

News Release

New library for the Village of Cumberland

NANAIMO, April 2, 2012 – The Board of Trustees for Vancouver Island Regional Library (VIRL) approved the construction of a brand new library on Dunsmuir Avenue in the Village of Cumberland at the VIRL Board meeting held in Nanaimo on Saturday, March 31, 2012.

“We are very pleased the Board voted to approve the submission recommended,” said Adrian Maas, Director of Finance for Vancouver Island Regional Library. “The new library will be over 2,750 square feet, the minimum size for a facility according to the new standards adopted in 2010 and the Board Facility Policy approved in June 2011.”

A Request for Proposal was issued in December 2011 and three responses were received. The responses were evaluated according to the criteria of financial factors, building factors, and location consideration. The new library will front onto Dunsmuir Avenue and parking will be available at the front and the rear of the building. Residential units will be located above the library. The building will follow the heritage design guidelines of the Village of Cumberland.

The new facility will be almost three and half times larger than the current branch and replaces an old undersized facility that was overdue for replacement. Construction is anticipated to start no later than September 15th, pending issuance of permits by the Village of Cumberland.

Vancouver Island Regional Library branches are welcoming places and community hubs for the informational, inspirational, cultural and recreational needs and interests of the library’s diverse customers and communities.

With 38 branch libraries across the island, Vancouver Island Regional Library (VIRL) serves over 417,000 residents and employs 364 employees. VIRL’s holdings number over 993,000 and include books, magazines, CD’s and DVD’s. Administrative offices are located in Nanaimo.

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