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Library motion rescinded

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A proposal that would have seen the Drayton Valley Library move into the old United Church building in town appears to have hit a dead end.

The former church had been offered for sale to Brazeau County for \$1 with a view to the building being used to accommodate the combined service of the main library and the Rotary Children's Library. In July, County council unanimously passed a motion requesting the library board move to the church. Last week

council rescinded that motion and instructed administration to formally end the process of purchasing the building.

Last month the library board voted to permanently close the Rotary Children's Library at the end of this year. Parts of the collection from the children's library will be made available through the main branch, however, due to shortage of space, a significant portion of it will be put into storage until a permanent solution has been found.

The former church building was one of two options considered by the

library board as it looked for a suitable location for a combined library. It's believed that combining the two libraries has the potential to both improve services and reduce operating costs. However, while the church was on offer at \$1, it would have required significant investment in order to make the building suitable for its new purpose. The board voted in favour of a move to the former Sears building, however, any relocation would require financial support from either the County or the Town of Drayton Valley, which does not appear to be available in the current economic climate.