



ENRICHING OUR COMMUNITY, EXPANDING OUR WORLD.

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Dear Peaks Island community members,

It is my pleasure to update you on the proposed joint renovation of our Peaks Island Branch and the community room. All of us at the Library have been thrilled at the level of interest and excitement this project has continued to generate. From the very first community forum about a renovation in April 2013, it has been clear that a renovated, reimagined space offers so many exciting possibilities for the Peaks community.

As you know, a talented, energetic committee of 24 Peaks Island community members has been working diligently through the summer to gather support for the Library renovation through the New Vision Campaign. I am delighted to report that 234 households participated in this pledge campaign, reaching a total of \$201,498 in commitments – far beyond the goal we hoped to reach by September 30. We are so grateful to everyone who has participated to date; this is a remarkable accomplishment and a tremendous endorsement of the project and its aims. The entire committee has been tireless in their efforts to involve as many members of the Peaks community as possible, and I particularly thank campaign leaders Bill and Patty Zimmerman, Monica Stevenson, and Phyllis MacIsaac for the energy they have brought to this endeavor.

We are also pleased that more than 480 individuals have provided signatures of support for the proposed renovation. We know this broad level of island support for the proposed renovation – along with the strong participation in the New Vision Campaign – puts the Library in an extremely strong position as we prepare to request funding from the City through the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) process. We are finalizing our advocacy timeline, and we look forward to continuing to collaborate with all of you and with our partners at the Recreation Division to champion this project throughout the City's funding process.

So many of you have described the Library as the “heart of Peaks Island,” and we believe that this proposed renovation will ensure that this space can serve the Peaks community far into the future. I look forward to updating you throughout the fall, but please do not hesitate to contact me if there are any questions I can answer.

Sincerely,

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