



List of Delegations

**Wednesday, October 21, 2026
9:00 AM**

Henry Baker Hall, Main Floor, City Hall



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**Executive Committee
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The List of Delegations is prepared to reflect the agenda as published. The order in which items are considered, and related delegations heard, is subject to change and remains at the call of the Chair.

EX26-107 2027 Budget Submission - Regina Public Library

DELEGATIONS

Joanne Havelock, Friends of the Regina Public Library, Regina, SK
(submission attached as EX26-117)

Marj Gavigan and Amber Christensen, Regina Public Library, Regina, SK
(submission attached as EX26-118)

EX26-112 Review of Standalone Surface Parking Lots

DELEGATIONS

Mike Tate, Regina and District Chamber of Commerce, Regina, SK

Mitch Molnar, Mitchell Developments Ltd, Regina SK

Steve Oke, Brandt Group of Companies, Regina, SK



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Mayor and Councillors
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Re: Oct.21, 2026 Executive Committee meeting Item EX26-107 2027 Budget Submission -
Regina Public Library

Friends of the Regina Public Library (FRPL) is putting forward the following points for discussion, with hopes that Council will pose questions to the Regina Public Library (RPL).

This year the RPL is asking for a 3.99% increase in its mill rate for general operations. For 2028, approval in principle is hoped for an operational mill rate increase of 4.04%. In addition, the RPL wants a mill rate portion of 11.00 per cent. for the next nine years, 2027 to 2035, for Central Library "renewal". What is the expected dollar value of these increases? What will the balance be for Central Library and branch development reserves be at the end of 2026 and subsequent years?

The RPL continues to provide innovative programs and its staff are to be commended. RPL has been collaborating with Regina's many social communities.

It is good the RPL is nearing completion of the Service Points Master Plan (SPMP) looking at services in all branches and across the city including underserved areas. This should have been done long ago, in advance of the push on Central Library. When will the SPMP be publicly available?

The RPL says funds for branch development are not adequate, yet still pushes ahead re Central Library.

Both the RPL Board Chair and new CEO have publicly stated the need for public consultation on Central Library and overall branch services. How will this be done and when?

The delay in funding due to the lack of availability of a loan from the City means the RPL will have more time to develop plans for Central. Will the RPL publicly share the detailed vision sent

out with the Request for Qualifications for a planner last year, and any related results or decisions?

As FRPL has said over the years, although the RPL has said all options are open, the intent has been on wanting services that would require them to demolish and rebuild the existing structure, when the option of repairing and possibly adding to the existing Central Library building seems much better, both historically and financially. Every year that passes without major work being done on the problem areas at Central just adds to this deterioration that the Board is insisting needs to be so drastically addressed. Will the RPL be doing needed repairs? Is the Library truly committed to keeping all options open? The real commitment should be to preserving our Central Library building, with an addition or location of other services in the downtown if needed.

How much money does RPL expect to raise from its participation in the Unity Sweepstakes?

The people of Regina value our libraries and the work that goes into making them a great asset to our community.

Sincerely,

Joanne Havelock

Jim Elliott

Friends of the Regina Public Library



2027 Mill Rate Request

October 21, 2026

PUBLIC INVESTMENT into the COMMUNITY.

Access to information, learning,
technology, and connection

Nearly **1.5 million visits** in 2025

More than **110,000 active library cards**

One connected library system serving
all of Regina



GENERAL OPERATIONS mill rate request

3.99% increase

Equivalent to approx. **0.36% increase in the City's mill rate**

82 cents more per month for the average household

Keeps library services, spaces and resources **accessible** across Regina

REDUCING the request

Original projected request: **4.33%**

Revised request: **3.99%**

Reduced through careful budget adjustments

Includes **trade-offs**, such as deferred maintenance and branch renewal

Balances **today's** costs with **long-term** community **needs**

SUSTAINING library services

People count on their libraries to be there when needed

Keeping pace with the cost of running the library network

Responding to how people use their libraries

Access to the services people want and need

A strong Central Library to support the entire system

A modern home for **CENTRAL LIBRARY**

Serves the community directly

Provides **infrastructure** and **support** for the entire library system

That dual role requires **a modern, healthy home**

Debt funding is **no longer available**

Without access to debt funding, we must **save up**



CENTRAL LIBRARY mill rate request

New goal: open by 2036

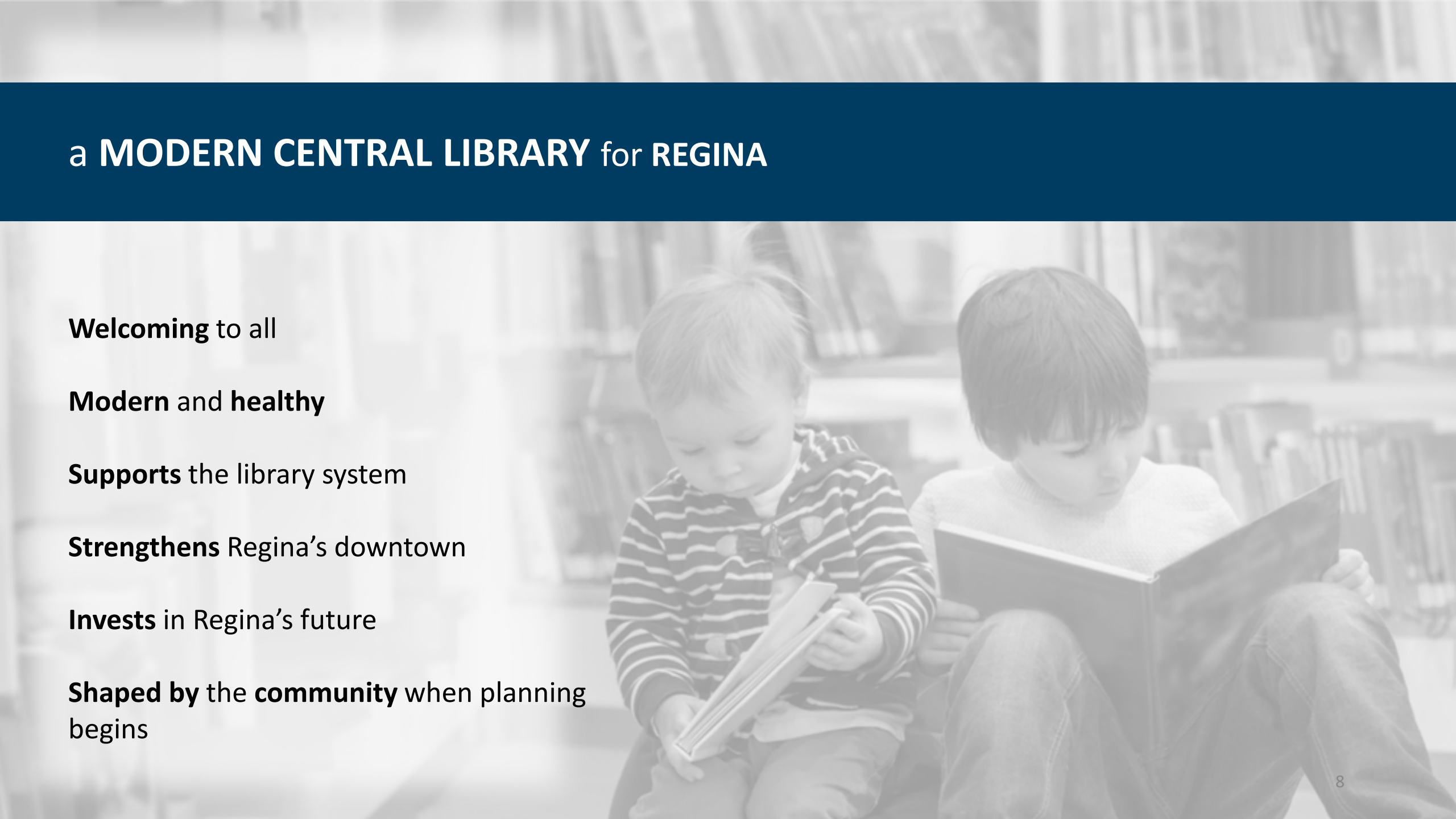
11% increase

Equivalent to approximately **1% increase in the City's mill rate**

\$2.27 more per month for the average household

Longer timeline, **lower impact to taxpayers**

Build capital whether we build, buy, or lease

A grayscale background image showing two young children sitting on the floor in a library, surrounded by bookshelves. The child on the left is wearing a striped shirt and holding a book. The child on the right is wearing a light-colored sweater and holding a larger book open, looking at it intently.

a **MODERN CENTRAL LIBRARY** for REGINA

Welcoming to all

Modern and **healthy**

Supports the library system

Strengthens Regina's downtown

Invests in Regina's future

Shaped by the community when planning begins

PUBLIC INVESTMENT. PUBLIC GOOD.

Responsive library services across Regina

One **connected library system** serving the entire city

A **modern Central Library** at its heart

Two increases: approximately **\$3 more per month** for the average household

Serving the community **today** and for **generations to come**