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**TO: Members of the Appleton Public Library Board of Trustees
Members of the City of Appleton Common Council**
**FROM: Dean Gazza, Director of Parks Recreation and Facilities Management
Colleen Rortvedt, Library Director**
DATE: May 14, 2021
RE: May Library Building Project Update

City staff continue to work with architects Skidmore, Owings and Merrill (SOM) on the library project. The following progress has been made in the past month:

1. The Building Condition Assessment has been finalized. No major surprises were found. Overall, the report was positive in that the building structure is solid and will integrate well into a new design. Below are some of the photos taken during the condition assessment process.

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EXISTING STRUCTURE REVIEW



Figure 3



Figure 4



Figure 5



Figure 6



Figure 7



Figure 8

2. A building scan utilizing LIDAR scanning technology was performed and is currently being finalized. It is anticipated that this will be completed at month end as scheduled.
3. Boundary and topographic surveys have been completed.
4. Ongoing work continues with staff on the library building program. This will serve as the initial instructions that the architects use to develop space needs, important adjacencies and ultimately concepts and design. The architectural team will utilize this information to begin testing various options for consideration. Meetings have been a combination of in person and virtual. Below are images from the first staff workshop.



5. A Library Building Project Advisory Committee has been developed and the [submission of applications](#) and appointments has begun. This Committee will consist of stakeholders with a broad spectrum of insight from throughout the community to provide input into the goals and design of the Library.
6. Additional opportunities for broad community involvement are being finalized.

Upon the completion of the pre-design and programming phases we look forward to entering the conceptual design phase next month as additional feedback is obtained.