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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: **City of Ferndale Makes Additional Gift and Issues Community Fundraising Challenge for New Ferndale Library**

The Ferndale City Council voted to add \$100,000 in City funding towards the new library at their meeting on Monday, November 15th. They also pledged an additional \$150,000 in matching money for community members who make donations by December 1st, 2010

The Whatcom Community Foundation was already matching contributions to the New Ferndale Library capital campaign dollar-for-dollar up to one million dollars through December 1st so the City's match effectively quadruples a donation. So, thanks to Ferndale City money, a \$25,000 gift becomes \$50,000 that the Foundation then matches leading ultimately to a \$100,000 for the new library.

The new library will be constructed on Main Street west of Ferndale City Hall. At more than \$3.4 million, the project capital campaign is near 67% of its goal. The estimated cost of the new library, including land acquisition, design, construction, furniture and fixtures, is approximately \$5.1 million. Construction is slated to begin in late 2011.

For more information about the new Ferndale Library or to make a contribution online, please visit: www.newferndalelibrary.org. Donations to the Library project may also be made online at www.whatcomcf.org.

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