

Library Board offers new summer hours at Belfountain branch

Last July, the Caledon Public Library Board approved a recommendation to reduce the hours of operation of the Belfountain branch as part of a 10-month pilot project.

This strategic decision to temporarily reduce the hours was prompted by low branch use and was intended to encourage a more concentrated and timely use of the facility while reducing related staff costs.

The Board and staff have been monitoring branch performance and public response since the launch of the pilot in September 2015. While June would have marked the planned end of the pilot, the Board recently approved a proposal to extend the study pending the results of the Library's Master Plan in the fall. This extension also included the introduction of new summer hours at the Belfountain branch.

The hours of operation for July and August will be Tuesdays from 4 to 8 p.m., Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The library recently hired LGA Architectural Partners and Lighthouse Consulting to facilitate the completion of a Service/Facility Review and Master Plan. The resulting plan will provide recommendations related to the ongoing operation of, and required improvements to, library branches and to effectively position the library to meet the future needs of a growing Caledon. To this end, an online survey will soon be launched and number of open houses will be scheduled in the coming months. The library welcomes this opportunity to learn more about the community's related needs and to identify new and innovative ways to provide service to the area.