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**Statement from the Prince Rupert Public Library Board
regarding Community Concerns around Outsourcing**

The Prince Rupert Public Library is run by a city-appointed board. The Board's role is to guide the library in its mission to:

- build and manage its collections
- offer programs, services, and reliable information to the community
- support education, civic life, and culture alongside local groups
- promote literacy and personal growth
- and adapt to the changing needs of Prince Rupert residents

Because of some concerns about the age and condition of the library building, and bearing in mind long-standing discussions on a new building for the Library, the Board asked the City of Prince Rupert for information on the situation respecting a possible new building. In response, the City contacted Vancouver Island Regional Library (VIRL) to explore whether that service might provide a possible means of constructing a new public library facility. *The Board has not been a party to subsequent discussions on that subject however we have been informed by the City that VIRL has declined to put forward any proposal.*

The Prince Rupert Public Library and Board will work closely with patrons, community groups, stakeholders, and City Staff to help City Council and residents fully understand the value of a locally run library and the wide range of services and programs it offers.

The Library Board is dedicated to maintaining a community-led library that serves Prince Rupert and the surrounding area.

As part of the Library Board's ongoing commitment to its Strategic Plan, Board Members will continue collaborating with the City, library patrons, community organizations, and funders to ensure strong support for our municipal library well into the future.

Questions or comments? We'd love to hear from you! info@princerupertlibrary.ca