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Mayor and Council
City of Prince George
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May 24th, 2024

Dear Mayor Yu and Members of Council:

I am writing on behalf of the Board of Trustees (The Board) of the Prince George Public Library (PGPL) to express The Board's support for the prioritization of the concrete deck upgrade at the Bob Harkins Branch of the library.

During the meeting of the Committee of the Whole that occurred on May 8th, 2024, as reported in the *Prince George Citizen* ("[Prince George city council ponders how to expedite unfunded capital projects](#)" May 9th, 2024), the concrete deck upgrade was discussed as one of eight high-priority projects on the list of unfunded capital projects at the City of Prince George.

The Board and library staff at PGPL have identified this project as a priority for enhancing library facilities and services. The deck offers a secure, attractive, outdoor space where library programs, public events, and comfortable seating options could be featured, significantly increasing the amount of usable space for the community without having to expand the building footprint or construct new facilities.

In partnership with the City of Prince George's plan to complete the engineering upgrades of the deck, The Board is committed to focusing its ongoing fundraising efforts to the purchase of additional upgrades for the deck, such as art pieces, interactive play structures, and seating options. We believe that this multi-year Board fundraising effort would enhance the accessibility and appeal of the deck space at the branch once the engineering upgrades have been completed by the City.

The members of the Library Board and Staff look forward to working with the members of the Civic Facilities & Events team at the City to collaborate on this exciting project.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Anna Duff
Chair, Prince George Public Library Board of Trustees

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