



Presentation to Tay Council August 28, 2024

Tay Libraries, A place for us all.

SAVE OUR THREE LIBRARY BRANCHES PLEASE!

We have the support of all three Tay communities.

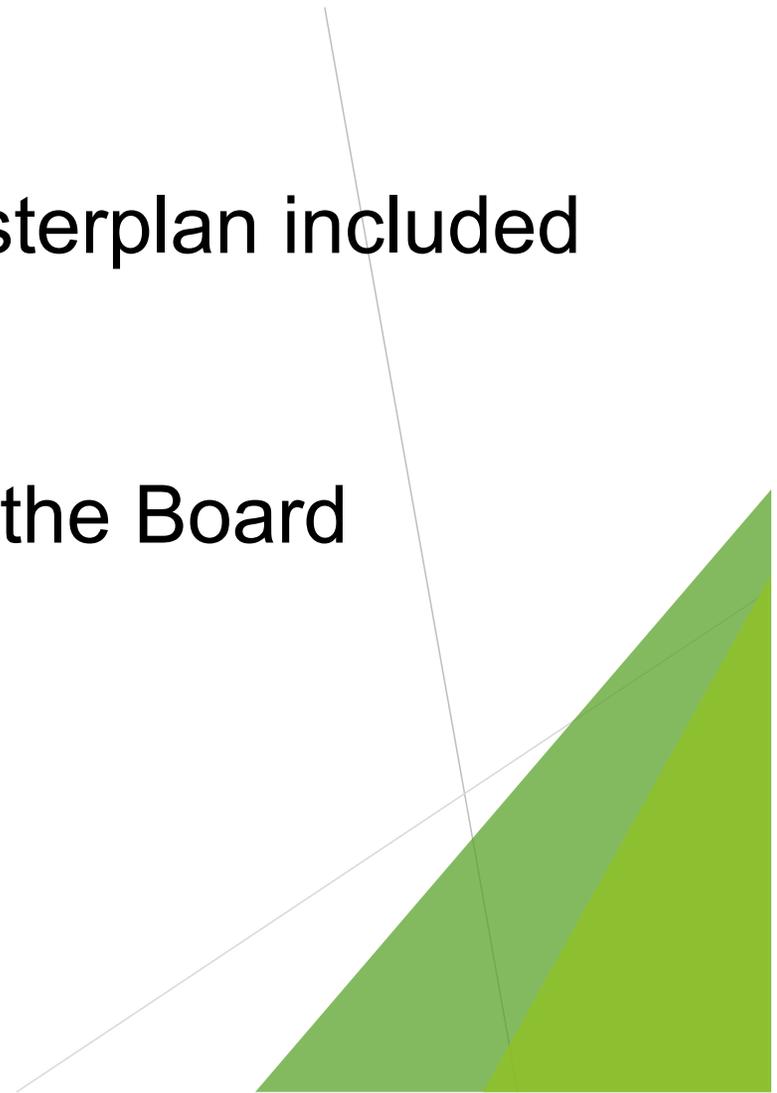


In 2016 a Library Masterplan was prepared by experts, paid for by Council , accepted by the Library Board, by Tay Council and by the citizens of Tay Township



The process to create the Masterplan included

- General Public Meetings
- Surveys
- Consultation with Staff and the Board



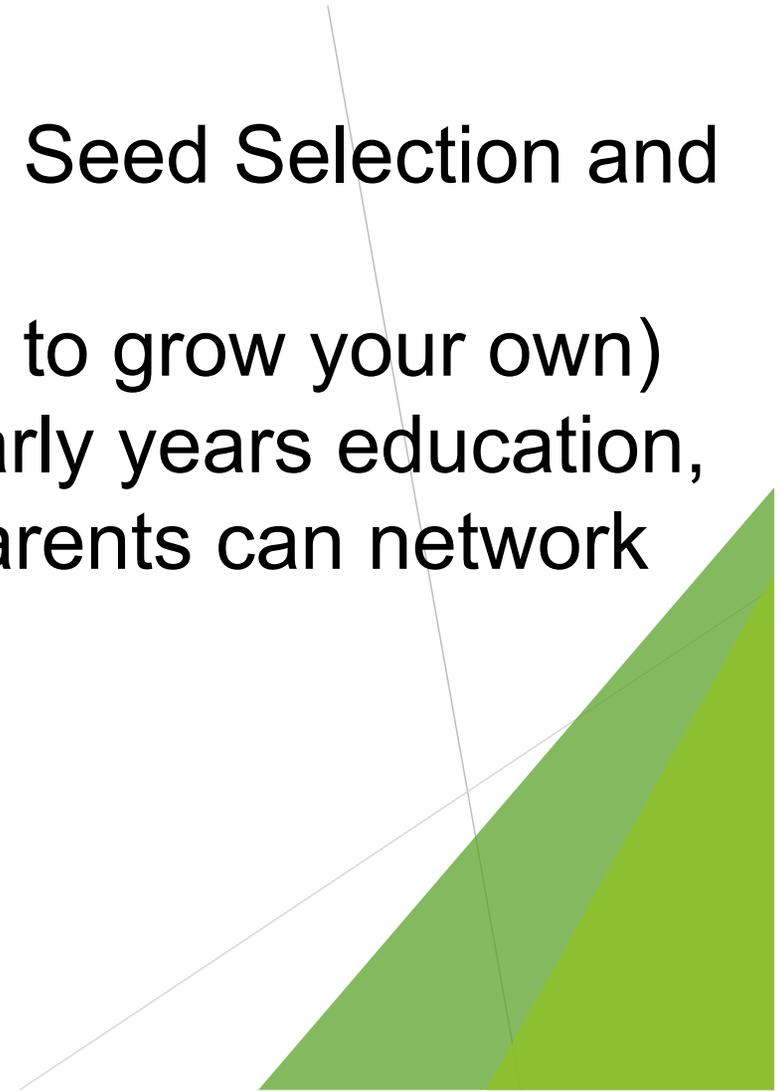
The Masterplan indicated that the Library
is **INDISPENSABLE** to our communities
for all kinds of reasons

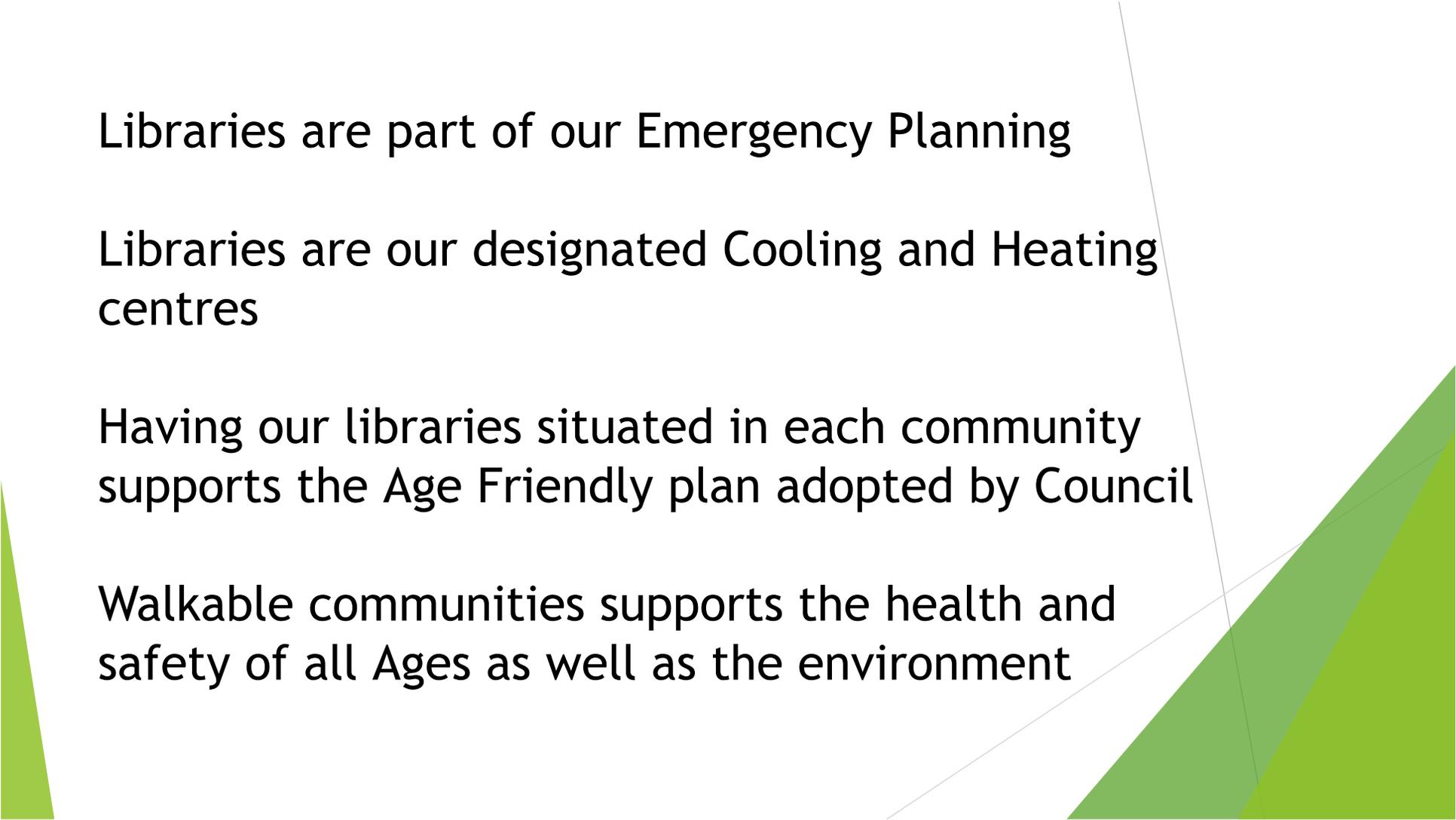
The reasons remain true today.

Our Libraries provide:

- The obvious gifts of pleasure that books provide
- Access to computers and assistance by staff when needed
- Access to the internet and WiFi
(not all our region has reliable internet)
- Support in access Service Ontario and Service Canada
- Good Food Box is provided through our local libraries
- A quiet place for school kids to do homework

- Our Libraries are involved in Seed Selection and seed swapping
(a great way to learn how to grow your own)
- Each branch assists with early years education,
- Toddler programs, where parents can network
- Story Time
- After school program
- Games night
- Cultural dinners





Libraries are part of our Emergency Planning

Libraries are our designated Cooling and Heating centres

Having our libraries situated in each community supports the Age Friendly plan adopted by Council

Walkable communities supports the health and safety of all Ages as well as the environment

Libraries provide a place to meet and connect with people without needing to register for a program or make an appointment

Isolation is the new Health Hazard
associated with Mental Health

You are investing in health when you
save our libraries

Keep in mind

- **Waubashene has NO Public Venue other than our Library**
- **Port McNicoll has NO Public Transit, so can not travel to alternative libraries**

Our Request

Township hold a general public meeting to listen to the concerns and wishes of the residents you serve

Meetings should be held in each of our three communities to accommodate those without transportation

Surveys should be sent to each household, so seasonal people or those on vacation can have their voice

Results of all the above should be gathered by an independent body and made public.