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MEMO

To: Mayor and Council
From: John Phalen
Date: July 31, 2018
Subject: Sydney Harbour Development

Mayor and Council,

As we proceed to next steps, a key element expected in the Harbour Royale Development plan for Sydney Harbour is the inclusion of a Public Regional Library.

At this point so as to facilitate the proponent's discussions with provincial and federal funding, the CBRM must be able to define its potential contribution.

At present we can foresee a contribution of land and capital. Land could possibly be as much as an estimated three million and three million is possibly earmarked for CBRM Capital funding pending budget discussion and Council approval, and secured funding from the other levels of government. This would make possible a potential six million contribution for CBRM. A market analysis is now required to verify the land value for the project.

Staff wants to proceed with the project planning for this component based on this possible funding envelope.

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From: Minister of Communities, Culture & Heritage
Sent: Thursday, May 3, 2018 11:58 AM

Subject: 041918025- Pat Bates

Pat Bates

Dear Mr. Bates:

Thank you for your letter received April 19, 2018, regarding the proposed new Central Library in Sydney. The Premier has asked that I respond on his behalf.

Government recognizes the important role public libraries play in facilitating continuous learning and helping to build stronger communities.

Government also acknowledges the challenges faced by the James McConnell Memorial Library, and is empathetic to your desire to establish a new library.

We understand that a considerable amount of research has been done to support the need for a new library, and that discussions are happening in the Cape Breton Regional Municipality, under the leadership of Mayor Cecil Clarke, to advance the new Central Library project.

We encourage you and your committee to continue to work with Cape Breton Regional Municipality and Cape Breton Regional Library Board on this important initiative.

Sincerely,

Leo Glavine
Minister