

2017-10 Library Service Kingston East – public feedback

Comment #		<b>What do you think of construction of a new library branch at the Kingston East Community Centre (KECC)?</b>	<b>Are there other sites or options that you would like the library to consider when exploring relocation or expansion of library service in Kingston East?</b>
1.	Current site	Not a good idea. Why don't we build the community where the library is?? It has a water view if you cut some trees down. It's a bigger bonus there, not beside La Salle.	Present location. It's so peaceful, relaxation. Expand.
2.	KECC	Makes sense to me. There are now more families living in the area and a larger space for children's programs would be beneficial to these young families.	I am not a planner but I believe in synergy.
3.	KECC	I think that Kingston East needs an expanded library and it is an excellent location choice to put the library into the KECC.	The expansion of the library should include more quiet rooms/spaces for people to peruse books and to browse through magazines, periodicals, etc. I would also encourage a larger children's area for circle reading time, book exploration for young children, and a library activity area.
4.	KECC	I would love it as it is close to La Salle and it would be easy to take students there. It would also be great for students waiting for parents to pick them up – why not read or search through the library. I think it would encourage far more students to use the library and become lifelong clients.	I honestly think beside the school is the perfect location because it will be used by more students and there can be more community connections with the school.
5.	Current site	Should stay on current site and expand. This current location is wonderful and should be retained.	No
6.	KECC	Excellent idea! Great location. Smart to share space with KECC. Hopefully hours of operation can also be expanded if it is part of the KECC. Along with the capacity to have more books added to the collection, extra parking is definitely needed. Couldn't agree with this plan more!	None that I know of.
7.	Current site	DO NOT MOVE library. Fix the parking lot – there is land.	Widen the present library and parking lot connect both parking lot.
8.	KECC	Because of space consideration and needed future expansion requirements (technology centre), it is a good idea. Should be re-purposed as a multi-generational community space (seniors and young children) play park.	Keep heritage garden and trees, dog park and local trails. Need small boat launch from canoes and kayaks needed on property for Cataraqui River (tourism)
9.	KECC	Yes - within the proposed community centre - great idea.	n/a
10.	KECC	Yes, more parking is needed. It is mostly taken up by the dog people. Library should be open 7 days a week. There is now a large increase in population.	n/a

11.	Current site	<p>I think the library should stay where it is. It is a beautiful location for the library. I don't think there should be a library in the new community centre. The neighbourhood needs a community centre, and the space should be just that, a community centre, and not taken up with a service the neighbourhood already has (a library).</p> <p>Plus, a library should be a quiet space. Community centres are loud spaces, where people are talking, playing sports, kids being active. A library and a community centre are two very different spaces, with different services and uses, and thus should not occupy the same building/location.</p>	I like the library's current location.
12.	KECC	Given the current and proposed development in the area I would think it an essential aspect of community life. This should be considered a very high priority.	This seems very logical. I am not entirely familiar with the bus routes in the area but it should be a consideration.
13.	Current site	<p>I think it'd be a lot of money and work for not a lot more space. Plus, the parking will be shared with other activities at the centre so not much more room to park either. The building they are in now has character and history, it's beautiful. However, if the library is considering moving for better positioning if/when the bridge will be built, I understand the reason to move a little further away from traffic and support the decision to move.</p>	If staying, maybe something modern and two story added onto the original home? I am not an architect. I love the current location with the dog park, trail and community garden all surrounding the library. We go to the library for the kids programs all the time and love the dedicated space for it.
14.	KECC	I think in terms of making it a part of a community centre and having easier access by everyone, it's a fantastic idea! And yes, our current library is not big enough. However, I feel that lack of space is not the only problem. If the new library is also going to operate on the same hours, then I have a problem with that. I know they're two separate issues but if the library is going to be made into a bigger and better place, we all deserve longer/better hours!	no
15.	Current site	I love the location and building it's in now. Beautiful heritage building.	No
16.	Current site	Leave the library where it is! Easy access in and out. Good sized building and speaks to the heritage of Kingston. Leave it alone!	No
17.	KECC	I think this is an excellent idea. As indicated the current space is totally inadequate for the number of increasing activities provided by KFPL now available to the community in other libraries within the system.	Currently there is a Friends of the Library (FOL) book sale area at Isabel Turner Library. Once Central reopens there will be a FOL gift shop. In order to service the east end of Kingston, may I suggest another FOL book sale area similar to the one at Isabel Turner? It would provide an excellent opportunity for the community to become involved with KFPL by donating gently used books, buying books and becoming a volunteer with the FOL. All monies raised support KFPL programs.
18.	Current site	Not needed.	Suggest building an extension on the current building - we like the library just where it is! Suggest moving dog park to community centre and expand library parking.

19.	KECC	I think it is a wonderful idea. The recommended location will be a very good one. The present location is too small and needs a lot more parking. The "hub" near the high school is going to be near the centre of many community activities. What will happen to the current library building?	n/a
20.	Current site	I think that is a bad idea. The current location is an important cultural heritage landscape.	The current site is ideal.
21.	Current site	Dear Library Board and stakeholders: I am writing today as I am hearing that someone is closing my local Pittsburgh Library. I am very upset by this. I love using the gorgeous historical library in the east end. I do not want to lose a library in a stand-alone building. I hear it is being moved to our new community centre, which is not what I would want. That location is going to be busy enough with enough needs. I would stop using it if that happened. Please continue to keep our current Pittsburgh Library open for east enders to use. Find ways to fix up areas of concern and open the ideas up to our community to assist in fundraising if need be. We want to keep the location, historical facility and would support improving it.	N/A
22.	KECC	It's a great idea. I hope it is bigger and has more reading area (with comfy chairs!) Label the genres of the books to make it easier to find (mystery, adventure, science fiction, fantasy, etc)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Have the library open more days than just Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday.</li> <li>- Longer Hours open (9:00-8:00pm)</li> <li>- Higher turnover of a book series (take mystery books off shelf and put new mystery books on)</li> <li>- Access to more kids books</li> </ul>
23.	KECC	I think it would be a great way to get more of the community involved in the library.	No.
24.	KECC	All in favor of it! 100% though I would like the hours of this branch expanded. With the growth in this area, it only makes sense and is fair for more servicing at the Library. I also hope to see a more expanded collection of books instead of always having to reserve in advance.	No, coordinating it with the community centre is perfect.
25.	KECC	Great idea.	I would like the City to ensure that the new community centre will be large enough to house the library and still have lots of room for other community activities.
26.	Current site	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Why move the present library, which makes excellent adaptive reuse of the historic farmhouse, the future of which otherwise may be in jeopardy?</li> <li>- The surrounding green spaces, dog parks and walking paths make visiting the library an enjoyable, multi-sided experience.</li> <li>- Historic farmhouse may not be ideal for uses like children's playgroups which might be more suitable in the new proposed community centre, closer to parent-friendly facilities.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Expand present library addition (done 1999-2000) to the north following the same design lines; the architects must surely have foreseen this eventual need for expansion - not as "difficult" as this survey suggests.</li> <li>- Relocate children's playgroups to the new community centre, but not the library which would enlarge the centre too much in that particular area between a subdivision and La Salle Secondary School.</li> </ul>

27.	Alternate location	This area will be so overcrowded as it is, where would additional users park? This is a terrible idea! The residents in the area of La Salle are already overstressed in terms of traffic intensity, noise, light pollution etc. Moreover, there is a severe reduction in green/park space for those residents with the community centre proposal.	Where the community centre east should have gone: Beside the soccer fields, further north on #15. Thus making the library more accessible to countryside district as well. Also then requiring the public bus service to go a little further north.
28.	KECC	I am all in favour of building a new library branch at the Kingston East Community Centre. My parents live near Gore Rd (it is where my sisters and I grew up) and they take my son to the library there often. But we have found the current site (although beautiful) much too small to comfortably accommodate such a large (and growing) community. This new library would be very welcome!	I think this site would be perfect!
29.	KECC	We are in favor of this proposal.	No
30.	Current site	I think that it is ill advised.	Expanding facilities at existing site, offering programming at the community centre.
31.	KECC	I have seen this concept work really well, helping make the library programs more accessible. As long as the library would be gaining space and not having shorter hours, I am in favour of this.	Being integrated with the community centre would be a good thing. As long as both have the space they need.
32.	KECC or alternate site	As much as I would hate to see the library move out of such a beautiful building, more space is needed to serve the needs of the growing community. I like that there would be more space to host programming and promote literacy among our youth.	There's a lot of open space near Startek. Instead of trying to squeeze everything into a small community space, why not try to use some of that unused land off of Hwy 15?
33.	Current site	The KECC is a terrible idea. Leave our park alone. Don't ruin Grenadier Park. We presented a petition of over 300 names against spending millions on a development that is not needed. The city has taken the largest residential lot in our district and turned it into a Shoppers Drug Mart, and now they are going to destroy at least half of Grenadier Park for this.  A lot is happening behind closed doors with no public input or meeting. Smells a lot like what happened on Brock Street to St Mary's/St Joseph's School. We'll get details after everything is done in a press release on Christmas Eve.	If you want a new library, build it where it is. Relocate the dog park and flower gardens and build the KECC and new library at its present location. " Paved paradise and put up a parking lot"
34.	Current site	There will be very limited space available at the KECC and moving the library to that location would consume a large portion of that. In effect, the community would lose out on the possibility of having that space available for other options, without adding any new service to the community. I am against such a move.	The library in its current location is a valuable asset to Kingston East and I would prefer that it remain at its current location. If expansion is needed, I would like that expansion to occur at that location. I believe that it's well located and easily accessible. How much money is being spent on renovations to the Johnson Street branch? That doesn't seem to have been an issue. The City puts little enough money into services in Kingston East as it is.
35.	KECC	I'm excited and anticipating more books. I loved going in the historical building but it didn't meet my family's needs.	I think the KECC is the best choice.

36.	Current site	The historic building provides a different atmosphere than any new library ever could. Instead of moving, do a reno to current space and build a community centre beside the library.	Move the not yet built community centre to the library ground and build it there. Not the other way around.
37.	Current site	I like the current location	Add more hours.
38.	KECC	I agree that the East End needs a larger library. It's a good site.	No.
39.	KECC	I think it's a good idea because it gives students a safe place to hang out and study. It will also give the neighbourhood some life. It's a good idea to have it beside La Salle because it keeps learning areas close together.	n/a
40.	Current site	I can see no good reason for constructing a new library branch, when we have an excellent branch in a lovely heritage building with an imaginative extension that provides a welcoming space. The present branch is located in very nice grounds, with an important heritage dry stone wall. In 2000, the then new Pittsburgh Branch of the Kingston Public Library received an award from the Frontenac Historic [now Heritage] Foundation for the conservation of the heritage farmhouse and the creation of a sympathetic and workable new extension.	If there arises a need to expand library service in Kingston East, I would recommend using some of the little-used space in the heritage stone farmhouse portion of the present building and hiring the architects who drew up the plans for the addition to provide plans for another in a similar style.
41.	Current site	My preference is for enlarging the existing building and expanding parking. As with any modern household, better to improve than start from scratch.	n/a
42.	Current site or alternate location	I thought the point of the community centre was to bring additional services to the community. This seems like relocating one service instead. What will be cut from the community centre plan to make room for the library? Also – moving it to the community centre is a less central location for the majority of the population than where it is now. Most of Greenwood Park can reasonably walk to the library now, not so much if it is moved to the community centre.	Upgrade the current library location or build a huge library in the industrial park area. Most of Greenwood Park could walk on the path to get there. Also close to the new grocery plaza. There is also a huge field behind the fire station.
43.	KECC	I support the idea of building a new library branch at the KECC. The current branch is a beautiful limestone house in an attractive setting. However, it has numerous limitations as noted in your literature. With a growing population in Kingston East, a new branch would be a welcome addition to the KECC site.	KECC site makes the most sense to me.
44.	KECC	If more space is needed I'm fine with moving the library as long as the existing Gore Road building is RETAINED and used for another purpose and NOT SOLD. If the intent is to sell the heritage building it is not acceptable. This building and land, however expensive, is valuable to the City long term.	Build it in the Greenwood Park/Gore Road general area and don't move too far to the north or south end of Kingston East. KEEP IT CENTRAL.
45.	KECC	Since the current library is too small for the growth that is taking place in East Kingston, it is urgent that a new library should be built soon.	I think the library should be located beside or as part of the new community center beside La Salle High School. That would seem to be the most logical position.

46.	Current site	I do not want the current Gore Road branch closed. It is unique in a historic setting. It was renovated to accommodate the library recently using taxpayers' dollars, in the last 15 years or so. It is not crowded, often seems under-utilized and is a very pleasant environment in which to study and access the library services. There are study rooms which are usually empty. It is on the main road of county road 15 which provides easy access to many people in the former Pittsburgh township.	Why does relocation need to occur? Has the current site been deemed unacceptable and if so, by whom? Taxpayers' dollars would have been spent to modify it initially. What is needed and can it be accommodated in the current site for less money?
47.	Current site	I don't like the idea! Looks like parking space would be a great problem - with parking for school and community centre plus Library! Think about it!	It would save the city (and taxpayers) a lot of money by expanding the Library on the same property. The existing library is a warm and inviting place.
48.	Current site	I am not in favour of this site for a number of reasons. The present site of our library is delightful and has the room for expansion if needed. It is a charming and notable home for a library. If the expected need for the library by 2026 is 10,000 sq. ft., then this would considerably detract from the useable program space for other community needs and programs if housed in the planned community centre.	No. It seems to me that if there was a call for an expansion of library services, then our Pittsburgh branch would have extended, daily open hours, not the present schedule it keeps. Again, the present site sits on an area of land that could be used as an expansion for the present building while protecting the meaningful heritage of the original building...this is Kingston, and one would assume that the historical significance of a structure would be a source of pride, especially to a building dedicated to books and learning!! Find the right architect, and you will have a gem!
49.	Current site	One of the things that drew me to the East end was the beautiful historic library branch. We love to visit the library and explore the trails behind it. I am not in favour of constructing it with the new community centre.	You could keep the original site as an adult branch and have a family branch within the community centre but fiscally that would likely not work. I would prefer to see it expand at the present site. A library is a peaceful oasis which would not be the case if housed in a community centre hub.
50.	Current site	I believe that the current site should be expanded. If you move the library to the new community centre, there will not be enough space for meeting rooms etc at the community centre. Pittsburgh township built the library as a way to preserve the property and as an expandable, central location for the library. It is easily accessible, and if the 3rd crossing comes along, will be more so. We do not want to lose this property to developers.	Build community meeting rooms in the new community centre. Expand the current library. It may be necessary to move the dog park and gardens to the new community centre. If you're going to build a satellite library, put it in the north – Joyceville PS for example. Better yet, make use of a bookmobile that serves the northern half of the township better.
51.	Alternate location	I do not think it's a good idea. The community centre space should be utilised for services that are currently not offered in the east end.	The old school in Barriefield village could work for a new library.
52.	Current site	I strongly disagree with constructing a new library!! You must be planning something for the spot of the current library site???	I suggest building on to the current library. This is an amazing building and within walking distance of many elderly residence. Forget the bridge and expand the library!!
53.	Current site	We like the library exactly where it is in a beautiful old house on gorgeous grounds. There hardly seem to be any people in it as it is; so I don't see the need for a bigger location. It is beautiful now and fulfills the community's needs exactly as it is now.	Leave it where it is. More parking is the only thing we need.
54.	KECC	I think this is a smart decision. It could see increased use of and access to the library. Once the bridge is built there will be increased traffic in the area of the old site. It will benefit both the library and the community centre to combine the location	I think the community centre is the only realistic and effective option. The current library site needs to be maintained and repurposed by the city.

55.	Current site	<p>What a ridiculous idea! We have a beautiful, unique heritage property on gorgeous wooded grounds. Why put a sterile building in a heavily congested area? Rather than looking out at lovely grounds and woods, the view would be parking lots and cement buildings. The serenity would be destroyed by the noise of the community centre, the skate park and the school.</p>	<p>No other sites are as wonderful as this location, which will be even more valuable and accessible when the new bridge is built.</p> <p>A couple of options would be to OPEN THE EXISTING LIBRARY MORE and extend the parking lot. I use the library often and am frustrated with the number of days it is closed - almost half the week. Surely it would be more financially feasible to pay staff for more hours and to use an existing building than to build a new one. Also, finding parking can be tricky at times with the dog park use as well as a quarter of the spots being marked handicapped (and always empty). There is so much land towards the dog park which could be made into more spots. Or pave the grassy area between some existing spots, where overflow parking occurs anyway. To be honest, the only time parking is an issue is Wednesday morning when the children's program is on. Most of the times I use the library it is almost empty.</p> <p>As for concerns regarding the building not being suitable for 21st century library services, there are constantly new technological advances that might alleviate some issues. Wifi and laptops have replaced the need for many computer stations.</p> <p>Storage for huge collections is not an issue either as the online book reservation system seems to be well used! The number of shelves for reservations is constantly growing. This provides access to the entire library system.</p> <p>I think some slight changes to the existing library would be the best solution. Then more people could access what we already have, and enjoy the beautiful building and location.</p>
56.	Current site	If it closes 80 Gore Road? No.	THIS IS A GREAT LOCATION WITH ITS PROMISE OF RELAXATION.
57.	Current site or add 6,00 sq ft branch	See answer for next question.	<p>I'm most concerned about what will happen to the current Pittsburgh Library - it's a beautiful, special building with history to it, and personally, it's the most comfortable library to be in of all the KFPL branches. Of the four options, I think the best is to add another building or expand the original building (and expand the parking lot) on the property, to give more space for programs and books while still keeping the current library building and grounds.</p>