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Greetings Mayor and Council,

The Archives move to VPL Central Library project is progressing, and work has started with Diamond Schmitt Architects on the design. We anticipate that the design and construction will continue through 2022.

As discussion about the practicalities of the move of Archives staff to VPL progressed, staff identified several practical concerns about records requests and undertook analysis to re-consider the governance options with the more detailed information. Following this process, the steering committee concluded that a co-location model without staff integration would provide a smoother, less complex transition; carry less risk and uncertainty; and deliver a better outcome in most areas. This means that the existing relationship between the Archives, Library, and City of Vancouver will be maintained with the move to the Central Library, which will provide a shared public space to access the City of Vancouver Archives and Special Collections and new opportunities for collaboration.

Should you have any questions, please contact me or Christina de Castell, Chief Librarian at 604.331.4007 or Christina.deCastell@vpl.ca.

Best,
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