

## **Chatham-Kent Public Library Board Statement**

Chatham-Kent Public Library's Mission is “to be an indispensable centre of culture, community and learning in Chatham-Kent”.

The Library Board appreciates this opportunity to create a modern, vibrant and inviting library with expanded community programming space, in collaboration with the Museum and municipal services.

It is the Library Board's position that the library must have a position of prominence within the CK Community Hub, as library patrons will provide two thirds of the anticipated foot traffic.

A safe, accessible and equitable space for staff and all library patrons is of highest importance for the success of the library within the CK Community Hub; there is concern that these goals may not be easily attained within the proposed CK Community Hub design.

The Library Board is determined, through ongoing constructive dialogue with the project team, to continue to focus the conversation on reliable ease of access, especially for our patrons with mobility challenges, and to address ongoing operational safety concerns for both staff and the public.

It is the collective opinion of the Library Board that a continued, open and collaborative working relationship with the project team will result in the best possible outcome for all.

- Chatham-Kent Public Library Board, July 13, 2024