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Dear Mayor and Council,

Please see attached memo providing an update on the Marpole Library Expansion project, including scope, budget status, and construction progress.

Should you have any questions, please follow-up with myself or Ben Hyman, Chief Librarian & Chief Executive Officer at ben.hyman@vpl.ca

Best,

Armin

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CITY OF VANCOUVER

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
Armin Amrolia, Deputy City Manager

# MEMORANDUM

June 15, 2026

TO: Mayor and Council

CC: City Leadership Team
Donny van Dyk, City Manager
Jason Twa, City Clerk
Mellisa Morphy, Acting Chief of Staff, Mayor's Office

FROM: Armin Amrolia
Deputy City Manager

SUBJECT: Marpole Library Expansion Project – Status Update

RTS #: N/A

**Purpose**
The purpose of this memo is to provide an update on the Marpole Library Expansion project, including scope, budget status, and construction progress.

**Background**
The Marpole Library Expansion project will renovate and expand the existing Vancouver Public Library (VPL) Marpole branch located within the City-owned building at 8386 Granville Street. The branch has occupied this location since 1970. The project will increase the library's floor area from approximately 3,500 square feet to approximately 8,400 square feet. Marpole is the second-smallest VPL branch and is often very crowded. In addition to the significant expansion, the project includes upgrades to interior layouts, finishes, and building systems.

**Budget and Cost Management**
The project has dedicated funding of $10.5 million. Current projections indicate a total project cost of approximately $6 million, reflecting significant cost savings. These savings have been achieved through VPL staff efforts to coordinate the retention and reuse of existing fixtures wherever possible; and collaboration with Development, Buildings and Licensing (DBL), who worked proactively with the project team to, review and refine program requirements, and tailor structural upgrade triggers to the existing building conditions.



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**Project Status**
The project is currently progressing on schedule and within budget, with completion and occupancy anticipated in late Q1 2027.

Site work commenced in March 2026 and construction is advancing as planned. Known challenges associated with working in a 70-year-old building have been mitigated with project management oversight. It is important to note that during the initial phase of construction, the Marpole branch has remained operational and has been successfully managed to date, with only minor disruptions. Construction activities will require closure of the branch for approximately 4 months in 2027, during which time VPL will consider alternative service options for the neighbourhood.

**Conclusion**
The Marpole Library Expansion project is progressing well, with significant cost savings realized and construction proceeding on schedule. Continued coordination between VPL, project staff, and DBL has been instrumental in achieving these outcomes.

Sincerely,

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