

Subject: Re: FW: Response to letter from Mr. R. Scott re L.V. Library

Date: Tue, 27 Apr 2004 23:47:37 +0100 (BST) **From:** Elizabeth James <cagebc@yahoo.com>

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Dear Clr. Crist:

If you can do so without breaching this gentleman's confidence, I would be interested to hear his suggestions.

As to your reply, while you may be absolutely correct when you say that the Library will develop as Council decides, I would much prefer that it develop - or not - according to today's wishes of the community.

If Mr. Scott's idea is that the project should be re-evaluated and built according to the technology of the future, I heartily agree.

Moreover, I still maintain that it is totally irresponsible for the City and District to proceed with separate, multi-million-dollar capital expenditures so that each community can have a "Main" library. My opinion was only strengthened after watching Shaw Cable coverage of last night's City Council meeting. Council discussion revolved around the millions that were going to be required for the complete redevelopment around the Harry Jerome complex, more soccer fields, updated senior centre and much more.

I truly believe that, if cooperative discussion between the two Councils - to include input from citizens would give both politicians and the communities involved many new ideas that could satisfy and excite all concerned.

For wilful municipal administrations and some CA's to insist on "doing their own thing" just because "it's about time we got something" is going to cost taxpayers one heck of a lot of money. Moreover, it's money we do not have to spare.

Regards, Liz James

Ernie Crist <ernie_crist@dnv.org> wrote:

- > ----- Original Message-----
- > From: Ernie Crist
- > Sent: April 27, 2004 3:21 PM
- > To: Nathalie Valdes

> Subject: Response to letter from Mr. R. Scott re L.V. Library

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- > Dear Mr. Scott:
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> Thank you for your interesting letter and material re "Libraries of the Near Future". I concur with you that libraries before long will be dramatically different then they are now. Although I am not on the Library Board, I believe that the Board may be aware of this. I am not certain at all however, whether the politicians who will ultimately make the decision will grasp the revolutionary change which is in the cards. Notwithstanding, I will pass your material on to theme in case you have not done so already. I will also pass it on to our staff, the Library Board as well as the "Friends of the Library" for their information.

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> In any case, the proposed Lynn Valley Library should be more than a mere place where clients can pick up and return books. It should not merely be an information and communication center but should be big enough to accommodate cultural events where people may listen to special performances of music, theater, plays etc and partake in debates and lectures to name a few activities. In other words a center of intellectual activity and a community hive to stimulate curiosity and satisfy intellectual and cultural needs on a small scale.

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> Whether or not this will be done will depend on the people in charge. It is the level of their understanding that will determine the outcome of this issue. In the meantime, I will pass your information on to all relevant persons. Needless to say I will do everything possible I can to raise the issues evident from your material.

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> Thank you.
> Yours truly,
> Ernie Crist
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cc Library Board
Friends of the Library
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