

Marigold's new headquarters building and colocation with Western Irrigation District is proceeding with important work being accomplished in the first half of 2018.

### UPDATES

Marigold Library System and Western Irrigation District [WID] continue to be committed to working together and will benefit from construction savings, operating cost savings and sharing common space with a joint facility. The uniqueness of this joint project has generated much interest and positive responses from community members and other stakeholders across the province.

On May 1, Wheatland County Council approved first reading of the lending bylaw to provide Marigold with a line of credit loan of up to \$2,000,000 for the new facility. Wheatland will be advertising the bylaw in August and Council will likely make a decision in the fall.

Marigold's CEO, Michelle Toombs, wrote a letter to Dr. Diana Davidson at Public Library Services Branch in June with an update on Marigold's new building progress and intention to build a joint facility with WID.

To facilitate planning, Marigold and WID Joint Facility Committee members met at Marigold Headquarters on June 7, July 12 and August 15.

Marigold and Western Irrigation District have engaged CivicWorks Planning & Design to complete planning and design services for the undeveloped WID land. Kristi Beunder, Principle with CivicWorks, reported that the Town of Strathmore confirmed an Area Structure Plan will not be required. The planning process is moving directly to land use designation and rezoning, which should result in some cost savings and expedite the project timeline. Environmental screening of the lands was completed by a biologist from Matrix Consultants in June and will aid the Town in establishing Environmental Reserve and Municipal Reserve requirements.

CivicWorks has scheduled an Open House in Strathmore on September 13 from 5:00pm to 8:00pm at the Strathmore Town Hall. The Open House is an opportunity for residents to provide feedback to the Town on plans for the property. CivicWorks will present a draft site plan so residents can get a sense of the building footprint, parking areas, truck access, traffic flow and green space. CivicWorks has distributed flyers and Marigold and WID will be engaging with residents.

The Joint Facility Committee agreed to proceed with purchase and development agreements. Both agreements are under review.

Marigold will be submitting an application in 2018 for the Community Facility Enhancement Program (CFEP) large funding stream, which provides funding for capital projects of up to \$1 Million.

**PROJECT HISTORY:** Background information and details on past progress including previous issues of ReNews are available on the Marigold website at <http://marigold.ab.ca/new-building>