy and community. The Library is the heart of of that.

Our downtown library, the main branch, is not up to code, and was built for a population half our size. It's time for a new build and yes, the proposal means an 87.9 million dollar investment by the City, but what a centre it would be. To pay for it, the annual levy would be about \$5/year for the average household. If you haven't yet looked at the plans, proposal, and FAQs, I encourage you to visit the @stoonlibrary website.

I support the build and am confident other parents also feel that planning for future generations is worthwhile. Thanks for reading.

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**From:** Pamela Giles <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 23, 2019 11:09 AM  
**To:** City Council  
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Last Name Giles  
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City Saskatoon  
Province Saskatchewan  
Postal Code [REDACTED]  
Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable)  
Subject Public Library Main Branch  
Meeting (if known)  
Comments

I am writing in support of a new facility for the Frances Morrison Library downtown. Calgary's new Central Library illustrates beautifully how an inviting, adequately resourced main library can become a hub that enriches the entire community. The books are still there (I particularly value the Local History Room and wish it could be expanded), but there are also areas for people to meet, for children to play and learn, for volunteers to assist job-seekers, and for enhancement of digital research skills. The Murray Library at the University implemented some of these design changes a few years ago, to great success. Although the purpose has changed, the need for public libraries remains great and will remain so in the future. An investment in our flagship library is an investment in the intellectual and social wellbeing of Saskatoon.

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**From:** Caitlin Ward <[REDACTED]>  
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Last Name Ward  
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[REDACTED] 27th Street W  
City Saskatoon  
Province Saskatchewan  
Postal Code [REDACTED]  
Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable)  
Subject Wholehearted Support for New Central Library  
Meeting (if known)  
Comments

I want to throw my support behind the new downtown library, and make it clear that I wholeheartedly support the project as someone born and raised in Saskatoon, who has spent most of her life living in this city. Libraries serve the community in a variety of ways - their utility goes far beyond housing books. They offer safe spaces, excellent programming for various segments of the community (e.g., newcomers, children, older adults), and FREE BOOKS (as long as you give them back). We have needed a bigger central library for some time. Saskatoon libraries were instrumental in my development as a child, youth, and young adult, as they have been instrumental for many Saskatoon residents. They need to be materially supported in order to thrive.

Attachments

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**From:** Jola Pisz [REDACTED] >  
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To His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

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Last Name Pisz

Email [REDACTED]

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City Saskatoon

Province Saskatchewan

Postal Code [REDACTED]

Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable)

Subject Support of new library

Meeting (if known) Library building

Comments

I am in full support of upgrading the downtown library. It is time for the city to bring it up to the standards we can be proud of!

Attachments

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<https://www.saskatoon.ca/node/398/submission/350283>

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**From:** Jeremy Wawryk <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 24, 2019 9:35 AM  
**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** Form submission from: Write a Letter to Council



Submitted on Sunday, November 24, 2019 - 09:34

Submitted by anonymous user: 207.47.245.114

Submitted values are:

Date Sunday, November 24, 2019  
To His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council  
First Name Jeremy  
Last Name Wawryk  
Email [REDACTED]  
Address [REDACTED] Lansdowne Ave  
City Saskatoon  
Province Saskatchewan  
Postal Code [REDACTED]  
Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable)  
Subject New Central Library  
Meeting (if known) City Council Preliminary Business Plan and Budget  
Comments

I would like to strongly urge council to support SPL's request for a loan to facilitate the construction of a new central library. The library is an essential service and enormous asset to the citizens of Saskatoon. The city itself is not being asked to pay for the new library, but rather to simply facilitate a loan that will allow it to be constructed in a reasonable timeframe, so that we can all walk into a truly world class facility seven years from now. In addition, there will be many well-paying jobs associated with the construction, which is important with our local economy struggling somewhat recently. It is projects like these that define a city. If we build this, it will show Saskatonians and visitors that this is a city that cares about its public assets, about education and knowledge, and about being grand in our vision. The vision of our city's founders was grand, and this is an opportunity to take that vision into the future and build a public asset that will stand as a monument to our city for at least the rest of this century. Let's do this right and build something that will last!

Thank you,  
Jeremy Wawryk  
Attachments

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<https://www.saskatoon.ca/node/398/submission/350298>

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x1700-1

**From:** Franny Rawlyk <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 24, 2019 9:49 AM  
**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** Form submission from: Write a Letter to Council  
**Attachments:** saskatoons\_library.docx



Submitted on Sunday, November 24, 2019 - 09:49

Submitted by anonymous user: 108.60.185.149

Submitted values are:

Date Sunday, November 24, 2019  
To His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council  
First Name Franny  
Last Name Rawlyk  
Email [REDACTED]  
Address [REDACTED] 9th Street  
City Saskatoon  
Province Saskatchewan  
[REDACTED]  
Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable)  
Subject New Public Library  
Meeting (if known)  
Comments I am not requesting to speak.  
Attachments  
saskatoons\_library.docx

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<https://www.saskatoon.ca/node/398/submission/350301>

November 24, 2019

To Saskatoon's City Council,

I am fully in support of Saskatoon getting a new main public library and I hope that you will approve the loan the library needs. I care about public spaces and think this is a critical piece for our city's social and community health. While I cannot count the ways that I have personally used and benefitted from our libraries, I think that our central library no longer meets the needs of our community.

Growing up, I spent countless hours browsing the collections; it is where my initial love of music came from. Over the course of both of my maternity leaves, the family-related programming was so valuable to me and the other parents who craved interaction and support in that new stage of our lives. My kids and I regularly visit and leave with stacks of books. While writing my master's thesis, the library was a treasured space where I could get work done. Now, as a teacher, I bring my classes to access the services.

When my husband and I visit new cities, their main public libraries are frequently a destination. So, we have started to really see the potential that libraries can have on the social fabric of the community. There can be much more digital access and support. There can be maker spaces. There can be recording studios and rental spaces for groups. As a high school teacher, I see the value of a teen-only space. This space can be welcoming and inviting for everyone, which is especially important for our most vulnerable. These other spaces that I've seen are truly inspiring and I think that Saskatoon can and should have that as well.

Please approve the loan for a new main public library in Saskatoon. Thank you.

Franny Rawlyk

650-1  
x 1700-1

**From:** Kristina Clouthier [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 24, 2019 10:07 AM  
**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** Form submission from: Write a Letter to Council



Submitted on Sunday, November 24, 2019 - 10:06

Submitted by anonymous user: 207.47.245.114

Submitted values are:

Date Sunday, November 24, 2019  
To His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council  
First Name Kristina  
Last Name Clouthier  
Email [REDACTED]  
Address [REDACTED] Lansdowne Ave.  
City Saskatoon  
Province Saskatchewan  
Postal Code [REDACTED]  
Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable)  
Subject New Downtown Library  
Meeting (if known) City Council Preliminary Business Plan and Budget  
Comments

I am in favour of the City of Saskatoon approving the Saskatoon Public Library's request for a loan for a new downtown library. I am an avid user of the Francis Morrison library and have experienced first hand the usefulness as well as the shortcomings of the current facility. This library was not designed for our growing population. We need a larger building. It was also not designed for the internet era. I am impressed with everything the library has to offer from its resources to its public programs. It is an important and rare common space that is integral to the health and wellbeing of not just the individual, but of our community. The SPL has a plan that has been in the works for decades. I would love to see their dream for a future library come to fruition.

Attachments

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

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**From:** Yvonne Lynch <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 24, 2019 10:48 AM  
**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** Form submission from: Write a Letter to Council



Submitted on Sunday, November 24, 2019 - 10:47

Submitted by anonymous user: 70.64.91.130

Submitted values are:

Date Sunday, November 24, 2019  
To His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council  
First Name Yvonne  
Last Name Lynch  
Email [REDACTED]  
Address [REDACTED] Albany Cres  
City Saskatoon  
Province Saskatchewan  
Postal Code [REDACTED]  
Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable)  
Subject Public library-new main library  
Meeting (if known)  
Comments

To His Worship the Mayor and members of city council,  
I would like to express my opinion on the topic of the proposed new main public library. An upgrade to the main library has been needed for so many years in Saskatoon and I think the time is perfect for action on this now. I am so happy that city council is finally looking at this with some seriousness and respect. As many people have already said, the library is about more than just books. It is a place for our whole community where everyone is welcome to come and are helped in so many aspects, without having to spend a dime. I really believe that our city will directly benefit from this improvement to library services. I trust that council will continue to work hard on this matter and I thank you for all of your time and work put into this.  
Saskatoon deserves a library that is in keeping with its growth. I am likely biased because I am a former SPL employee, but I would love to see a state of the art building for the citizens, young and old, who benefit from this amazing service. I know my family is willing to have our taxes go toward this new building.

Sincerely,  
Yvonne Lynch (Legal researcher/Library technician), Dept of Justice Canada  
Attachments

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<https://www.saskatoon.ca/node/398/submission/350313>

**From:** Arthur Slade [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 24, 2019 10:57 AM  
**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** Form submission from: Write a Letter to Council



Submitted on Sunday, November 24, 2019 - 10:57

Submitted by anonymous user: 104.200.132.216

Submitted values are:

Date Sunday, November 24, 2019  
To His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council  
First Name Arthur  
Last Name Slade  
Email [REDACTED]  
Address [REDACTED] Moxon Cresc  
City Saskatoon  
Province Saskatchewan  
Postal Code [REDACTED]  
Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable)  
Subject Saskatoon Central Library  
Meeting (if known)  
Comments  
Your Worship and Members of Council,  
I am writing to support the building of the proposed Saskatoon Central Library. As someone who has grown up visiting libraries, I have found them to be one of our great sources of lifelong learning and a focal point for local community. As a writer, I was honored to be the writer in residence at the Saskatoon Public Library a few years ago and I got to see how hard the librarians work, how important the building is to the community, and, honestly, how a new building is a necessity. This is not a short-term investment—it is a wonderful chance to build a library that will last well into the future: a library that the fine people of Saskatoon deserve.  
Sincerely,  
Arthur Slade  
Attachments

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<https://www.saskatoon.ca/node/398/submission/350316>



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**From:** Tim Yaworski [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 24, 2019 12:23 PM  
**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** Form submission from: Write a Letter to Council



Submitted on Sunday, November 24, 2019 - 12:22

Submitted by anonymous user: 207.228.78.212

Submitted values are:

Date Sunday, November 24, 2019  
To His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council  
First Name Tim  
Last Name Yaworski  
Email [REDACTED]  
Address [REDACTED] Clare Cres  
City Saskatoon  
Province Saskatchewan  
Postal Code [REDACTED]  
Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable)  
Subject Downtown Library  
Meeting (if known)  
Comments  
I wholeheartedly support the construction of a new main library branch. A new state of the art centre piece is essential for the future growth and development of our city. Thanks for the opportunity to weigh in.  
Attachments

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<https://www.saskatoon.ca/node/398/submission/350319>

**From:** Ena Bonny-Baker [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 24, 2019 12:58 PM  
**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** Form submission from: Write a Letter to Council  
**Attachments:** libraryletter.docx



Submitted on Sunday, November 24, 2019 - 12:58

Submitted by anonymous user: 142.165.218.118

Submitted values are:

Date Sunday, November 24, 2019  
To His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council  
First Name Ena  
Last Name Bonny-Baker  
Email [REDACTED]  
Address [REDACTED] 32nd Street West  
City Saskatoon  
Province Saskatchewan  
Postal Code [REDACTED]  
Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable) Youth of Saskatoon  
Subject Library Development  
Meeting (if known)  
Comments  
Sunday, November 24, 2019

Dear City Councilors,

My name is Ena Bonny-Baker and I am [REDACTED] old and a person who uses libraries a lot. It has been this way since I was very young. When I was little my [REDACTED] [REDACTED] If she'd had to buy me books, I wouldn't have had very many. But, because of the library, I always have something to read. When I was really little the librarian even let us take some box-sets of readers home before they were even in the catalogue.

Librarians care about the people who come to their libraries. At our library the librarians are always helping people find books (especially after you read some and they know what you like), letting people use the phone, and the computers when they're free. These days at school lots of kids have homework they have to do on computers. Imagine if you didn't have a computer, the library would be the only way.

There is fun events sometimes, but mostly I find libraries really useful because, considering that I read one book a day, it is always good to be able to exchange books for free.

I live on [REDACTED] Street West and my library is Mayfair. There is a lot of really good books there, even though it is the smallest in town. I often ask to get them sent to me also. I never use the computers there because they are literally always busy. I know what it is like to have a library that is too small.

I think that having a bigger library with more space for computers, studying, and of course books would be useful for not only me but also for the other prolific readers of Saskatoon. Having those things for free is the only way to be fair, especially for kids who don't have much control over their parents' income.

Please take this into consideration with your decisions for the future of our City and her libraries. I want a really big, really good one.

Sincerely,

Ena Bonny-Baker  
Attachments  
[libraryletter.docx](#)

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<https://www.saskatoon.ca/node/398/submission/350320>

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**From:** Jane Deneer <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 24, 2019 4:55 PM  
**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** Form submission from: Write a Letter to Council



Submitted on Sunday, November 24, 2019 - 16:54

Submitted by anonymous user: 174.2.13.91

Submitted values are:

Date Sunday, November 24, 2019  
To His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council  
First Name Jane  
Last Name Deneer  
Email [REDACTED]  
Address [REDACTED] 10th ST E  
City Saskatoon  
Province Saskatchewan  
Postal Code [REDACTED]  
Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable)  
Subject Saskatoon is long overdue for a new Central Library  
Meeting (if known)  
Comments

The citizens of Saskatoon are great supporters of the public library system, and it is time that the city listens. The library board should be congratulated for developing a plan that is looking to the future growth and needs of this city. The proposed budget has a generous contingency and is calculated in 2026 dollars. The financial facts of this project need to be emphasized more strongly. The Library will be paying for this construction, and the miniscule increase of \$5 per year in taxes is less than two cents a day! Give the board support, and let them move forward in the development of a design for this much needed project.

I am a strong believer in libraries, they are the site of free speech, equality, learning and opportunity, and are available to everyone regardless of their situation. Saskatoon needs a facility that is available to all citizens. Please step up and support this proposal, we can not wait any longer. Saskatoon needs a new central library, and counsellors who have a vision for the future of our city.

Attachments

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<https://www.saskatoon.ca/node/398/submission/350335>

**From:** Pamela Woodsworth <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 24, 2019 6:52 PM  
**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** Form submission from: Write a Letter to Council  
**Attachments:** central\_library.docx



Submitted on Sunday, November 24, 2019 - 18:51

Submitted by anonymous user: 71.17.133.234

Submitted values are:

Date Sunday, November 24, 2019

To His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

First Name Pamela

Last Name Woodsworth

Email [REDACTED]

Address [REDACTED] Adilman Drive

City Saskatoon

Province Saskatchewan

Postal Code [REDACTED]

Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable) Mrs.

Subject New Central Library

Meeting (if known) City Council meeting scheduled for Monday, November 25, 2019

Comments

I am asking that my letter be accepted and considered in support of the New Central Library proposal. I am not requesting to speak with Council.

Attachments

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The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<https://www.saskatoon.ca/node/398/submission/350341>

██████████ Adilman Drive  
Saskatoon, SK ██████████  
November 24, 2019

Saskatoon City Hall  
222 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue North  
Saskatoon, SK S7K 0J5

TO: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

**I am writing to express full support for the borrowing of \$87.5M to make the New Central Library project a reality for our city.**

Now retired, I worked for many years managing a home-based early childhood development program for families living with poverty, poor housing, lack of education and opportunities, addictions, family violence, discrimination, and illiteracy. The library is important to these families who struggle to provide enriching opportunities to their young children that are affordable and accessible. A large body of academic research has informed us on the importance of life's early experiences in shaping who we become as adults and how we view our capacity to make meaningful contributions that might support our individual well-being and that of our community.

A new Central Library could better provide space and programming for everyone, independent of means, supporting our collective work in ensuring our city is a place of education, opportunity, resilience, reconciliation, innovation and hope. The proposed New Central Library is an exciting project and will be an investment for our city's future generations of thinkers and leaders.

Sincerely,



Pamela Woodsworth

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**From:** Erin Wolfson <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 24, 2019 8:27 PM  
**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** Form submission from: Write a Letter to Council



Submitted on Sunday, November 24, 2019 - 20:26

Submitted by anonymous user: 216.197.173.238

Submitted values are:

Date Sunday, November 24, 2019  
To His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council  
First Name Erin  
Last Name Wolfson  
Email [REDACTED]  
Address [REDACTED] 6th St E  
City Saskatoon  
Province Saskatchewan  
Postal Code [REDACTED]  
Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable)  
Subject New Central Library  
Meeting (if known)  
Comments

I am writing today to express my full support for the New Central Library project and support borrowing 87.5 M to make this come to life. Libraries are essential public spaces and key community gathering points. They play a fundamental role as an educational institution and are important cornerstones of a healthy community, and city. Not only do they offer free educational resources to everyone, provide a safe refuge for the most underserved populations, play an important role in English language learning for newcomers, but they make communities - and our city - healthier.

I hope that members of City Council support this initiative because investing in libraries is investing in future generations.

Attachments

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<https://www.saskatoon.ca/node/398/submission/350355>

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**From:** Patrick Chassé <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 24, 2019 8:40 PM  
**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** Form submission from: Write a Letter to Council



Submitted on Sunday, November 24, 2019 - 20:39

Submitted by anonymous user: 216.197.173.238

Submitted values are:

Date Sunday, November 24, 2019  
To His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council  
First Name Patrick  
Last Name Chassé  
Email [REDACTED]  
Address [REDACTED] 6th Street East  
City Saskatoon  
Province Saskatchewan  
Postal Code [REDACTED]  
Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable)  
Subject New Central Library  
Meeting (if known)  
Comments

I'm writing to express my strong support for a new central library for Saskatoon. Our children love the staff and programs at the Frances Morrison library, but the facilities are cramped and need to be updated. A library is an investment in the wider community, an accessible space where families can share the wonder of reading with their kids. Please think of the future and support the construction of a new central library for Saskatoon.

Sincerely,  
Patrick Chassé  
Attachments

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<https://www.saskatoon.ca/node/398/submission/350356>



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**From:** Carmody Hallamore <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 24, 2019 10:30 PM  
**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** Form submission from: Write a Letter to Council



Submitted on Sunday, November 24, 2019 - 22:29

Submitted by anonymous user: 174.2.30.43

Submitted values are:

Date Sunday, November 24, 2019

To His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

First Name Carmody

Last Name Hallamore

Email [REDACTED]

Address [REDACTED] Taylor Street E

City Saskatoon

Province Saskatchewan

Postal Code [REDACTED]

Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable)

Subject Support for a new downtown library

Meeting (if known)

Comments

I am writing a general letter of support for a new library building in downtown Saskatoon. I believe this will be a much needed improvement to the current facility.

Attachments

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<https://www.saskatoon.ca/node/398/submission/350367>

650-1  
x1700-1

**From:** Christina Sitkowski <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 24, 2019 10:56 PM  
**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** Form submission from: Write a Letter to Council



Submitted on Sunday, November 24, 2019 - 22:55

Submitted by anonymous user: 68.69.208.110

Submitted values are:

Date Sunday, November 24, 2019

To His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

First Name Christina

Last Name Sitkowski

Email [REDACTED]

Address [REDACTED] Brighton Common

City Saskatoon

Province Saskatchewan

Postal Code [REDACTED]

Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable) Saskatoon Chapter of Canada Learning Code

Subject Support for New Central Library

Meeting (if known) City Council Agenda - Preliminary Business Plan and Budget

Comments

Since 1966, so many members of our community have relied on the Frances Morrison Central Library to provide them with free access to information. The way we receive information has changed a lot since then, which is why I strongly believe that a new modernized library in the downtown area is a necessity. The nature of work has changed too. Fundamental digital skills are required for so many of the jobs that currently exist as well as those that will be created in the future.

I have volunteered as the Saskatoon Chapter Lead for a national charitable organization called Canada Learning Code for almost four years. At Canada Learning Code, we believe that digital skills are tools of empowerment and that all Canadians should have access to the knowledge they require to thrive in our increasingly digital world.

Saskatoon's Central Library should be a place where everyone, despite age, ability, or socioeconomic status, can go to access to power outlets, computers, the internet, and programs that promote digital literacy. Opportunities to develop fundamental digital skills and access to information online should not just be available to those who are privileged enough to be able to afford computers, phones, and Wi-Fi.

I give my wholehearted support to the development of a modern library in downtown Saskatoon, and I hope that the city will recognize that this project would not just be an investment in a safer, more accessible space for offering the kinds of services that the current downtown library offers. It would be an investment in those members of our community that might not otherwise have the opportunity to learn critical 21st-century skills, and we'll need them to if we are to make any progress in bridging the digital divide in our city.

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**From:** Cynthia Dyck [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 24, 2019 11:18 PM  
**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** Form submission from: Write a Letter to Council



Submitted on Sunday, November 24, 2019 - 23:18

Submitted by anonymous user: 216.197.221.5

Submitted values are:

Date Sunday, November 24, 2019

To His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

First Name Cynthia

Last Name Dyck

Email [REDACTED]

Address [REDACTED] 26th Street west

City Saskatoon

Province Saskatchewan

Postal Code [REDACTED]

Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable)

Subject New Downtown Library

Meeting (if known)

Comments

Please please work to make the downtown library as comprehensive as possible. Libraries are essential to the health of a city and much more than books. They can keep serving education and community development in many ways. Do not be short sighted and think that flexible, usable, open community spaces are an extra. We need places to gather and remain cohesive as a community. Those spaces will become more and more valuable as time goes on. Build them now! We will never regret it.

Attachments

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<https://www.saskatoon.ca/node/398/submission/350372>

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**From:** Kent Allen [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 24, 2019 11:23 PM  
**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** Form submission from: Write a Letter to Council



Submitted on Sunday, November 24, 2019 - 23:22

Submitted by anonymous user: 142.165.171.112

Submitted values are:

Date Sunday, November 24, 2019

To His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

First Name Kent

Last Name Allen

Email [REDACTED]

Address [REDACTED] Elm Street

City Saskatoon

Province Saskatchewan

Postal [REDACTED]

Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable)

Subject New Downtown Library

Meeting (if known) 2020/2021 Multi-Year Preliminary Corporate Business Plan and Budget

Comments

To His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council,

I am writing to express my support for the proposed new downtown library. The planning process has been very thorough. The services provided by the main library are invaluable for the entire community. If Saskatoon has any real aspiration for growth and progress the library will serve as lynchpin for such development.

Sincerely,  
Kent Allen  
Attachments

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<https://www.saskatoon.ca/node/398/submission/350373>

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**From:** Johannes Lindenbaum [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 25, 2019 6:29 AM  
**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** Form submission from: Write a Letter to Council



Submitted on Monday, November 25, 2019 - 06:28

Submitted by anonymous user: 71.17.105.140

Submitted values are:

Date Monday, November 25, 2019

To His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

First Name Johannes

Last Name Lindenbaum

Email [REDACTED]

Address [REDACTED] 23rd St. East

City Saskatoon

Province Saskatchewan  
[REDACTED]

Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable)

Subject Downtown Development

Meeting (if known) Agenda Item 6.4

Comments

Regarding the development of a library and eventual entertainment district.

As two professionals living and working downtown, my partner Brooke and I are strongly in favour of development of any kind that created a more vibrant downtown.

Strong architectural features of public buildings create atmosphere and excitement that draws citizens and businesses to our core. It can attract newcomers to the city to work and build their future here.

Libraries play an important part in any community. And a new library with more space for events and programming can only be seen as a positive development for our downtown.

Kind Regards,  
Brooke Trippel & Johannes Lindenbaum  
Attachments

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<https://www.saskatoon.ca/node/398/submission/350387>

650-1  
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**From:** Joelle Schaefer <Schaefer.joelle@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 25, 2019 6:35 AM  
**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** Form submission from: Write a Letter to Council



Submitted on Monday, November 25, 2019 - 06:34

Submitted by anonymous user: 216.197.220.219

Submitted values are:

Date Monday, November 25, 2019

To His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

First Name Joelle

Last Name Schaefer

Email [REDACTED]

Address [REDACTED] Avenue I North

City Saskatoon

Province Saskatchewan

Postal Code [REDACTED]

Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable)

Subject Support for New Central Library

Meeting (if known)

Comments

I am contacting you to express my absolute support for a new central library in our city. This development would mean a safe, welcoming, inclusive space in our city that could better meet the needs of our city. This is a crucial step in moving forward the collective well-being of our community and all its members.

I encourage you to vote in favour today (November 25th) of the loan needed to develop and build the proposed central library in Saskatoon.

Sincerely,  
Joelle Schaefer  
Attachments

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<https://www.saskatoon.ca/node/398/submission/350389>

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**From:** Yvette Nolan [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 25, 2019 6:52 AM  
**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** Form submission from: Write a Letter to Council



Submitted on Monday, November 25, 2019 - 06:51

Submitted by anonymous user: 70.64.40.74

Submitted values are:

Date Monday, November 25, 2019  
To His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council  
First Name Yvette  
Last Name Nolan  
Email [REDACTED]  
Address [REDACTED] Weyakwin Drive  
City Saskatoon  
Province Saskatchewan  
Postal Code [REDACTED]  
Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable)  
Subject New downtown Library  
Meeting (if known) Budget  
Comments  
Friends.

I came here from Toronto to serve as the Saskatoon Public Library's writer in residence in 2011, and stayed. Both the program and the facility itself was oversubscribed at that point - almost nine years ago. The library serves a community like very few other facilities, has more impact on the wellbeing of its citizens than a bridge, or a stadium. It is far more accessible to the people than a world class museum. And while I understand the economic desire to bundle it with a high rise or a convention centre, a library cannot be bound by other values, commercial enterprises, or exclusionary ideas of security. The library has its own set of values that are quite distinct and cannot, must not be compromised by serving someone else's agenda. (Take a look at the movie The Public sometime).

154 million is a lot, yes, but it is an investment not just in bricks and mortar, but in the people of this city, those who are here and those who are yet to arrive. Please vote yes.

Attachments

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**From:** Audra Krueger [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 25, 2019 7:17 AM  
**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** Form submission from: Write a Letter to Council  
**Attachments:** library\_support\_letter.docx



Submitted on Monday, November 25, 2019 - 07:17

Submitted by anonymous user: 142.165.218.9

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Date Monday, November 25, 2019  
To His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council  
First Name Audra  
Last Name Krueger  
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Address [REDACTED] Shannon Cres  
City Saskatoon  
Province Saskatchewan  
Postal Code [REDACTED]  
Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable)  
Subject New Public Library (downtown)  
Meeting (if known)  
Comments  
Please see my letter attached:

- I am writing to express full support for the New Central Library project and support borrowing 87.5 M to make this a reality
- the library is important to me/to the community
- a new central library is long overdue and will benefit the city
- we have, as a city, been discussing this for 2 decades and saving for it for the past 10 years
- this is an investment for 50 years and in future generations of thinkers and leaders
- space for everyone independent of means

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Audra Krueger  
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November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019

**His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council**

I am writing to express full support for the New Central Library project and support borrowing 87.5 M to make this a reality.

The library has been an important place for me and my family my entire life. When I was young it gave me access to new ideas and the places I dreamed of visiting without having to spend a dime. It shaped my career path and encouraged me to attend university and to become a community minded citizen. The library played a critical role in my early cultural, intellectual exploration and this value needs to be understood by city council.

Now that I have my own children the library continues to be a regular part of our lives and I'm happy to see that the library is often on the cutting edge of important social discussions and technology.

The library is an investment in Saskatoon's citizens, and it is long overdue.

Regards,

Audra Krueger

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**From:** Dan Matthews <Matthewd@uregina.ca>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 25, 2019 9:59 AM  
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Last Name Matthews

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Province Saskatchewan

Postal Code [REDACTED]

Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable) N/A

Subject New Central Library

Meeting (if known) Budget

Comments

Hello.

I am writing to express support for the New Central Library as proposed by the board and their borrowing 87.5M through the city to do build the new facility.

If we can support something as inaccessible as an art gallery, I feel the risk and the \$5 dollars of taxes are well worth the return we'll see from a facility like this, which is built on the premise of accessibility and self-help. As someone who grew up poor in rural Saskatchewan, the promise of the library was tremendous, and it played a major role in my eventually completing multiple degrees, being an active community member, owning a home, and becoming a life long learner. Without the library, things may have turned out quite differently.

As a fiscal conservative, I generally have serious reservations in the face of a tax increase. But I know few groups of people as fastidious and frugal as librarians, and I know every dime spent on this building will return on its investment many times over.

I feel this investment is long overdue and a great deal less of a tax suck than the new art gallery - the library has been saving for it for 10 years already! Please do what's right and provide SPL leadership the opportunity to invest in this facility and in future thinkers and doers in this city and province. We'll all be better off for it.

Thank you.

Warm regards,

Dan Matthews

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