



Gaynor Family Regional Library Expansion Agreements

To facilitate the expansion of the Gaynor Family Regional Library, a key regional amenity serving residents of St. Clements and surrounding communities.

Background

Community consultations in 2023 revealed strong support for enhancing local facilities. Following these findings, the Council approved the expansion concept, directing the administration of St. Clements, St. Andrews, and Selkirk to prepare agreements addressing governance, cost-sharing, and operational responsibilities.

1 Community Engagement

Consultations in 2023 highlighted the need for expanded recreational and administrative spaces to meet the growing needs of residents.

2 Council Approval

Council approved the expansion concept, directing administration to prepare agreements outlining a comprehensive plan for managing the expansion.

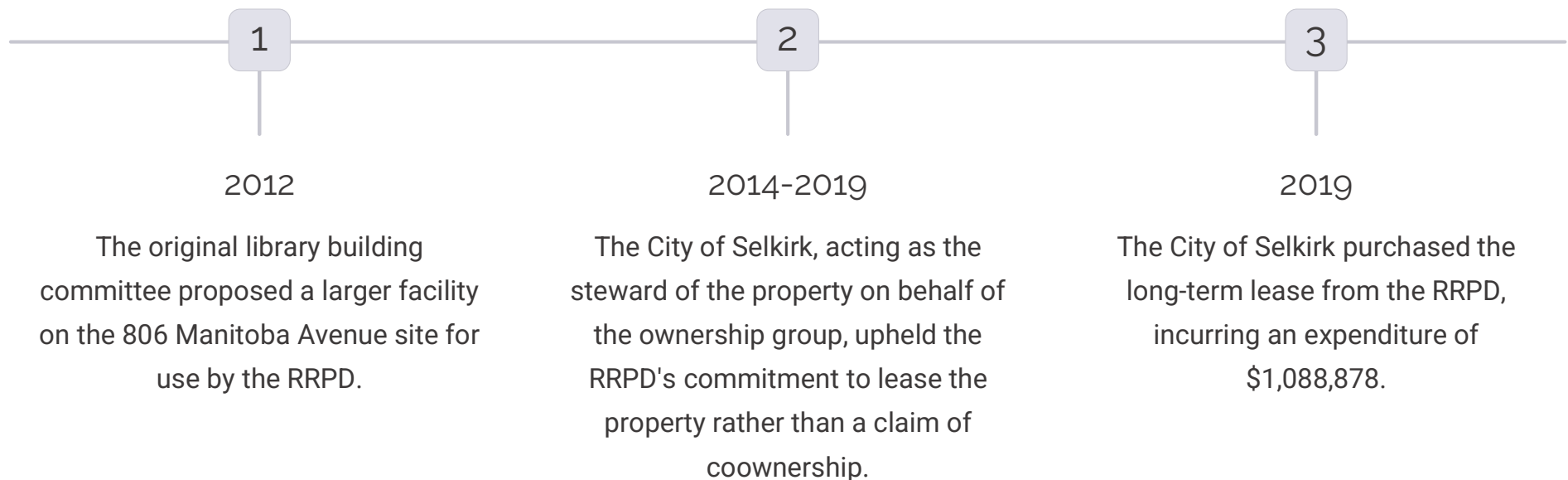
3 Agreement Development

Drafted agreements—Co-ownership Agreement, Facilities Expansion Services Agreement, and Facilities Lease Agreement—outline a comprehensive plan for managing the expansion.



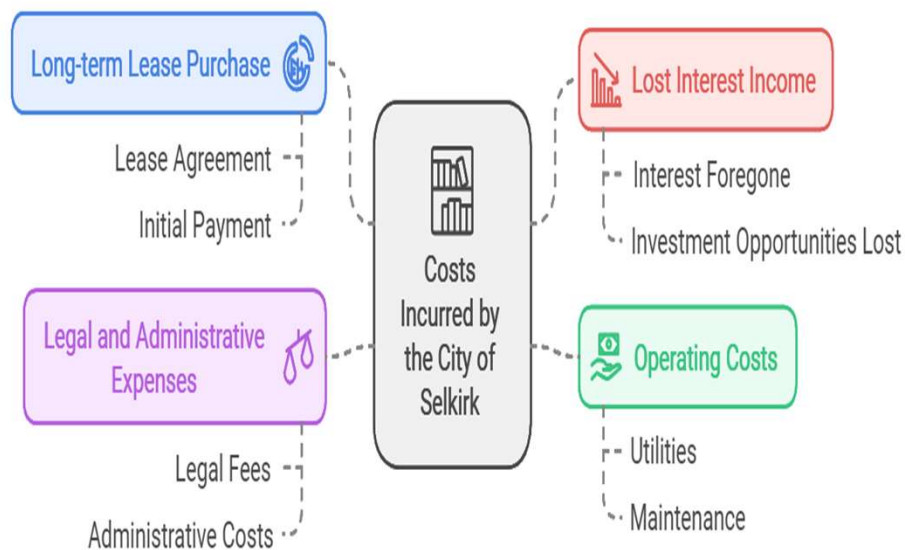
History

The City of Selkirk secured the premises formerly occupied by the Red River Planning District (RRPD) with the intention of making this space available for the library's expansion. This aligns with the objectives set forth by the original library building committee in 2012, when member municipalities, including St. Clements, collaborated with the RRPD to propose a larger facility on the 806 Manitoba Avenue site for use by the RRPD.



Financial Considerations

The City of Selkirk incurred significant costs in securing the premises and facilitating its availability for the library's expansion. These costs include the purchase of the long-term lease, lost interest income, operating costs, and legal and administrative expenses.



Cost Category	Amount
Lease Purchase	\$1,088,878
Lost Interest Income	\$115,159
Operating Costs	\$32,498
Legal and Administrative Costs	\$104,804

Agreement Objectives

The agreements developed are structured to meet the following objectives and will replace the original MOU from 2012:

Co-ownership Agreement

- Establishes shared ownership of the expanded facilities with clear governance rules.
- Provides a mechanism for equitable cost-sharing and decision-making.
- Sets a dispute resolution process and an ownership adjustment formula.

Facilities Expansion Services Agreement

- Defines roles in planning, funding, and implementing the expansion.
- Details service and program enhancements for residents.
- Establishes clear reporting requirements.

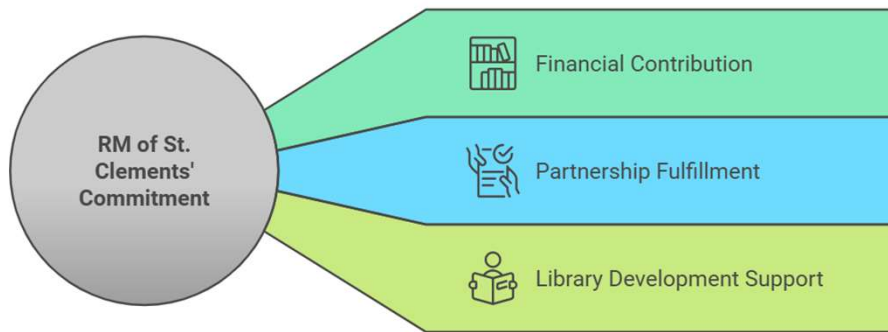
Facilities Lease Agreement

- Governs the operational use of expanded spaces, defining responsibilities for maintenance and operational costs.
- Provides rules for subleasing or third-party use.
- Allocates areas for municipal and public use.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the RM of St. Clements fulfills its commitment to the partnership and supports the continued development of the Gaynor Family Regional Library. The RM of St. Clements will be required to contribute their equal 1/3 share for the acquisition of the space in the amount of \$414,229.71.

Exploring the RM of St. Clements' Commitment



Partnership Commitment

The RM of St. Clements is encouraged to fulfill its commitment to the partnership and support the continued development of the Gaynor Family Regional Library.

Financial Contribution

The RM of St. Clements will be required to contribute their equal 1/3 share for the acquisition of the space in the amount of \$414,229.71.

Recommended Resolution

Council approve the cost allocation as presented, including the RM's share of \$414,229.71, as outlined in the Co-ownership Agreement, and the Co-ownership Agreement, Facilities Expansion Services Agreement, and Facilities Lease Agreement as presented

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Approve Cost Allocation

Council of the RM of St. Clements approves the cost allocation as presented, including the RM's share of \$414,229.71, as outlined in the Co-ownership Agreement, and authorizes Administration to process the required payment.

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Approve Agreements

Council approves the Co-ownership Agreement, Facilities Expansion Services Agreement, and Facilities Lease Agreement as presented.

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Authorize Execution

The Mayor and CAO are authorized to execute and sign these agreements.

Conclusion

The expansion of the Gaynor Family Regional Library represents a significant investment in the community, providing enhanced recreational and administrative spaces to meet the growing needs of residents. The agreements outlined in this presentation ensure a collaborative and equitable approach to managing the expansion, fostering a shared commitment to the library's continued success.



Community Hub

The expanded library will serve as a vibrant community hub, providing access to resources, programs, and services for residents of all ages.



Collaborative Partnership

The expansion project is a testament to the collaborative partnership between the RM of St. Clements, the RM of St. Andrews, and the City of Selkirk.



Continued Growth

The expansion will ensure the library's continued growth and ability to meet the evolving needs of the community.