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A MESSAGE FROM ERNIE CRIST

At tonight's Council meeting I will submit a motion asking that a portion of the commercial building adjacent to the new Library be set aside for community space. Contrary to reports, it will have no impact on THE FINANCING of the project since it has become obvious now that the difference between \$ 34 million & \$ 41 million was never calculated into the financial arrangement other than as an empty declaration without any legal obligation.

This means that the cost of the project is NOT \$ 34 million as announced but \$ 41 million plus. In practical terms it means that the taxpayers will pay a minimum of \$ 41 million for a project which is a Library including a civic square valued at \$ 18 - 20 million only. This is an amount already available to the District.

I have already asked Mr. Dan Ellis to support my motion but he declined. This is the last opportunity for members of the public, especially Lynn Valley Seniors, to come forward and make a plea for this request. The opportunity to do so will be between 7 and 7.30 pm during the public input period tonight.

Without community space, this project will be merely a victory for mediocrity. The "Salieris" (Salieri was a mediocre composer living during Mozart's time who described himself as the patron saint of mediocrity) will be satisfied but it will do little for the residents of Lynn Valley, who need more than a postage stamp sized meeting room.

Ernie Crist

