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Mayor Barbara Desjardins
Township of Esquimalt
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Re: Proposal for Relocation of GVPL's Esquimalt Branch

Dear Mayor Desjardins,

Thank you for your letter of March 21st, regarding the Township's proposal to relocate the Esquimalt Community Branch Library to an expanded space within the new Esquimalt Village Project development.

This is indeed an exciting opportunity, and I was happy to bring your letter forward as a late agenda addition at the March 22nd meeting of the Library Board. The Board was very pleased with the efforts of the Township of Esquimalt to include the library in the development – and even more pleased with the care you have taken to incorporate the Library Facilities Plan. Esquimalt's approach to partnership from the very beginning is greatly appreciated, as it will help ensure the very best of library design and integration.

We have every confidence that the Village Project will be a fantastic and energetic development, and are thrilled to see a relocated Esquimalt Branch as an integral part of it.

As a result of our discussions, the Board approved the following motion:

That the Board support the relocation of the Esquimalt Branch to a 10,000 sf facility in the Esquimalt Village Project development as proposed by the Municipality's conceptual plan, with the understanding that operating costs are considered and the relocation will meet the existing and future needs of the community.

We look forward to working with Council and staff as the project moves forward, and congratulate you on this significant community development initiative.

Sincerely,

Kevin Murdoch
Chair, Greater Victoria Public Library Board

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