

King Township retendering library expansion project

King Township is retendering a project to expand and update the King City library after the all the bids from construction companies vying to win the contract came in over budget.

“Although we're disappointed this will set the project back in terms of timing, it's important that we're both fiscally responsible and transparent with the community,” said Rona O'Banion, chief executive officer at King Township Public Library.

The plans for the expansion included incorporating a space to accommodate the new King City Seniors Centre, which would relocate from its current location on Fisher Street.

Staff will now go back and look at redesigning parts of the project to bring down the overall cost.

“It's important to maintain the integrity of the original design without compromising the programmable space for the community, including our seniors,” said O'Banion.

She said the Library Board and the King City Seniors' Centre Board were consulted and both groups agreed that a redesign and retender was the most appropriate and fiscally responsible action to take.

Once the project is redesigned, it will be put out to tender.

O'Banion estimated that might happen by spring, although she added that a new deadline isn't set in stone.

“It's more important we get it right, rather than right now,” she said.