

Notes to Council



August 26, 2023 Board Meeting Highlights

Welcome

Marigold Board welcomed the recently appointed representative from the Town of Cochrane, Christopher Gillespie.

Financial Statements

Unaudited financial statements to July 31, 2023 were accepted as presented.

Budget Estimates for 2024

CEO Lynne Price presented the 2024 budget estimates. These estimates are provided to member municipal councils every September, as required by the Marigold Agreement.

The estimated 2024 budget is \$6,141,188 which is 5.2% higher due to an estimated increase in the Alberta Treasury population numbers from 2022, the approved increase to Schedule C levies, and the increased amount received for provincial grants.

The primary unknown for 2024 is the provincial grant, and whether Municipal Affairs will continue to use 2019 population numbers.

HQ Building Sale

Marigold successfully closed the sale of the old Headquarters building on May 12, 2023.

Policy Approval & Decision

Policies reviewed & approved:

- Standards & Services Co. Mandate Statement
- Transfer Payments Policy—Schedule B
- Board Member Roles & Responsibilities Policy
- Board Meetings Policy
- Board Member Compensation Policy
- Governance Policy

Library Service Points policies:

- Grievance Appeal Process Policy
- Workplace Harassment Prevention Policy
- Bylaws for Safety & Use
- Hours of Service Policy
- Collection Management Policy

Board efficiency, effectiveness, and cost-savings:

Marigold Board approved the Executive Committee's recommendation to dissolve the Advocacy Committee, whose work is now done by the Regional Systems Advocacy Committee. The following Ad Hoc Committees were dissolved: Finance Committee, Building Committee, and the Schedule C Ad Hoc Committee.



Upcoming Board Meetings:

Saturday, November 18, 2023 9:30 AM
TEAMS Virtual Meeting

Saturday, January 27, 2023 9:30 AM
TEAMS Virtual Meeting

Questions?

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Meet the Staff: Emily George

The Board heard a presentation from Emily George, Collections Services Consultant. Emily has been with Marigold since April 2023, and supervises the Collections Services team, including acquisitions, cataloguing, and processing functions.

Emily is also the Consultant for ten member libraries, and delivers training on collections services, item records, SimplyReports, and new manager orientation.

In her spare time, Emily volunteers as a Feline Friend with the Calgary Humane Society.

October is Canadian Library Month

Canadian Library Month takes place every year in October and provides an opportunity to raise awareness of the valuable role libraries play in the lives of people who live in Canada. This year, the theme for Canadian Library Month is “*Libraries for Life.*” To help libraries promote the event, there are digital resources like website banners, posters, and social media templates available for free on the Ontario Library Association website, accessola.com.



CEO & COO Updates

COO L. Taylor spoke about the Airdrie Library and Multi-Use Facility groundbreaking ceremony, summer programs at Marigold libraries and the Stoney Nakoda Nation, the Library Leaders meeting coming up in September, and the new homework and career help eResource, Brainfuse.

CEO L. Price provided updates on council presentations to the M.D. of Acadia, the Town of High River, and an upcoming presentation to Special Areas Board, marketing and promotion of library service to municipalities without library boards, and work being done by the Banff Library to support those affected by the Charleston Residence fire in Lake Louise (I.D. #9).

