MARIGOLD REPORT

Notes to Councils and Special Areas
April 2008

Snow and Flames proved no match to members of the Marigold Board, which held its Annual General Meeting in Strathmore on April 22, 2008. The AGM was part of the regular board meeting.

Marigold's Annual Report was presented by Chair Sheila Macklin and Carlee Pilikowski, Communications Officer. The Chair noted that 2007 was a banner year, with "fantastic" growth — the City of Airdrie, Rocky View M.D. and the Town of Cochrane were welcomed as members of Marigold during 2007. She noted that Marigold has moved closer to achieving VISION 2010, and now serves 94% of the possible population.

The audit for 2007 was presented by representatives of Gregory, Harriman & Associates, which was reappointed as auditors for 2008.

Elections and appointments to committees: Prior to the election, the Board approved suspending three paragraphs of the Constitution in order to comply with the Libraries Act and Regulation plus the proposed amendments to the Marigold Agreement. The Executive Committee can now consist of up to 10 voting members.

Lynda Lyster was declared Chair of the Marigold Board. Lynda is the Board member from M.D. of Bighorn. She has been on the Board since 2006 and on the Executive since April 2007. She takes over from Sheila Macklin, who has been on the Board since 1988 and has chaired since 2003.

Lynda Lyster

Executive Committee for 2008 – 2009

Lynda Lyster, (Chair) Bighorn M.D.
Maxine Booker, Acadia M.D.
Adamo Cocuzzoli, Town of Cochrane
Judy Dufort, City of Airdrie
Leslie Duchak, Town of Okotoks
Lois Habberfield, Rocky View M.D.
John Getz, Village of Standard
Sheila Macklin, Foothills M.D.
Carol Anne Maisey, Town of High River (will continue to serve as Vice-Chair until the August Board meeting)

During the regular Board meeting, the updated Lobbying Plan for Provincial Government was accepted as were updates from the Standing Committees. The Board also accepted Budget 2008 Revised, with revenue of $3,791,705.

The Board approved all amendments to the Agreement, including Schedules A, B, and C. The amended Agreement is being sent to participating councils for approval. Sixty percent of councils, representing 60% of the participating population must approve the amended Agreement in order to have it come into effect. Schedule C is proposed for three years (2009-2011) with no changes to the levy for municipalities, and $4.50 per capita (down from $4.61) for municipal library boards.

Rowena Lunn, Director, announced that RISE (Rural Information Services initiativE) has received $3.7 million from Rural Alberta's Development Fund. Work on implementing a video-conference network among the libraries of Southern Alberta will begin in the summer. Marigold, Shortgrass and Chinook Arch are the partners in RISE.

The next meeting of the Marigold Board will be in Rockyford on Saturday, August 23.

Snow and Flames ... no Board members from east of Drumheller were able to drive to Strathmore, due to road conditions. The Flames lost.

Municipalities Represented, April 22 , 2008

Sheila Macklin	Foothills M.D. (Chair)
Judy Dufort	City of Airdrie
Diane Osberg	Towns of Black Diamond/Turner Valley
Carney Raitz-Wakaryk	Town of Canmore
Ruth Wright (alternate)	Town of Chestermere
Ingrid Thornton	Town of Drumheller
Carol Anne Maisey	Town of High River (Vice Chair)
Glen Keiver	Kneehill County
Kathie Putman	Village of Linden
Leslie Duchak	Town of Okotoks
Lois Habberfield	Rocky View M.D.
John Getz	Village of Standard
Earl Best	Town of Strathmore
Frank VanderKley	Town of Trochu
Don Vander Velde	Wheatland County

Guests:

Mayor George Lattery	Town of Strathmore
Mayor Frank Dusome	Town of Irricana
Terry McAuley	Town of Irricana
Richard Marsh	Town of Irricana library board

Staff:

Rowena Lunn	Director
Karen Labuik	Assistant Director
Steven Pattison	Consultant/Automation & Network Services
Linda Williams	Consultant/Library Services
Laura Taylor	Consultant/Library Services & Projects
Shona Gourlay	Consultant/Member Services
Sarah Stephens	Administrative Assistant (recorder)
Carlee Pilikowski	Communications Officer
Sanjeev Pradhan	Computer & Network Assistant
Jane Smith	Consultation Assistant
Norma Hutchinson	Manager, Cataloguing Services
Margaret Newton	Cataloguer
Wendy Rezansoff	Cataloguer
Sandy Watson	Acquisitions/System Support
Barb Froese	Direct Services Clerk
Colleen Tooth	Direct Services Clerk

Marigold Board's Standing Committees

Advocacy

Sheila Macklin, (Chair) Foothills M.D.
Michele Geistlinger, Village of Longview
Lil Morrison, Starland County
Kathie Putman, Village of Linden
Helen Veno, Special Area #2

Governance Committee

Kristen Anderson, (Chair) Village of Hussar
Adamo Cocuzzoli, Town of Cochrane
Barbara Gibson, Member-at-large (Acme)
Mary Marshman, Member-at-large (Rockyford)

Standards & Services Committee

Maxine Booker, (Chair) Acadia M.D.
Lois Bedwell, Town of Oyen
Elaine Michaels, Village of Cereal
Rosana Ramos, Special Area #4
Murray Shack, Town of Hanna
Ingrid Thornton, Town of Drumheller

Board and Committee Meeting Dates

May 8	Standards & Services, Hanna
June 21	Governance, Headquarters
July 23	Advocacy, Drumheller
August 23	Marigold Board, Rockyford

IN THE PRESS...

TRAC moves to Polaris

April 22, 2008: TRAC Directors sign contract with Polaris

The Directors of the four TRAC partners along with system administrators and staff from the four headquarters and some member libraries studied six Integrated Library Systems (ILS) before deciding Polaris is the best fit for the way TRAC functions.

Staff from the four headquarter begin the implementation process in June and training in member libraries begins in late fall. The target date for closing Dynix is the end of December. Polaris will be "live" early in January 2009.

TRAC (The Regional Automation Consortium) members are Marigold, Northern Lights, Peace and Yellowhead regional library systems.

Rural Alberta's Development Fund

April 24, 2008

George Groeneveld, Minister of Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development, speaking about RISE and other projects.

> Vibrant, rural communities are important to our province's economic prosperity and future opportunities. Through valuable projects such as these, RADF continues to encourage innovation and economic diversity, and create access to quality services and programs that improve rural life for Albertans of all ages.

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