



FACT SHEET FOR LIBRARY'S AUGUST 3, 2010 PROPOSALS

Proposal One: The Cromaine District Library asks to continue to levy a tax of 1.5212 mills to operate the Cromaine Libraries for a period of ten years. This is a renewal of the current Library operating millage which expires in 2012.

Fact: Renewal of the Library's operating millage will permit continued operation.

Fact: Cromaine has not increased the operating millage rate of 1.6 mills (rolled back now to 1.5212) since its initial approval in 1997 and its approved renewal for ten years in 2002.

Fact: With the same rate of operating millage since 2002, Cromaine has experienced dramatic increase in usage. In the first half of 2009-2010 compared to just last year, the Library has experienced a 33% increase in circulation—books and other items used inside and outside the library; 140% increase in program attendance; and 23% increase in visits to the library. Comparing year-end for 2001-2002 and 2008-2009, circulation has increased 151%; program attendance, 96%; and library visits, 43%.

Fact: This is not an increase in taxes; in fact, due to lowered taxable values, what you pay for the library's operating millage will likely decline.

Proposal Two: The Cromaine District Library asks to issue general obligation bonds in the amount of \$23.9 million dollars with a term of 25 years in order to renovate and expand the Cromaine District Library in the Village of Hartland.

Fact: With the renovation and expansion of Cromaine in the Village and all operations on one site, the Library will be able to expand its hours of service.

Fact: Expansion and renovation will improve the lighting and safety of the entrances and parking lots and will increase the parking lot space for everyone.

Fact: Cromaine, once renovated and expanded, is an investment in this community's future—for our children and grandchildren. Operating since 1927, Cromaine will continue to serve all who need and use the Library.

Fact: There will be more space for tables, seating, library computers and visitor laptops, with sufficient outlets and flexible space for usage into the future.

Fact: Adults will have space separate from teens and teens will have space separate from children, so that all can use Cromaine as they need and want to.

Fact: Green energy solutions, such as geothermal heating and LED lighting, will be implemented to save future operating costs.

Fact: 300 jobs will be created over the course of construction which means workers who will shop and lunch in our community during the project.

Please thoughtfully consider these proposals. More information, including the plan, is available at www.cromaine.org and in Community Conversations held at the Library in coming months.

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