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Registration:
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Extended library hours won't impact taxpayers

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The sticking point for many councillors was the potential additional tax impact, particularly when there was already a separate tax levy to phase in the impact of the new library's operating budget.

But Johnson pointed out last year the library levy was cut in half and the expected \$108,000 was lost to this year's budget.

But at her direction, Library Services Director Jane Diamanti and Recreation and Parks Director Terry Alyman were able to re-allocate dollars within the existing Georgetown library and Cultural Centre budgets to pay for the additional hours without impacting taxpayers' bills. It includes fines and fees revenues from the expected higher usage of new library, charging admission for previously free adult library activities, lowering the hydro/utility budget due to the use of geothermal heating and cooling system and utilizing reduced payrolls due to staff vacancies.

Speaking in favour of the Board's request, many councillors, who took a tour of the building that afternoon, called it a "spectacular facility" that is sure to attract people. They wondered, why spend money on a new library, but not on hours to keep it open?

At the end of the hour-long debate, the majority of budget committee—including Lewis—voted for the additional hours be-

cause it had no tax impact. Voting against were Councillors Clark Somerville and Michael O'Leary with both stating that perhaps the Library Board would have a better idea on needed operating hours and costs after the new library had been open for a year.

Somerville, who is one of council's two members on the Library Board, said he was surprised that the board went against a staff recommendation by Diamanti to wait a year before increasing hours. Somerville was not present at the board meeting when this direction was decided. But Loreto said the Board thought the time was now to pursue the additional hours.

Mayor Rick Bonnette cautioned the public not to label anyone voting against the library board's proposal as "anti-library".

"This council has spent millions of dollars on both libraries," he said. "This is a democracy and people have a right to have concerns on how the budget goes."

The Georgetown library/Cultural Centre is a \$13.2 million project with 34,400 sq. ft. of renovated and expanded space. The official opening, with planned activities and special guest is set for Saturday, Jan. 26. The new 9,000 sq. ft. \$3.5 million Acton library, funded by the federal, provincial and local governments, opened its doors in 2011.



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