

### **Sherwood Village Branch Land**

After a lengthy process, due primarily to the complexity of the land issues, the Library's purchase of additional land around the Sherwood Village Branch was confirmed by the issue of new land title documents on November 7<sup>th</sup>. For the past 30 years, the Library has owned the land on which the branch sits, plus a small band around its perimeter and less than half of the street frontage. The Library now owns the full width of the street frontage and the parking area extends to a few feet north of the little lane that connects the Sherwood Village Mall lot with the parking lot of the Barley Mill Brew Pub.

### **New Central Library Development Website**

Further to the Library's commitment to post more information about the Central Library Development project, the Library's Marketing & Communications unit, along with the Virtual Services unit, created a new Central Library Development website. The Central Library/Regina Cultural Centre Feasibility Study has been posted to the site, along with much of the background information on the project. There are a few more documents to post over the short-term and the site will be used for ongoing communication with Regina about the project. The new site is at: <http://www.reginalibrary.ca/cld/>

### **Budget 2013**

Overall, the 2013 Budget, reflects a modest increase in the mill rate in comparison to the pressures of library operations. Notably, the Budget includes a significant increase in staff salaries and benefits to accommodate the recent settlement of the CUPE contract and out-of-scope agreement. Capital investment overall is down because there are no large branch or Central Library projects proposed for 2013.

Included in the Board package is a draft of the Budget package for City Council that highlights activities of 2012 and initiatives for 2013. As always, Board members' comments on changes to the document are welcome.

### **Dunlop Art Gallery's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary / *DAG Volumes #1 (2012)***

The Dunlop Art Gallery will be celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on Friday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>. The Board will bring Greetings. In addition to the festivities of the Anniversary, the DAG has also produced its first annual compendium of exhibitions. Prior to this year's compendium, individual exhibitions or small groups of exhibitions were documented through individual publications – pamphlets for minor shows through to book publications for larger shows. Beginning in 2012, the DAG has consolidated documenting exhibitions into a single volume.

**2013 Regular Meeting Schedule**

The Regular Board meeting dates for 2013 have already been requested by some and there is no particular reason to wait. The dates can always be adjusted in future but in the interests of clarifying the year's meetings, the following dates are proposed, noting key items through the year:

<b>January 22</b>	Election of Executive
<b>March 26</b>	2012 Audited Financial Statements
<b>April 23</b>	General Business
<b>June 25</b>	General Business
<b>August 20</b>	General Business (3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month) (end of Summer)
<b>October 22</b>	2014 Budget
<b>December 10</b>	General Business / Year End