PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

Have you heard this about the CPLP?
Chetwynd Public Library Project

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The spaces you love and some incredible new ones!

The existing library has some amazing services and features that the Chetwynd community has grown to love. Did you hear that the new Chetwynd Public Library will feature those community faves along with some exciting new ones?

Storytelling space
Featuring large windows, fireplaces and comfy seating! Take in the library with style and grab a view of the rec centre grounds.

Children's Program room
A space dedicated for children and children's learning! This new space is also conveniently located right next to the children's stacks.

Teen seating area
We know that teens need their own space too! This new area has lots of comfy seating and is next to the new markerspace as an outlet for creativity.

Makerspace and Virtual Reality room
An exciting new space that will help to unleash your creativity! Featuring computer stations, a 3D printer and virtual reality equipment.

Multi-purpose rooms
A space for all activities – the multi-purpose room can accommodate over 50 people! It also features a dividing wall so you close it for more privacy or keep it open to engage with the rest of the library.

Café and open seating
Chetwynd is known for having delicious food options inside their existing library – and the new library will be no exception! The café is a short walk from the outdoor patio and features soft and open seating.

Outdoor patio
Everything is better on a patio! This covered outdoor space is right next to the café, overlooks the skate park and has a handy separate entrance to the library.

More storage
A larger library means more storage! Three storages spaces for easy access

The new library is bigger!

Did you know that the new library will be approximately 8,600 square feet that's an upgrade from Its existing square footage of 7,100 square feet.

In 2017 a feasibility study was conducted to examine the programs and services currently offered at the library. The study recommended that given the size of the community (Chetwynd and the surrounding rural area) a 7,100 square feet library (inclusive of meeting space) would meet the needs of the community now and for the next 20 years.

In recognizing the opportunity to construct the library, and with consideration of the feedback from the Advisory Committee and the public, the design was expanded to approximately 8,600 square feet.

Many partners are bringing this project to life

Advisory Committee (advisory to the PRRD Board of Directors on the design of the new library)

Comprised of representatives from:

- Chetwynd Library Board (x2)
- Chetwynd Library Staff (x1)
- District of Chetwynd Council (x1)
- PRRD Regional Board (x1)

Major grant funding partners for the construction of the new library

- PRRD Electoral Area E = $2 million
- District of Chetwynd = $1 million
- Chetwynd Public Library = $750,000 plus (plus library furniture & equipment)
- Northern Development Initiative Trust = $300,000

You can take a visioning tour of the new library!

It's easy to picture the spaces at the new Chetwynd Public Library, visit **haveyoursay.prrd.bc.ca/cplp** to view a gallery of 3D mock-ups.

Did you know that the food service area has evolved?

The incorporation of café space within the facility has been refined over nearly five years of planning.

- 2017 - A café was not included in the very first concept because the library was going to be constructed as an addition to the Chetwynd Recreation Centre and the concession would be just steps away from the new library space.
- 2019 - A more detailed concept saw the library being located next to the skate park and the facility was only going to include an 89 sqft coffee counter.
- 2022 - The final design includes 135 sqft of café space that will be open to rest of the library and will be constructed so that a café operator can provide a wide variety of refreshments to library patrons. The dedicated café food preparation and service space will be equipped with small convection oven, commercial refrigerator and freezer and a dishwasher. The café will be adjacent to the open concept library where there is café table seating for approximately 20 people in a two-story atrium, as well as numerous places throughout the library to snuggle up in a lounge seat with a good book.

More food gathering space and food options!

The new library includes 135 square feet of café space! The new café will include a dedicated food preparation and service space, convection oven, commercial refrigerator, freezer and a dishwasher.

Enjoy café offerings in the 20 person open seating area with atrium views, or on the outdoor patio!

Did you know that the PRRD will conduct an open and transparent process to secure a café operator in the new library?

When the new library is close to opening, the PRRD will issue a public request for proposals to find a café operator which will allow anyone to submit their proposal for consideration. The process will include the PRRD issuing a public call for proposals inviting bidders to submit information on their qualifications, proposed menus, proposed hours of operation, insurance requirements, etc. Once proposals are received, a committee will evaluate the proposals against agreed-upon criteria and an operator will be selected who will enter into a contract with the PRRD, who is the building owner.

Follow along with the bidding process by subscribing to the PRRD Daily Updates Newsletter to get notified of Tenders: https://bit.ly/3LDassz and make sure to follow the PRRD on social to get the latest news on the Chetwynd Public Library project.

Let's talk lease rates! What are they and how do they affect the library project?

In order to provide delicious food options, a portion of the library is leased to the café operator – just like a property owner and tenant arrangement! The PRRD has to provide lease rates that reflect fair market value because a Regional District cannot profit from private businesses in any way. To calculate a fair lease rate, factors like the size of the kitchen and what equipment it contains are considered.

Ensuring that the lease rates are fair and reflective of market value is super important! The PRRD does not want to create an environment that outcompetes local businesses and other food service vendors.

The new library is cost-efficient!

We want to extend taxpayers' money as far as possible. The revenue generated by leasing the café to an operator goes directly back to the library to maintain the facility!

The new library reflects what is available in the community for food literacy programming

Did you know that there is a licensed commercial kitchen just a short walk away from the existing library? The Chetwynd Recreation Centre has two banquet halls that share a commercial kitchen that is available to host all food programming needs now, and into the future. This valuable partnership will enable the community to enjoy cooking classes and food literacy programming! This model of collaboration is used in many communities across the province to reduce costs and utilize current spaces.