

INGLEWOOD BRANCH LIBRARY

Highlights

- To provide a contribution to the Ironstone Elementary School's development of a library and community space.
- This is another example of a valued partnership between Red Deer Public Schools, The City of Red Deer and Red Deer Public Library.
- As Red Deer continues to grow, this library will help fill the requirements of public spaces for the surrounding neighbourhoods.

Project Overview

The City of Red Deer's 2008 Culture Plan states that "... spaces and places are crucial to our cultural experience" and that "... the community wants to use the space to celebrate diversity, craft a sense of place, create art, showcase culture, and expand our ways of thinking about ourselves and the outside world".

A grant of \$600,000 from The City of Red Deer would be directed to expand the school library space by up to 200 square meters. The Red Deer Public Library has been approached to provide school library services in addition to public library services for a fee. Through the library and adjacent school spaces, The City will work to enhance community and neighbourhood programming opportunities.

Construction of this project will begin in the fall of 2015, with a plan to open fall 2017. The elementary school is being built within the Ironstone neighbourhood, with immediate access to the trail system and Red Deer Transit.

This partnership between Red Deer Public Schools, The City and Red Deer Public Library will also provide opportunities for new neighbourhoods including Inglewood, Ironstone, Vanier Woods, Vanier East, and Laredo, to have local access to a neighbourhood library, a shared community space and a gathering place for cultural development for years to come. What starts at the library can transform an entire community, connecting people, ideas, expertise, and partners who share a passion for creating interesting and dynamic places.

Budget Requirements and Council Decision Points

Council will consider a grant request for \$600,000 in the 2015 Capital Budget, with \$300,000 to come in 2016 and \$300,000 to come in 2017.

Funding Sources

The cost for this project will be funded from the Capital Project Reserve.