



INFORMATION ONLY COUNCIL REPORT

To: Paul Gipps, CAO

Date: September 7, 2021

From: Kari O'Rourke, Communications and
Engagement Manager

Subject: **City Hall/Library Building Preliminary Design Consultation Summary and
Launch of Detailed Design Consultation Phase**

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide Council and the community with an update regarding the next steps in the City Hall Project that includes:

- 1) A summary of the first round of public consultation for the City Hall/Library Building (Preliminary Design phase); and
- 2) An outline to launch the second round of public consultation (Detailed Design phase) scheduled to occur from September 20 through October 3, 2021. Input from Council will continue to be incorporated as staff and the Okanagan Regional Library work together to provide meaningful engagement opportunities across the Greater Westside.

STRATEGIC AREA(S) OF FOCUS

Invest in Infrastructure

Strengthen Our Community

BACKGROUND

Along with the monthly technical project updates provided to Council and the community, the City Hall/Library Building Preliminary Design Consultation Summary Report (Attachment 1) provides a high-level summary of the consultation process and feedback. The detailed comments and participation analytics report is also available to the public on the project webpage at ourwk.ca/cityhallproject.

As outlined in the June 8 Report to Council, the City and the Okanagan Regional Library (ORL) implemented the first of two rounds of public consultation inform and seek feedback into the design of the City Hall/Library Building.

Notwithstanding the community-wide consultation program, staff together with the ORL also continue to collaborate with Westbank First Nation as a community partner to identify opportunities to include Indigenous art, language and culture elements. Further, opportunities to seek input for public art elements continue to be included in the public consultation process. The outcome of both rounds of public consultation, along with Westbank First Nation consultations, would identify design elements for consideration within the site and the building factoring in the financial feasibility of the proposed elements.

In previous updates to Council and the community, staff outlined two phases of public consultation for the project:

- Preliminary Design: June 14 – July 4, 2021 (completed)
Preliminary Design Consultation Summary Report Attached
- **Detailed Design: September 20 through October 3, 2021** (we are here)

Detailed Design Consultation Phase

As referenced in the monthly updates to Council and the community, the project team has moved from the Preliminary Design of the site and building to the Detailed Design phase. This report and the presentation to Council at the September 7 regular Council meeting highlights key themes of what we heard during the Preliminary Design phase that guides the Detailed Design. The City and ORL design and construction teams have received this public feedback for consideration into the project as each phase proceeds. Once the Detailed Design phase is completed, the City and ORL will report out on what we heard from the Detailed Design consultation and how it helps to inform the final design.

City staff together with the ORL have included an at-a-glance summary of the Preliminary Design consultation phase, along with samples of printed materials and a sample of the 'save the date' digital advertising that would begin subject to input from Council at the September 7 regular Council meeting (Attachment 2). This look-ahead provides the community with the program of when and how they can be involved in this second round of consultation. Staff will continue to conduct safe, small in-person engagement and remain flexible with the changing COVID-19 protocols.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Initiatives included in this report are included in the project budget.

REVIEWED BY

Sandy Webster, Director of Corporate Initiatives

APPROVED FOR THE AGENDA BY

Paul Gipps, CAO

Powerpoint: Yes No

Attachments:

- 1) City Hall/Library Building Preliminary Design Consultation Summary Report (Aug 2021)
- 2) At-a-Glance Summary and 'Save The Date' Digital Advertising and Print Samples for the Detailed Design Consultation Phase