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PRESENTATION FROM REPRESENTATIVE(S) OF THE BARRIE PUBLIC LIBRARY CONCERNING THE BARRIE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Austin Mitchell, Chair of the Barrie Public Library Board and Lauren Jessop, Chief Executive Officer of the Barrie Public Library provided a presentation on the Barrie Public Library location services, programs and growth for the future.

Mr. Mitchell discussed slides concerning the following topics:

- An overview on the two Barrie Public Library locations;
- The vision and goal of the Barrie Public Library;
- A chart illustrating the Barrie Public Library's total weekly hours of library operation compared to other municipalities;
- The variety of services and programs provided by the Barrie Public Library to the community in Barrie and surrounding areas;
- That the current library locations are critically over capacity and need to expand;
- The future growth of Barrie Public Libraries;
- A map illustrating:
 - The current and proposed location;
 - The total square footage of the library space that will be realigned;
 - The location with recreation centres;
 - The Downtown Branch including the number of patrons, renovations and benefits of the Branch;
 - Future Library expansion requirements include taxpayer support; and
 - Methods to expand the visibility of the Library Services.

Members of Council asked a number of questions to the presenters and received responses.