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Ottawa Central Library: An Iconic Destination in the Nation's Capital
OPL Board Meeting - January 31, 2017

Slide 2: Services, Spaces, Success

- Libraries matter
 - Books, technology, programs, services
- IMAGINE (2013)
 - community hub
 - Physical space matters
- Provincial study (2014)
 - Public libraries are highly valued and respected
- OPL Economic Benefit Study
 - For \$1 invested = \$5.17 benefits

Slide 3: Services

Image 1: Alan Doyle of Great Big Sea

Image 2: Student utilizing the maker space

Image 3: Teen Tech Video Awards

Slide 4: Spaces

Image: Exterior view of Main Library at 120 Metcalfe Street

Slide 5: Background

- 2012 - 2014: Renovation options explored
- 2015: New Build, Central Area, 132,000 gross square feet, 4 stage procurement

Image: Map of the Ottawa Central Area, as per the City of Ottawa's Official Plan

Slide 6: Today's Libraries

- Open and welcoming
- Bright and light
- Service visibility, access, and transparency
- Self-service
- Intuitive design enabling independent use
- Flexible spaces
- Content supporting collaboration and creation
- Community hubs



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Slide 7: OPL's Library of the Future

Image: Exterior view of the Ottawa Public Library's Beaverbrook Branch, which re-opened in 2014 after a \$10 million renovation to expand the facility.

Slide 8: Central Libraries are transforming societies and cities

Slide 9: Halifax Central Library

Image: Exterior view of the Halifax Central Library

Slide 10: Calgary Central Library

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Slide 11: Vancouver Central Library

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Slide 12: La Grande Bibliothèque de Montréal

Image: Exterior view of « La Grande Bibliothèque de Montréal »

Slide 13: Dokk1, Aarhus, Denmark

Image: Exterior view of the Dokk1, Aarhus, Denmark Central Library

Slide 14: New Public Deichmanske Library (Oslo)

Image: Exterior view of the new Public Deichmanske Library, Oslo

Slide 15: OODI – Helsinki's New Central Library

Image: Exterior view of the Helsinki New Central Library

Slide 16: Ottawa Central Library Vision

- Create a modern, iconic Central Library that:
 - Serves Ottawa, Ottawa Public Library system and local community
 - Responds to technology, increasing and evolving customer expectations, changing demographics
 - Contributes to Ottawa's transformation into a world city

Slide 17: Joint Vision

- Collaboration with Library and Archives Canada creates a national institution
- Shared values:
 - Intellectual Freedom
 - Access to information
- Iconic and meaningful destination in our nation's capital



Slide 18: Ottawa's Planning Context

John Smit
Manager, Planning Policy and
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Slide 19: Planning Policy Directions and Emerging West Central Area

Slide 20: Official Plan Land Use Schedule

Image: Map of Official Plan Land Use Schedule 8 Urban Policy Plan with Central Library icon at proposed site location (557 Wellington Street)

Slide 21: Official Plan Central Area

Image: Map of Official Plan Central Area with Central Library icon at proposed site location (557 Wellington Street)

Slide 22: Central Area Character Areas

Image: Map of Central Area Character Areas and Theme Streets with shading to show Character Area, Theme Street, Body of Water, Railway, Central Business District, Central Area Boundary, and City Boundary, with Central Library icon at proposed site location (557 Wellington Street)

Slide 23: Downtown Ottawa Urban Design Strategy – West Precinct

Image: Map of Downtown Ottawa Urban Design Strategy – West Precinct comprised of the upper quarter (Cathedral Hill area) and lower quarter (LeBreton Flats), with Central Library icon at proposed site location (557 Wellington Street)

Slide 24: Escarpment District Plan

Image: Map of Future view from the new LeBreton Flats Community towards Central Park and Upper Town - Ottawa Escarpment Area District Plan with Central Library icon at , proposed site location (557 Wellington Street)

Slide 25: LeBreton Flats Land Use Schedule

Image: Map of Official Plan Schedule Q - LeBreton Flats Land Use Schedule with shading identifying the different Land Uses, and with Central Library icon at proposed site location (557 Wellington Street)

Slide 26: Emerging Western Central Area

Image: Map of Emerging Western Central Area with Central Library icon at proposed site location (557 Wellington Street)



Slide 27: System Connections

Image: Map showing intersections in the vicinity of the recommended site (557 Wellington Street)

Slide 28: National/Civic Symbols - Central Area Waterway Park Ring

Image: Map of National/Civic Symbols – Central Area Waterway Park Ring with Central Library icon at proposed site location (557 Wellington Street)

Slide 29: Key Recommendations

- Partnership with Library and Archives Canada
- Site
- Project Delivery Method
- Estimated Project Costs and Funding Strategy

Slide 30: Joint Facility with Library and Archives Canada

- A richer customer experience
- Unique and unprecedented spaces and services
 - One of a kind in Canada: a civic and national landmark
- Joint offerings (genealogy; exhibition; research)

Slide 31: Spaces and Services

- Size
 - 216,000 gross square feet total
 - 133,000 gross square feet for Ottawa Central Library
- 21 functional components
 - Shared spaces
 - Ottawa Central Library spaces
 - Library and Archives Canada spaces

Slide 32: Site Selection

- Most robust process in Canada
- External experts & Fairness Commissioner
- Comprehensive:
 - Best practices, City policies, and legislation
 - Public consultation
 - Board-approved process



Slide 33: Background Information - Site Evaluation

- Site Characteristics
- Accessibility
- Zoning
- Proximity
- City development policies and plans

Slide 34: 557 Wellington: The best site

- First in both stages of evaluation
- Best value for taxpayers
- Fully accessible by foot, bike, wheel, transit, and car
- On Albert St.; 54 meters from Bronson Ave.
- Steps from Pimisi and Lyon transit stops

The Ottawa Central Library will be a major contributor to transforming Ottawa, making it more vibrant, prosperous and liveable.

Slide 35

Image: Aerial view over the proposed site (557 Wellington Street at the corner of Albert Street and Commissioner Street) showing the views of the protected views and greenspace between the Claridge Towers to the West and the Julianna Towers to the East

Slide 36: Procurement / Project Delivery

- Importance of design control
- Design-Bid-Build
 - Project Owner engages design team
 - Design development
 - Public input
 - Tendering of final design to open market

Slide 37: Estimated Project Cost

- \$168 million
 - Library/City share \$99 million
 - Library and Archives Canada share \$69 million
- Ottawa Public Library annual operating and maintenance costs of approx. \$1.8 million



Slide 38: Additional Recommendations

- Parking
- Land Assignment and Disposal of Assets
- Relationship Agreement
- Funding Strategy

Slide 39: Public Engagement

2015

- 1,500 opinions on what is important in the development of a new Ottawa Central Library

2016

- More than 2,500 responses received on location
- 121 responses received on spaces and services

2017

- 99 comments received

Slide 40: Views on the proposed - Ottawa Central Library

Nik Nanos, Chairman, Nanos Research

Slide 41: Views on proposed - Ottawa Central Library

- Objective: To examine views of residents on the key recommendations in the Ottawa Public Library Board Report
- Methodology: Random hybrid (telephone/online) survey of 1,000 residents of Ottawa accurate ± 3.1 percentage points, 19 times out of 20 conducted between January 10-17, 2017

Slide 42: Shared services with LAC

- Nearly nine in ten Ottawa residents would prefer a joint facility with the Ottawa Central Library and Library and Archives Canada

Slide 43: Joint Facility with LAC

QUESTION – Library and Archives Canada is a federal institution responsible for acquiring, preserving and making Canada's documentary heritage accessible. As you may have heard, Library and Archives Canada is interested in co-locating with the new Ottawa Central Library. This would result in shared costs for a joint building that would host both the Ottawa Central Library and Library and Archives Canada together. Given the choice would you prefer that the City of Ottawa (ROTATE)



Slide 44: Joint Facility with LAC

Table with three columns:

Column 1:

88%: Build a joint facility **WITH** the Ottawa Central Library and Library and Archives Canada and save \$12.8 million to City of Ottawa taxpayers

Column 2:

6%: Build a stand alone Ottawa Central Library **WITHOUT** Library and Archives Canada at an extra cost of \$12.8 million to City of Ottawa taxpayers

Column 3:

7%: Unsure

Slide 45: Joint Facility with Library and Archives Canada

- The overwhelming majority of Ottawa residents support or somewhat support the Ottawa Public Library working with Library and Archives Canada to offer shared services in a joint facility

Slide 46: Shared Services with LAC

QUESTION – The recommended Ottawa Central Library – Library and Archives Canada Joint Facility would have shared spaces for library programs and activities, including, meeting and event spaces, as well as offering unique spaces such as an exhibition gallery and a genealogy center. Sixty one per cent of the overall joint facility would be for the Ottawa Central Library and 39 per cent of the space would be for Library and Archives Canada. Would you support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose or oppose the Ottawa Public Library working with Library and Archives Canada to offer these shared services in a new joint facility in central Ottawa?

Slide 47: Shared Services with Library and Archives Canada

Table with five columns:

Column 1:

80%: Support

Column 2:

13%: Somewhat Support

Column 3:

2%: Somewhat Oppose

Column 4:

3%: Oppose

Column 5:

3%: Unsure



Slide 48: Proposed library location

QUESTION – The Ottawa Public Library Board will receive a recommendation to locate the new Ottawa Central Library at 557 Wellington Street, at the corner of Albert and Commissioner, 50 meters west of Bronson Avenue on a site owned by the City of Ottawa (Site R on the map below). This recommended location is 290 metres from the new Pimisi Light Rail Transit Station. A number of locations were considered. The map below shows the recommended Site R along with two possible alternatives – P which is west of the recommended site and S which is east of the recommended Site R. Which of the following do you prefer most (Randomize)

Slide 49: Proposed Library Location

Table with four columns:

Column 1:

72%: Consider the recommended Site R which is the lowest cost to City taxpayers and 50 meters west of Bronson Avenue

Column 2:

9%: Consider alternative Site S about 450 meters **EAST** of the recommended Site R with an estimated additional \$33.3 million cost to City taxpayers

Column 3:

8%: Consider alternative Site P immediately **WEST** of the recommended Central Library Site R with an estimated additional \$8.8 million cost to City taxpayers

Column 4:

11%: Unsure

Slide 50: Proposed library Location

- Given the choice between three recommended sites, residents prefer 557 Wellington as the site for the new Ottawa Central Library
- Although 557 Wellington is preferred by the majority of residents, the proportion of those who prefer 557 Wellington as the recommended site is noticeably lower among Central region residents than the rest of the City.



Slide 51: Regional variations – consider recommended site R

Table with five columns:

Column 1:

West: 74.8%

Column 2:

Central: 61.2%

Column 3:

South: 74.2%

Column 4:

East: 78.3%

Column 5:

Rural: 73.3%

Slide 52: Next Steps

City Council February 8, 2017

March 2017:

- Parking Analysis
- Land and Assets

June 2017:

- Relationship Agreement
- Funding Strategy

Fall 2017:

- Procurement Process for Design

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