

## **READ Rosemount Recommendation**

### **September 6, 2016**

*READ Rosemount recommends that the Ottawa Public Library commence work as soon as possible and in partnership with the local councillor, READ, and the community at large, have in place a greatly expanded new facility within five years: a new library that provides modern library services to the Rosemount catchment area. (1)*

*READ Rosemount recommande que la Bibliothèque publique d'Ottawa lance le plus rapidement possible les travaux, en partenariat avec le conseiller municipal du quartier, READ et l'ensemble de la collectivité, afin de bénéficier d'ici cinq ans d'une succursale Rosemount considérablement agrandie qui offre des services de bibliothèque modernes dans le secteur de rayonnement de cette installation.*

The branch should be located very near to the current site and should take into consideration recommendations from the community consultation.

In the meantime, Councillor Leiper and READ recommend that the OPL only complete such repairs at the current site as will address immediate concerns, keeping the focus on the finding and beginning work on a new location.

However, given the community's expressed love for the current building and its historical significance, we also recommend that, if at all possible, the current building be repurposed for another public, community use.

#### **READ also asks that:**

- a. The OLB direct its staff to develop a business case for the relocation of the Rosemount library branch to a new location in the near vicinity of the current branch.
- b. The case be completed within one year.
- c. The capital funds presently reserved/requested for Rosemount branch improvement/expansion be incorporated into the larger building initiative.
- d. The \$100k planning money be used for the development of the business case.
- e. The current building be repurposed to retain its heritage significance (the only remaining Carnegie library in Ottawa) and the new building incorporate some of the heritage aspects of the current facility.

(Note 1): Westboro Beach CA asked for a footnote with two comments: In the second last sentence about finding and beginning work on a new location, add "and consider a broader area"; at the end of the last sentence add "community" just before "public use".