

**PRESENTATION TO REGINA PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD**  
**FOR SEPT. 27, 2022 MEETING**

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Please find attached the presentation I would like to make to the next Board Meeting.

**Presentation of Jim Holmes**

Thank you for the opportunity to respond.

The Needs Assessment and Project Plan (NAPP) raises more questions than it answers.

Although the Report is dated March 2020, the Board did not present it to the public until September 2022. We were then given 4 days to prepare a response.

Two facts I discern from the report. The report gives 60 years as the life expectancy of the new building, coincidentally is the age of the current building.

Using this criterion, we can expect a veritable demolition and building boom. The Saskatchewan Power building will require demolition next year; the Courthouse is a year overdue. Not to mention the scandalous existence of the old Land Titles Building, Casino Regina, the Old Post office, the new Post Office, the Hotel Saskatchewan, the Federal Building, the Royal Saskatchewan Museum, the old Assinboia Club (Crave) The Classroom and Lab buildings at the University of Regina have two years left, the Library, five years. Curiously the consultants claimed there was no suitable land available. If we were to follow their building life expectancy, Regina would be an almost blank canvas.

Others have pointed out the ecological value of preserving existing buildings. I would like to echo that the existing Central Library is an iconic building overlooking Victoria Park. There is existing space for an addition to the west and the adjacent City Hall parkade is an eyesore which could and should be buried, opening up more space that could welcome the public.

Using a little imagination we can preserve and incorporate the central library into a renovated 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Both Winnipeg and Moose Jaw retained their old libraries with modern additional space.

I also note the report says the new building will employ 134 (p. 6) fulltime equivalents. It also notes the current complement is 175 FTE (p.16) . It is projected the population to be served will increase by 30% in the next 25 years. (p.23). Is the price of a new building vastly reduced service?