



Director's Report
Sechelt Public Library

May 30 – June 26, 2024

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1. Cover Photo

We had to store many items in boxes for 5 months – 3 layers deep! Very tough for efficiently locating books that patrons have placed on hold – and tough for reshelving. Go Gail! Boxes were a last resort after every square inch of shelving, tables and open floor space were utilized

2. Highlights for April 30 – May 29

- Phase 1 – Municipal Hall remediation Work tender awarded
- Needs Assessment completed by team at Tony Osborne Architecture and Design (TOAD).
- Worked with DOS to put together information package for Committee of the Whole June 26
- Worked with Tony Osborne Architecture and design prior to presentation at COW
- Hi voltage electrical completed by High Tech
- Low voltage electrical completed by Webber McCall (extra work initiated by library)
- Pop-Up contents moved back to library Monday June 24
- Insurance Claim to Contents Insurer (AON) ongoing and frustrating
- All libraries having to do Statement of Financial Information (SOFI) and BC Government Statistics due to technical errors by BC libraries branch
- Summer student hired and commenced new position June 25
- Summer Reading Club activities at Sechelt Library all planned
- Canada Day Parade signage changed
- Firesmart STEAM kit underway
- Interlink comments clarified
- Coast reporter Article

3. Friends of the Library

These Book Faires have been and will be hosted at Seaside Centre:

May 31 – Jun 2 (FOL made \$1461.35)

June 14-16 (FOL made \$1348.25)

July 19-21

August 16-18

September 20-22

Oct – Dec TBA

4. Needs Assessment with TOAD

The team at Tony Osborne Architecture and Design (TOAD) have now completed the official Needs Assessment for Sechelt Public Library. All Board Members and staff have been sent a copy. The final recommendation from TOAD, which is very conservative, is that the library floor should have an additional 10, 213 sq ft added.

5. Building Remediation – Exterior of DOS / Library Building

Phase 1:

The District of Sechelt official tender for Phase 1 remediation on the South side of the building closed on June 5, 2024. The recommendation to DOS council was to award the contract the sole compliant bid submitter, which was Signia Construction Ltd. Signia is currently building the Greencourt project in downtown Sechelt and a large project portfolio. <https://www.signiaconstruction.ca/projects/>

The project cost total for Phase 1 has come in at:

Signia's construction cost	\$1,259,170
Engineering consulting fees	\$ 123,050
Contingency (16% only)	\$ 267,780
Total	\$1,650,000

Unfortunately, the Phase 1 cost of \$1.65M was the total value already allotted and budgeted for in 2024 by the DOS for both Phase 1 and Phase 2 but will now be absorbed by Phase 1 only. Costs for Phase 2 considerations will now have to be part of the DOS 2025 financial budget review.

Phase 2:

Our Library Needs Assessment was completed by TOAD in early June. We also have been working with the DOS and TOAD on the presentation TOAD will make to council and with the document submission the DOS staff will present to council for the Committee of the Whole on June 26. The discussion will center around Phase 2 of the Building Exterior remediation – which is the building's tower.

As we have discussed in previous meetings, the Phase 2 tower remediation is not that simple. Not simple due to the fact that both the Sechelt Library (as per the now completed Needs Assessment) and the DOS are both in need of additional space to adequately meet current and future needs. The original Phase 2 tower remediation would now be a significant factor with implications both physically and financially if a DOS/Library building expansion was also being considered. So, big decisions will need to be made by DOS council with the options that will be presented in the June 26 COW.

Further discussion with all board members will take place at the Library Board Meeting with a focus on going through all 4 options presented in the DOS' Agenda for the COW.

The four options presented in the Agenda for the COW are as follows:

Option A:

Minimum Mandatory requirement: Keep the Tower and Adjacent Walls

\$950,000 range

Option B:

Remove the Tower with Small Expansion

\$3,500,000 range

Option C:

Large Expansion for Library and Municipal Hall

\$18,500,000 range

Option D:

Tower and Adjacent Walls plus Community Engagement and Feasibility Study for Future Expansion

\$950,000 range + 100,000 for Consultants Fees

Items to further discuss at Board Meeting:

Timing

Archeology

Relocation for both Library and DOS – costs and space available

Municipal vs PLA

Other options for library space

Bare towers and birds

6. Insurance Claim - Contents

Our official insurance claim for the contents lost during the January 17th flood was submitted and claim is still ongoing. To date, we have had many frustrating back and forth discussions with the insurers (AON) over some of the larger ticket items (\$5500 books and \$13K self-check). We still await final approval.

7. June Programming Photo

A happy group of knitters on June 17th – our last program hosted at the Pop-Up.



8. Summer Student 2024

We are excited to welcome Lydia Bradley to the position of “Summer Programming Assistant”. She will be working with us between June 25 and August 17, 2024 and will mostly focus on the BC Summer Reading Club activities and planning.

9. Seniors Directory

The Coast Reporter's **2024 Seniors' Directory** is widely distributed in coffee shops, grocery stores and malls across the Coast and was in the May 17 issue of Coast Reporter. It's available online at:

<https://edition.pagesuite-professional.co.uk/html5/reader/production/default.aspx?pubname=&edid=e4680bcc-53fc-4daa-98f4-543b3dbc7a74>



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10. Donation of Indigenous Art Collection Selected Works

Sechelt Library has just received a lovely coffee table book donation from the Indigenous Art Centre, Government of Canada. You can find it at: 704.0397 INDI

“The Indigenous Art Collection: Selected Works 1967-2017”, published by Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada. This book was created to celebrate the 50th anniversary of this Collection, which is comprised of 5,200 works by 900 artists, and over 73 years of contemporary Indigenous art making and counting. In this first major monograph on the Collection, former Director Viviane Gray details the national importance and historical value of this research and lending collection.

Education and Outreach Officer, Indigenous Art Centre, Corporate Secretariat
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11. Accessibility Signage

As we consider our Sechelt Library Accessibility Plan and continue to learn from accessibility research, there have been and will continue to be ongoing changes made in our library, to our facilities and in our website. One of the changes we are making is to have braille wording on our public washroom signage and to have the signage lowered on the doors. Jessica's fingers are on the braille lettering.



12. Building Flood Restoration

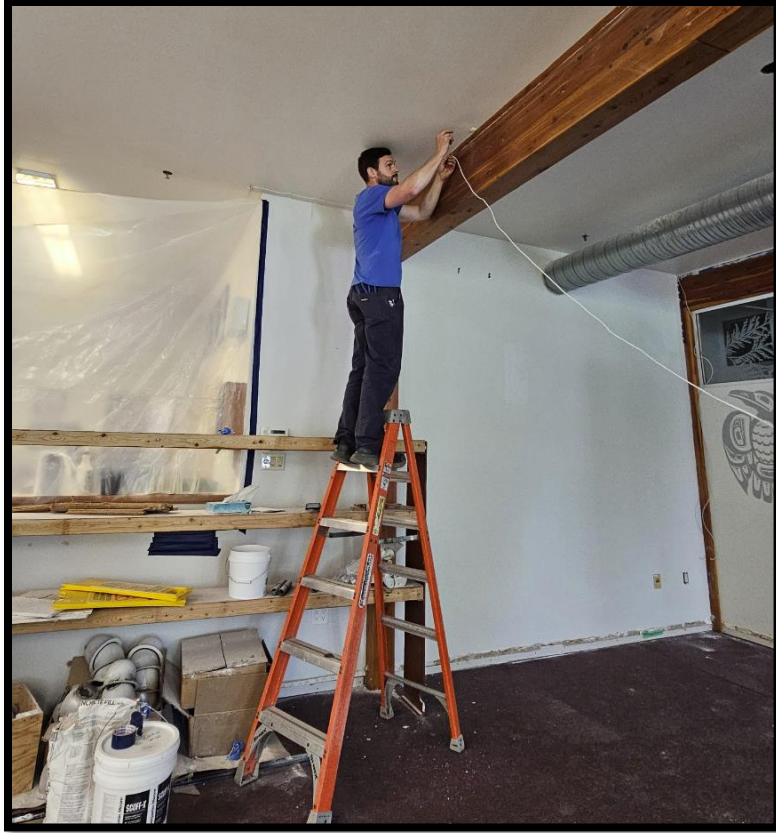
Slowly but surely, we have been progressing through the flood remediation process. There has been much coordination with Coast Wide and different subcontractors in terms of building access, heating, cooling, dust levels and remediation timing – and millions of other details that are small but important!.



Coast wide team completing the painting of the ceiling and walls.



Thursday June 13 – Coast wide team picking up floor coverings



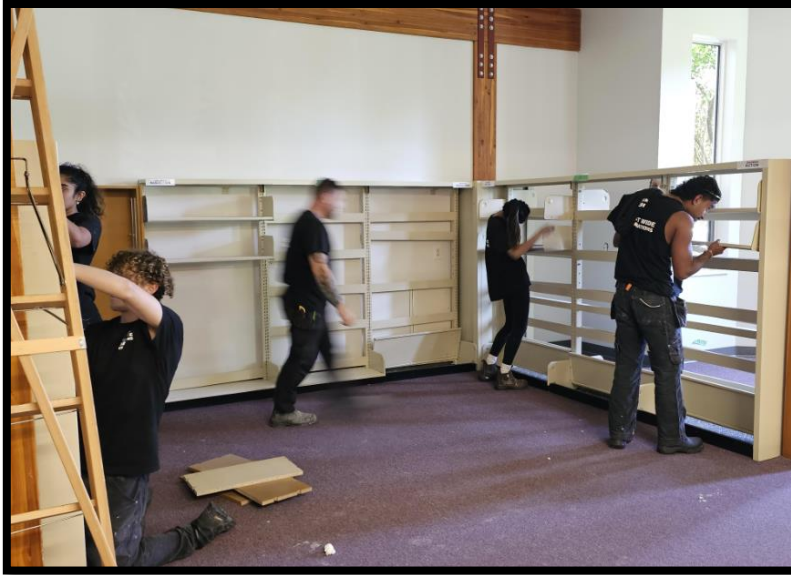
Friday June 14 - Devon from Webber McCall completing our low voltage data lines



Paul, a local subcontractor, putting on the COVE baseboards

Monday June 17 – Coast Wide takes down the protective tarps we've had up since January 17th.





June 19 - Coast wide team attempting to put up the first of the shelving units – roughly in the right place – just to get them off the floor (it took us many hours to put them into the exact correct spots with the backings in place!)

June 21: Joseph, J+M furniture in the lower mainland, installing new black metal shelving in teen area Coast wide also carpet cleaning and antimicrobial treating. Its still dark as we did not yet have electricity or lighting in the front half of the library.



13. Library Coming to Life Again!



Friday June 21 – Jolene putting the racks back in place for the pocket books. The racks were the first to be brought back from the Pop-Up (even prior to moving date) as we needed to clear the aisle the pocket book boxes were in

Saturday June 22 – Sam and the first few children’s books back on the shelves! used in the Pop-Up for all our magazines.



Monday June 24:

Len Wrays Moving and Storage moved all the Pop-Up contents back to the main library on Monday June 24th.

Monday and Tuesday June 24 and June 25.

All the library staff are working hard to get humpty dumpty (aka the library) back together again. At the same time, we are continuing the interlibrary loans, shelving, customer service via phone, email and back door as well as all the holds pickup from the back staff door. This will all continue until we fully re-open.



Jason, fixing all the shelves and backings. Each section of the library will have a slightly different shelving measurement to suit the types of books that go on them.

Jeff and Jolene starting the Junior fiction.





Jolene in teen graphic novels



Leianne removing pop-up stickers off new books



Rose – in action feather dusting



Charlotte cleaning the return bin. Everything is drywall dusty! Jason working on wifi.



Jason on the ladder, Jolene and Jeff in junior, Charlotte in kids DVDs.

Cheryl and Beth changing item status, Sam smiling!





Beth, Jessica, Lianne and Janette – in action and re-organizing

14. Article in the Coast Reporter

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FLOOD RENOVATIONS

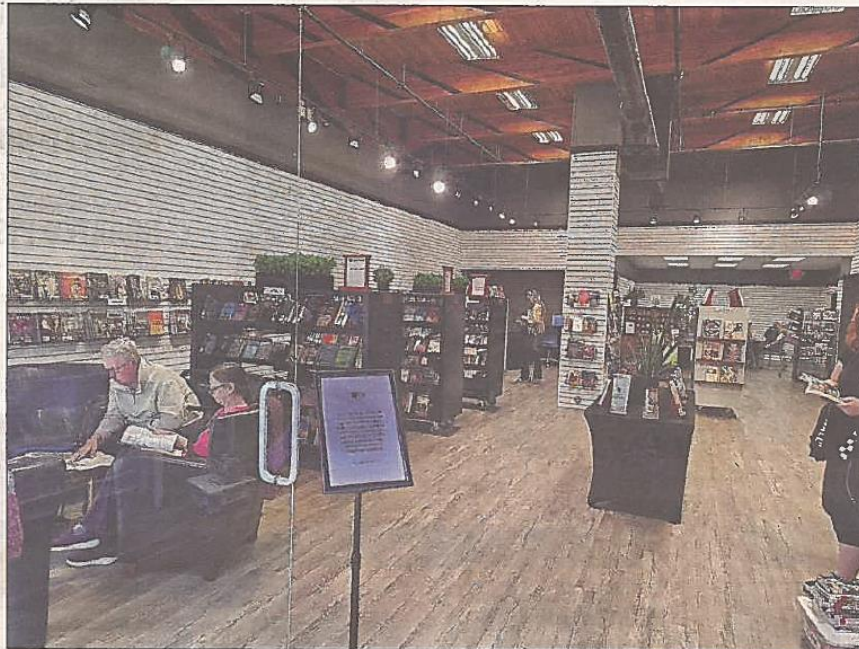
Sechelt library bids farewell to pop-up

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Sechelt Library

It never ceases to amaze us how unpredictable even a library can be! But even through constantly changing regulations and operations during COVID, to remediation planning for our decaying building exterior, to almost six months dealing with the aftermath of a serious building flood, we always find a way to continue to serve the public in the best way possible.

When the great snowfall of Jan. 17 combined with roof piping issues resulted in flood water raining from the library ceiling and contents sitting in standing water, important decisions were necessary once again. Initially, the repair timeline indications were one month, thus the staff door pickup service was a good short-term plan. But when, at the four-week mark, we were faced with a new restoration timeline, the plans had to change. If we did not find a creative way to extend our services from the back staff door to an operation of substantially more, too many services and too many people would suffer. As the director, I was not OK with what our community would lose if we did not adapt and our staff all agreed.

On Feb. 26, we formally announced that the anticipated remaining library closure would be an additional nine to 17 weeks (early May to Early July). In addition to the pick-up services already being offered at the staff door of the main library, we considered many service alternatives. In the end, our creative solution to best serve our community and accommodate some important patron services was to open a "Sechelt Library Pop-Up Edition"



The Sechelt Library has had a temporary location in Trail Bay Mall since March while flood restoration is under way at its usual location.

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at the Trail Bay Mall. This new Pop-Up Edition was created in our minds, planned with coloured felts on six large whiteboards and set up within just two weeks. It officially opened on March 6.

In addition to the continued services at the main library, these almost four months at the Pop-Up Edition allowed more than 10,000 additional patrons to browse books, magazines, audio books and other items at their leisure, get in-person staff assistance, sit at a computer and search our

library catalogue, study at a table, use free WiFi, read newspapers, pick up brochures on legal matters and community programs and pick up free seeds from our beautiful Seed Library. Our Pop-Up Library also accommodated the Community Volunteer Income Tax Program where more than 160 qualifying people had their taxes done for free. The teams from Service Canada and the CRA were able to serve our community with appointments at our Pop-Up Library "SuperClinic." More than

130 people received free half-hour technology appointments with Jason who helped them work through their phone, email and computer issues. Fifty adult programs were able to continue at the Pop-Up because they were quieter in nature (well, sometimes knitters and card makers can be a raucous bunch!). Many school groups, day cares and parents brought little ones who were delighted with our Pop-Up's selection of toys, puppets and books. Everyone was happy to have even just a little piece of their

beloved Sechelt Library!

Between scheduling, coordinating multi trips a day item transportation, behind the scenes cataloguing, and staffing, the Pop-Up was a lot of work – but our library staff would do it all again because they love their roles in serving our community. Not to say we welcome any more disasters though!

As we near completion of the repairs at the main library, it was decided the last day for the Pop-Up to remain open was Wednesday June 19 in preparation for packing and moving contents back to the main library.

We are grateful to have had a B.C. government grant to pay for all the costs associated with the Pop-Up and appreciate how well Trail Bay Mall was able to accommodate us. Our community has adapted to this necessary change in service, shown much appreciation and supported us throughout. Many don't want the Pop-Up to go. (Sorry, but we just cannot keep it!)

Our main Sechelt Library, foyer and public washrooms...well that is still a work in progress that we hope to have completed very soon. Difficulties with our insurance provider has caused many frustrating delays in the process of Coast Wide Restoration's work on the library interior and in the claiming of items lost during the flood. Our BC Summer Reading Club activities kick off early July with all activities held outdoors or in the Community Room. During that time, staff will be working hard to put the library items back in order, changing internal cataloguing records, and readying the library for official reopening. All going well, we anticipate that the Sechelt Library should be opened to the public by mid-July. Maybe we will have cupcakes...

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