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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### NEWS RELEASE

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[Sooke, BC]

### **Sooke Library Open House showcases designs for new library building**

The Sooke Branch of the Vancouver Island Regional Library is hosting an Open House on Wednesday, May 16<sup>th</sup> to reveal the designs for the new library building to be build on Wadams Way.

The construction of a new community library facility has been a goal shared by the District of Sooke and the Vancouver Island Regional Library board for many years. As committed partners, District of Sooke Mayor and Council look forward to the benefits that a new library will bring to the community.

“Providing opportunities for residents to gather and connect is strategic priority of this Council,” says Sooke Mayor Maja Tait. “Council felt strongly that the library facility should be located in the Town Centre and is pleased to have been able to work with the Vancouver Island Library Board towards this goal. The unveiling of the building designs is an exciting step towards completion of this project. I encourage residents to attend the Open House and learn more about the new library facility”.



### **Sooke Branch Fact Sheet**

- VIRL has approval to borrow up to \$6 million to build a 10,000 sq. ft. facility on Wadams Way in central Sooke.
- The budget encompasses all phases of the build, including site preparation, construction, furnishings, equipment, and IT infrastructure.
- We have contracted with the architecture firm HDR | CEI for this project.
- We are looking at expanding hours of operation and available programming when the new facility opens.
- Construction is scheduled to start in 2018. A completion date has yet to be determined.



Visit [virl.bc.ca](http://virl.bc.ca) for more information and project updates.



## SOOKE BRANCH

Come see the designs for your new library!

### OPEN HOUSE

Join us at the

Sooke Community Hall (Dining Room)

2037 Shields Road, Sooke, BC V9Z 0L6

**Wednesday, May 16, 2018**

**5:30 – 8 pm**

5:30 - 6:30 pm: Meet the Architect, Library Manager and Senior Staff

6:30 - 8 pm: The designs will be revealed along with a presentation and Q&A



Questions? Please ask VIRL staff at your Branch!

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