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Subject: FW: Library Phase Three Update

Good Afternoon Mayor and Council

Please find below an update from the GM of the VPL to the board regarding the restart of the libraries.

Best
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From: Christina de Castell [<mailto:Christina.deCastell@vpl.ca>]
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Subject: Re: Library Phase Three Update

I'm pleased to share that in anticipation of federal and provincial funding, the Library is proceeding to Phase 3 in September. We'll begin by opening locations with limited hours in September, and then start extending hours. We're working on the order of branches and how fast we'll be able to move based on the health and safety steps we need to put in place and staff availability. Increased cleaning protocols are a particular challenge as a public facility with many shared resources.

- This week VPL launched takeout at Kerrisdale, Fraserview and West Point Grey and patrons have been very excited to see us back.
- On August 11, we'll launch takeout at Joe Fortes (West End) and Collingwood, and services will begin at Carnegie branch, followed by náca?mat ct Strathcona by August 18. This means service of some variation at 17 of 21 locations.
- On September 8, we'll open 5 more locations. This will mean 10 of 21 locations open for service Tuesday-Saturday, including computer use and browsing, and service of some variation at 20 of 21 locations. (Oakridge remains a question due to site development/construction unrelated to COVID).
- For the other 10 locations that will need to transition from takeout to opening Tuesday-Saturday in September, we are working on the pace, and getting the safety and cleaning steps in place. That will determine what opens when, with the expectation of having all locations open in September for limited hours.
- If all goes well with the health situation, we'll then begin expanding hours and services.

All laid off full time staff will be recalled to work by September 1 to prepare for reopening. Recalls of our part time staff will coincide with reopenings, with staff generally coming back one week before we open for training and to prepare the location.

Publicly, we will continue sharing that most branches will be reopening in September. We are not yet communicating the specifics of the September 8 locations, however, they will include Mount Pleasant and Terry Salman (Hillcrest) branches, which are co-located with community centres.

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Vancouver Public Library acknowledges that our work takes place on the unceded homelands of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations.

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Subject: Library Phase Three Update?

Hi Sadhu,

I've heard that phase three of library re-opening is only conditionally approved, and is having to come back for approval every couple of weeks. I'm wondering if Council can get an update on this timeline and process?

I'm hearing from a lot of people (particularly parents) keen to see libraries re-opening more quickly (with health and safety protocols in place)!

Thank you,
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