Port Moody
Public
Library

Building Our Future: Library Master Plan

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Purpose of the Presentation

Historical Context

1995
Library opens with 12,500 square feet

2004
Lack of space is identified as an issue

2005
Cornerstone recommends a new library be built with 28,000 square foot

2008
Budget for a "Library Building Project" included in 5-year capital plan 2008-2012

2010
"Library Building Project" removed from the 5-year capital plan

2017
RPG recommends a new library be built with 42,500 square feet

2018
Community Opinion Question fails: 52.5% no vs. 47.5% yes

2019 and 2023
Library Board requests a new library be added to the 5-year capital plan

2025
RPG prepares a Library Master Plan and Functional Programs

Why We Need a New Central Library

Critical Space Shortage

- Current facility is stretched to capacity
- Standard is 1.0 sq ft per capita but current space is 0.32 sq ft per capita

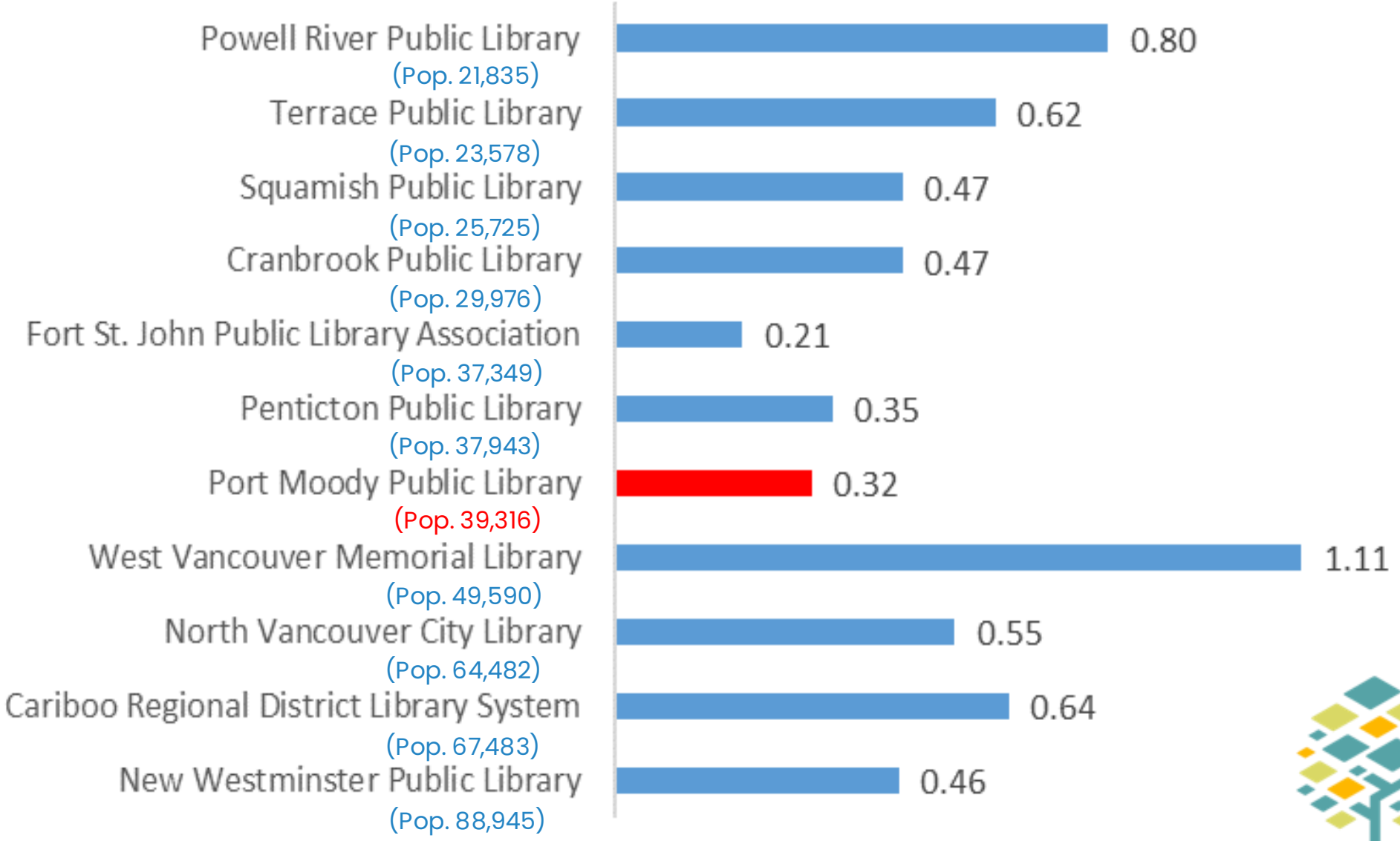
Population Growth Demands

- Need to expand from 12,500 sq ft to 49,000 sq ft
- Must act now to support anticipated growth
- Current facility cannot support branch system development

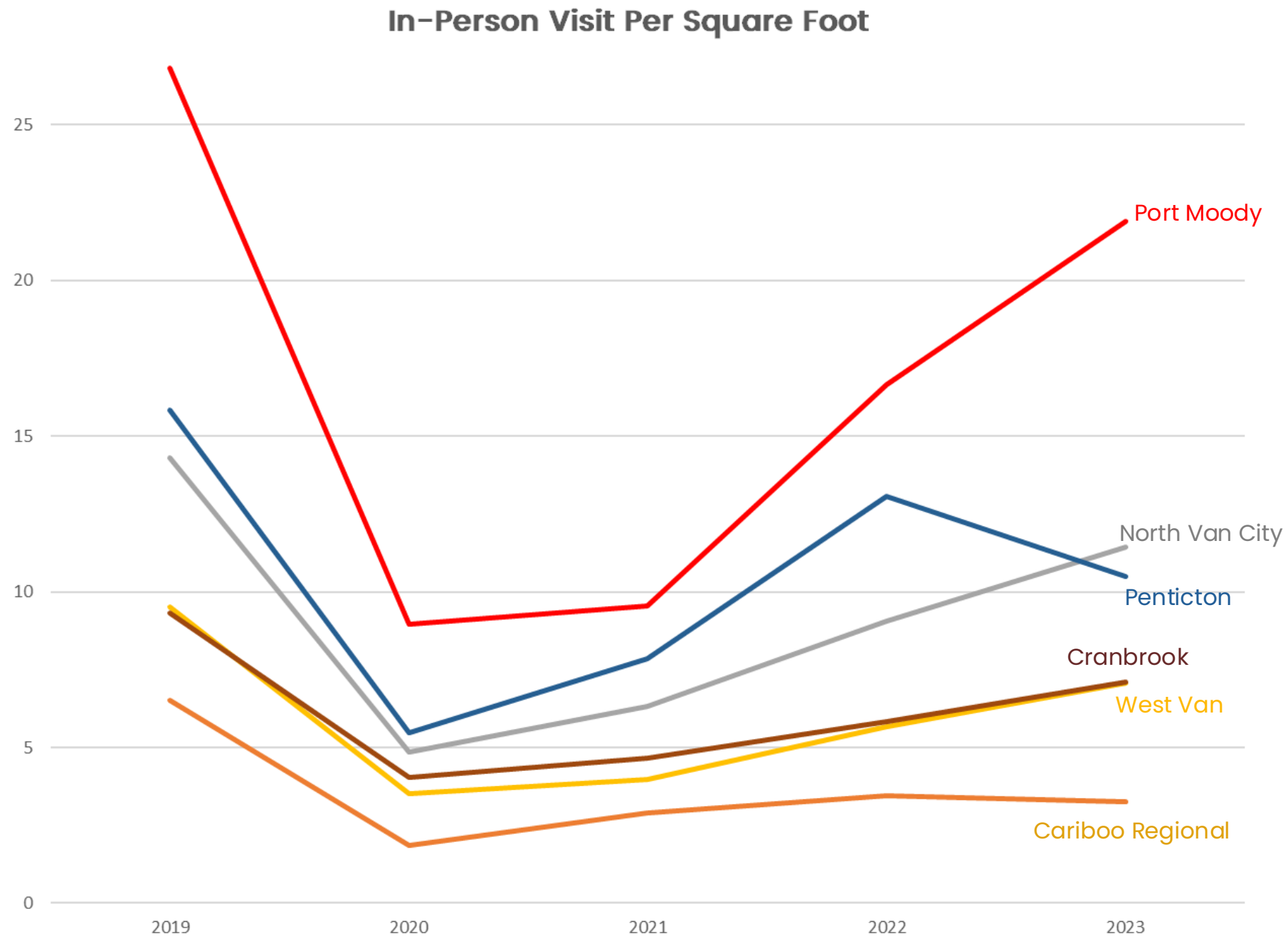
Enhanced Services

- Modern technology infrastructure
- Expanded programs and collections
- Flexible community spaces and improved accessibility

Library Per Capita Square Footage



Source: BC Public Libraries Branch Data - 2023



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Three Fundamental Community Needs

Overview of the Facility Master Plan

1. Central Library (49,000 sq ft)

- Main hub at Old Firehall site supporting branch operations

2. Community Branch (20,000-25,000 sq ft)

- Moody Centre location once population reaches 60,000

3. Express Branches (500 - 2000 sq ft)

- Self-service locations
- Cost effective means to expand services
- Flexible implementation

Site Selection and Design Considerations

Prime Location Benefits

- High visibility at major intersection
- Strong physical connections to other city services
- Excellent transit access
- Opportunity for landmark civic building

Site Advantages

- Adequate size for 49,000 sq ft facility
- Room for underground parking (125 spaces)
- Potential for future expansion or collocation with other services

Strategic Alignment

- Within Transit-Oriented Development area
- Supports complete neighbourhood vision
- Creates civic presence in growing area
- Previously identified as preferred location

Functional Program

Future Planning and Advocacy

Fundraising Strategy and Community Engagement

Call to Action

Vision for the Future