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Coming Soon! A BIGGER, BETTER Ridgefield Community Library

A new Ridgefield Community Library, expanded at its existing location, is on its way, thanks to a generous donation from the Ridgefield Community Center (RCC), and the support of Fort Vancouver Regional Library District Foundation, Friends of Ridgefield Community Library and City of Ridgefield.

Here is an update on what is happening to help bring the Bigger, Better Ridgefield Community Library to life:

- There is a verbal agreement between FVRLibraries and the RCC association to transfer the building and land for the purpose of expanding the library. Both parties are working on a written agreement that should take about 60 days to finalize (sometime in September 2018). FVRLibraries is completing additional due diligence, such as an appraisal on the property, and is working with the FVRL Foundation on the property acquisition. The RCC board asked FVRLibraries to incorporate the donor bricks (that are currently in the community center) into the new library facility and to keep a repository of historic items within the building. FVRLibraries has agreed to the request.
- Once the property has been transferred, FVRLibraries will engage an architect to start the design process to convert the existing building into a library space, possibly adding 2-3,000 sq. ft. to the east side of the building. This process will include public meetings to receive public comment on the look and feel of the new library, and an estimated cost for completion.
- Current users of the community center may continue to use the meeting spaces until early 2019. The City plans to relocate its Council Chambers to the View Ridge Middle School in January. FVRLibraries will take over maintenance, insurance and utility costs for the building at that time.
- The City plans to raze the public works building on the corner of Mill and 3rd to create parking for the new library. The city plans to relocate staff from Mill and 3rd early in 2019.
- Library construction will likely begin during the summer of 2019 if the remaining funding gap can be closed. FVRLibraries currently estimates that between \$800,000 and \$1.2M will be needed to fully expand and furnish the library. The library will likely relocate for several months to allow for remodeling and construction.
- The estimated completion date for the new library is early 2020.

How you can help:

- **Attend fundraisers:** Check the events calendar for opportunities: <https://www.fvrl.org/>
- **Volunteer your time and effort:** Join or support the Friends of Ridgefield Community Library and help with fundraisers and library promotion. <https://folridgefieldwa.com/>
- **Donate funds:** Fort Vancouver Regional Library Foundation gratefully accepts gifts of any size towards the building project. <http://www.fvrlfoundation.org/>

Visit <http://www.fvrl.org/ImagineRidgefield> for updated information about the new library location.