



# Centennial Library Update

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We are providing an update on this exciting project that was kicked off in June 2019

1. Welcome and introductions – Michelle Alleyne, Area Manager
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5. Design development Ken Fukushima, Ken Fukushima Architecture & Adam McCaughan, mcCallumSather Architecture
6. Interior layout – Ken Fukushima
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## Councillor comments



**James Pasternak**

Councillor for Ward 6 - York Centre

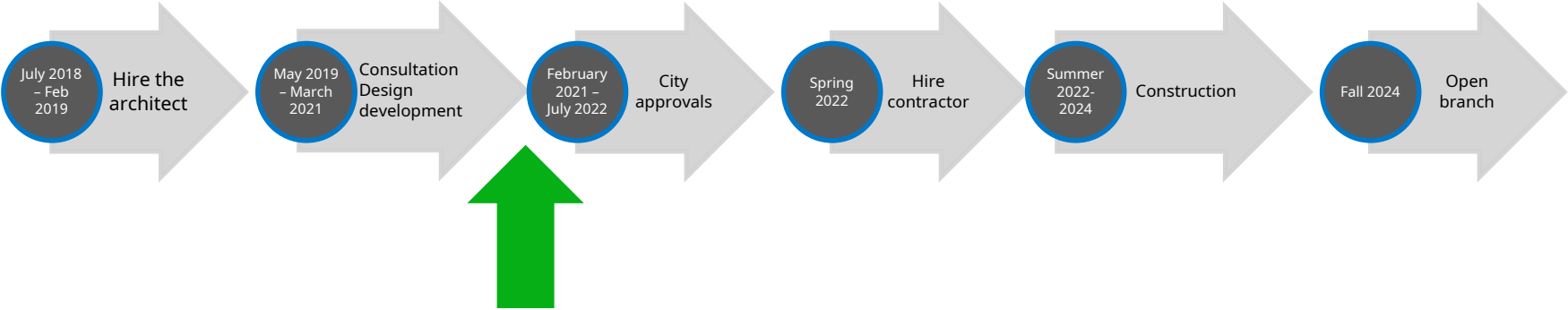
Mayor's Executive Committee

Chair of North York Community Council

# Context: existing branch



The schedule has been impacted by COVID-19



## Stakeholder consultation is an important part of every project

### **Staff consultation**

- Branch head participated on design team meetings
- Staff meetings with architect Summer 2019

### **Public consultation**

- Public Open House – June 20, 2019
- Public Focus Groups – June to July 2019
- In branch surveys – July and October 2019
- Focus group to review site plan with Arena Users – Feb 2021

### **Consultation with Parks, Forestry and Recreation**

- May 2019 – May 2020

### **Councillor Pasternak Updates**

- May 2020 and December 2020

## Improves the streetscape on Finch Ave. W. including views in and out of the library

What you asked for	Existing	New branch	Achieved
Larger branch	6,866 sq. ft.	15,000 sq. ft.	✓
Modern Design		Yes	✓
Ground floor Programme Room	No	Ground floor Programme Room 60 people and can be used for quiet study	✓
Quiet study rooms	None	5 of various sizes	✓
Maintain large study tables in Public Area	7 tables	Same or more, larger tables for physical distancing	✓
More Lounge Seating	8	20 plus courtyard and outdoor plaza seating	✓
Zoned spaces for Children's, Teens and Adults	No	Yes, well zoned spaces	✓
More public washrooms and accessible washrooms	2 Downstairs; 1 is Barrier Free	7 Washrooms; 2 Barrier Free multi-stall, 2 single use, and 1 Universal/Family	✓
Drinking fountain	No	Yes, bottle filling station	✓
Maintain Free parking	18	18 - includes 2 compliant barrier free spots with access aisle and 5 electric vehicle charging stations	✓
Vending machines	Yes	Yes - with café seating	✓
More natural light	Windows	More than 3x more glazing and views compared to existing	✓

# Design development

Significant research and consultation with library staff and City departments has occurred during design development

- Traffic and Parking Impact Study
- Engineering collaboration through design development to ensure the branch will achieve Net Zero
- Landscaping design developed
- Development of concepts to integrate community based art and history
- Presentations and submissions to City Departments - Zoning, Planning, Parks and Recreation, City Legal
- Design development and material selection to ensure adaptability / flexibility for post-COVID

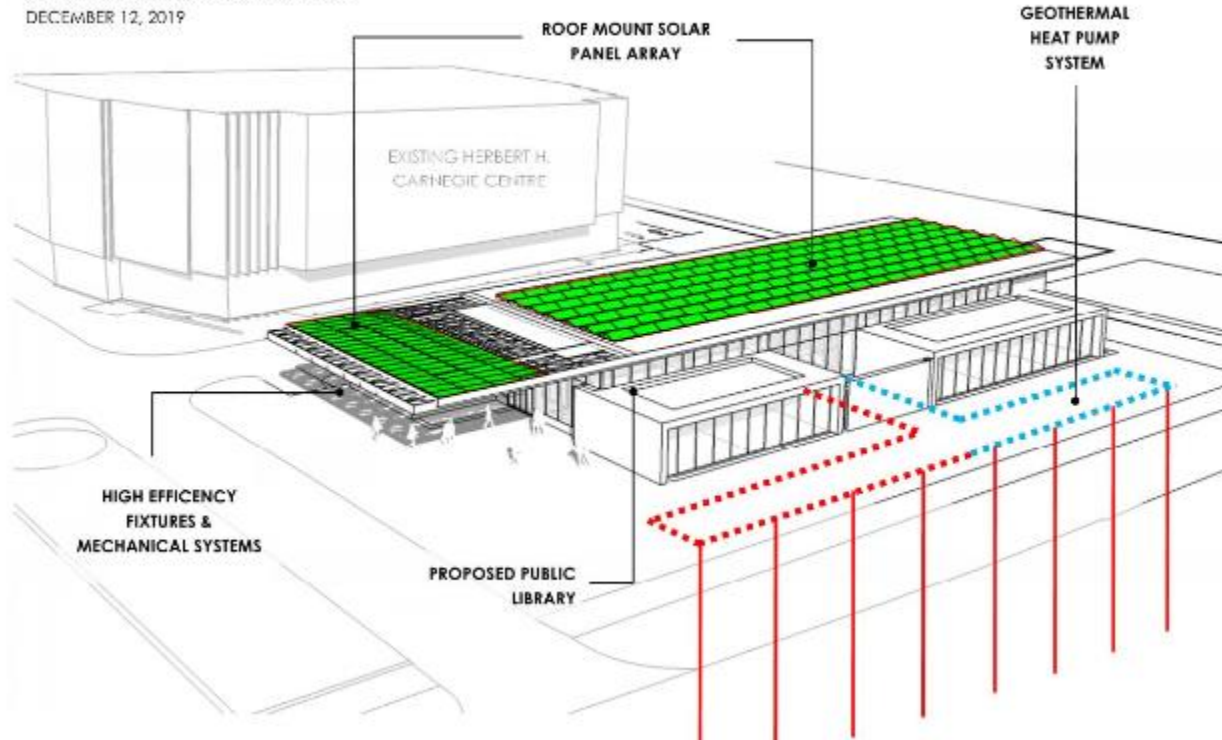


# Context: What is Net Zero?

The total amount of energy used on an annual basis is equal to the amount of renewable energy created on the site

## RENEWABLE ENERGY SYSTEMS

CENTENNIAL LIBRARY RECONSTRUCTION  
DECEMBER 12, 2019



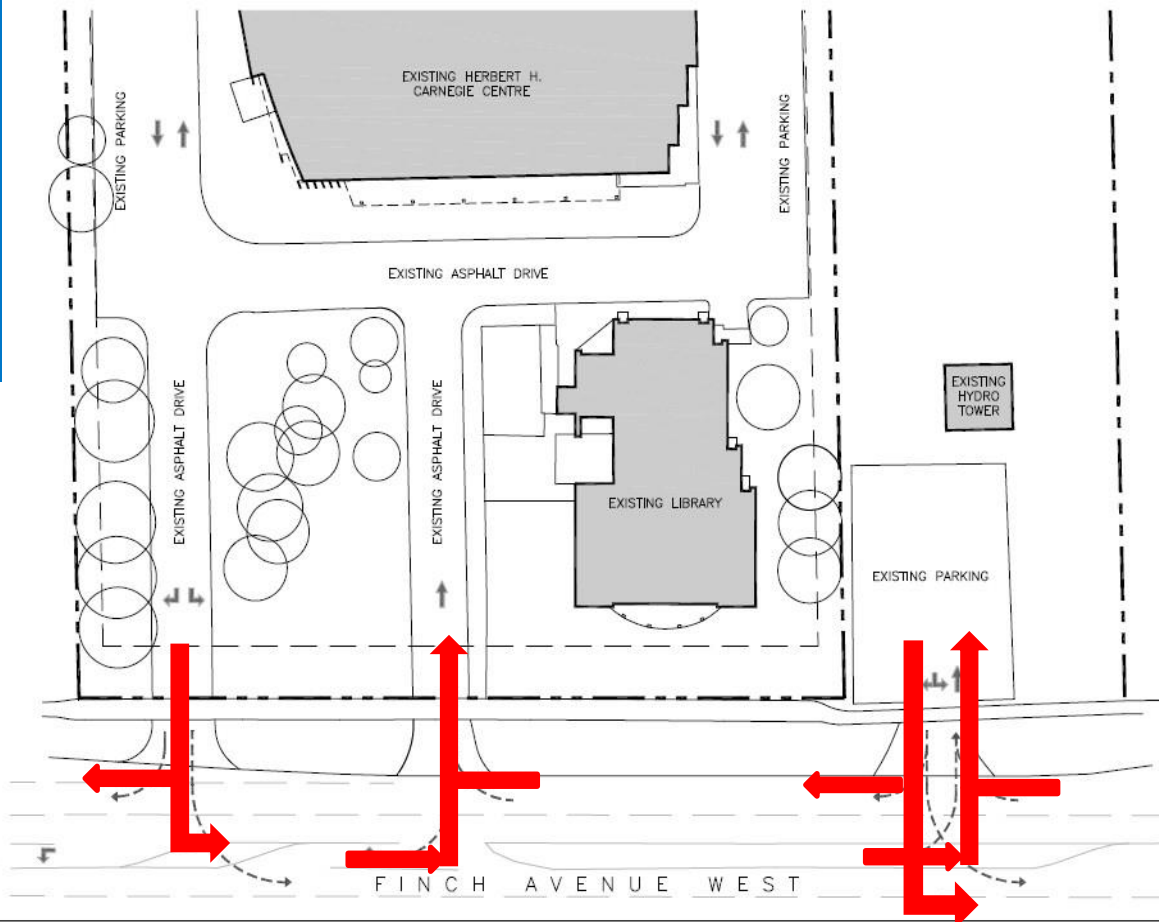
# Site Plan

## Existing conditions



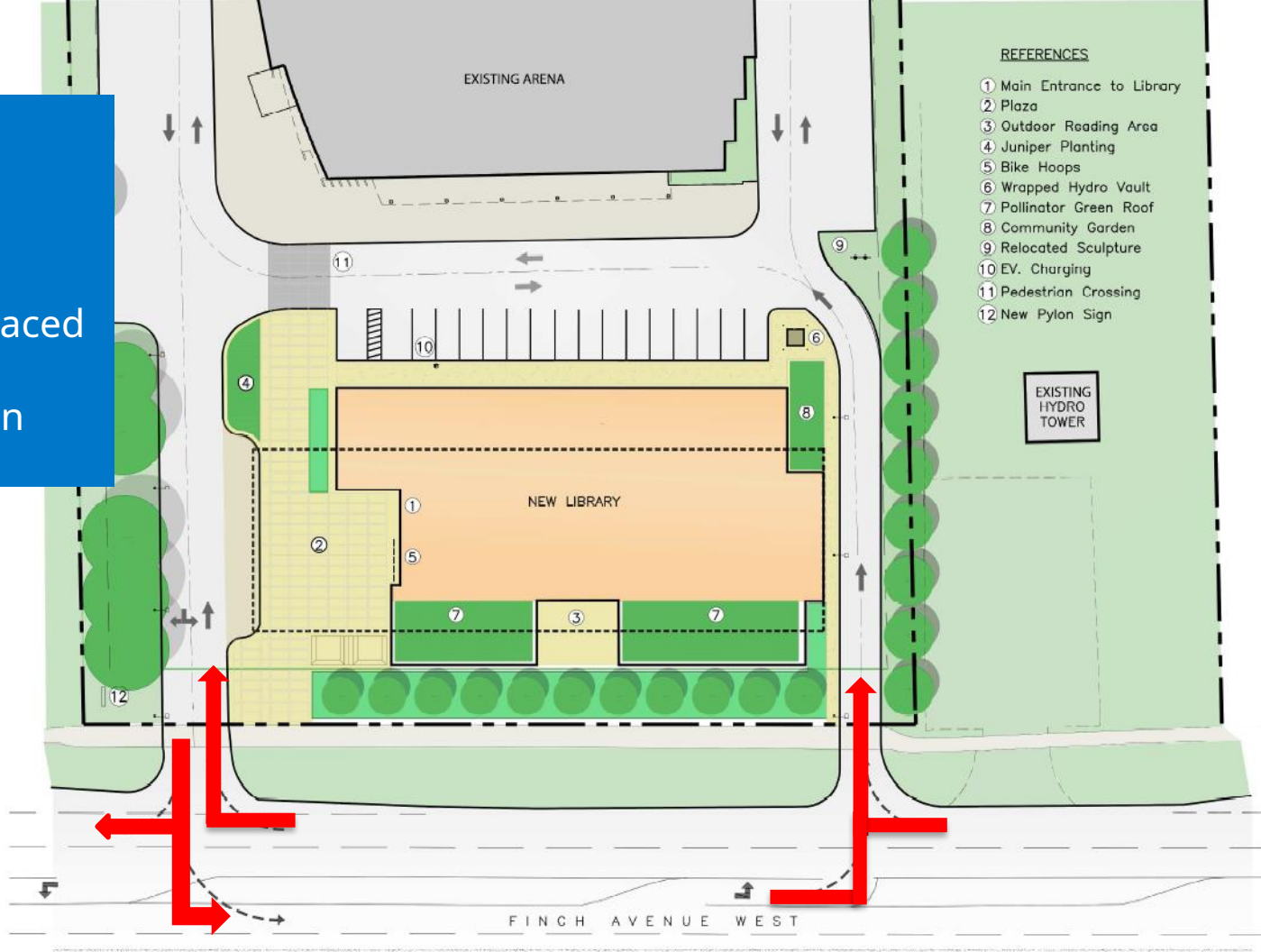
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Leads to congestion and confusion

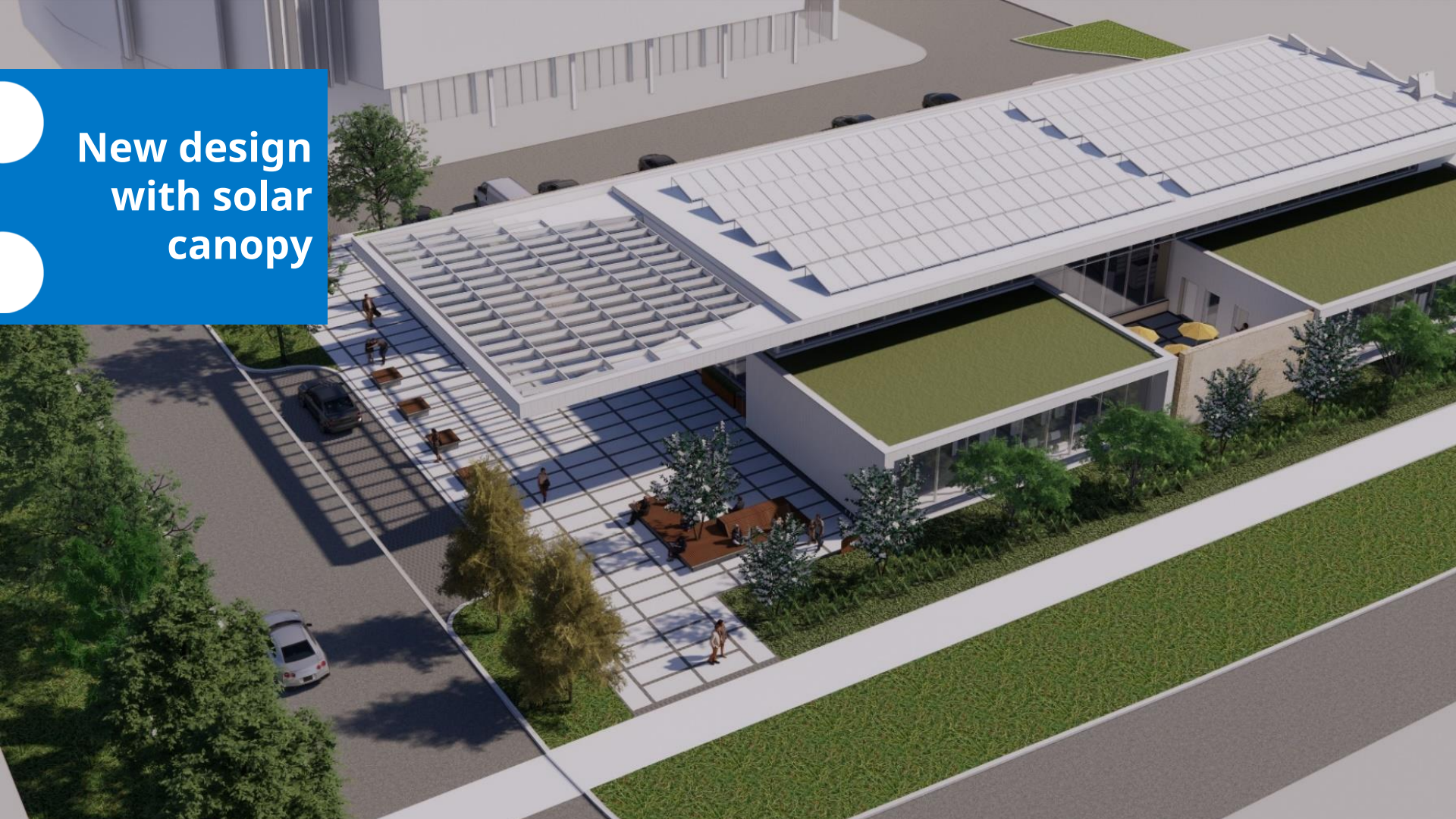


# Proposed new plan

two driveways spaced far apart should reduce congestion



**New design  
with solar  
canopy**











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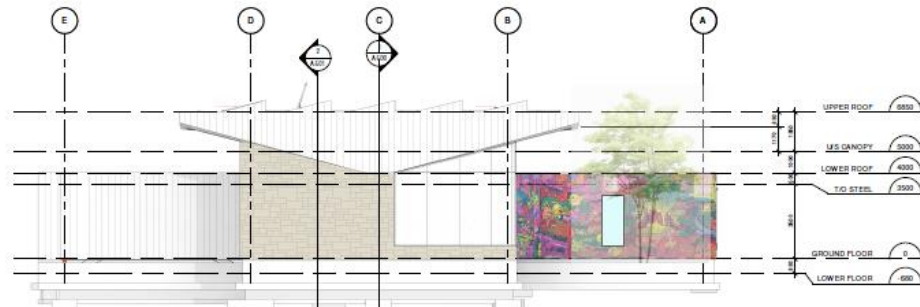
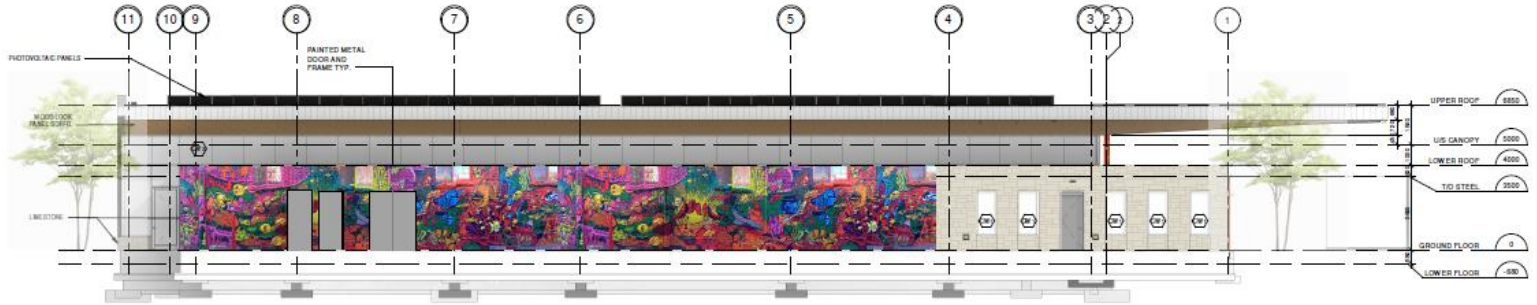


Library's relationship to the arena – still visible, sympathetic, complementary design



# Elevations – North / east side:

Part of the building is design as a canvas for art – a great opportunity for community engagement



# Floor Plan – Interior Layout

The plan meets Service Delivery standards and achieves the vision for the space



# Presentation at Design Review Panel:

Overwhelmingly positive response from the Design Review Panel

*“applaud the proponent team and the City (Library); aspirations for the projects are great; done homage to the early building on site”*

*“Commend the Library - championing contemporary design; championing energy efficiency; an exemplar again - bringing together on each and every (library) project; doing the right thing”*

*“Appreciate the great potential being shown here – always hope a project will come along that pushes the boundaries of design and sustainability – this one did; responsibility of design review panel is to look beyond; how they impact on the broader context – this is a civic moment – moment for a great library, moments for a statement about sustainability”*

## Schedule and next steps

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# Topic for discussion in breakout rooms

1. Library's connection / engagement with community
2. How will the new space(s) change the way you use this library
3. How should the outdoor plaza be activated? How can we best utilize this space?

Thank  
you!

