

MARIGOLD REPORT

To Councils and
Special Areas Board

MARIGOLD BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:

April 30, 2022

Marigold Library System Board held its Annual General Meeting (AGM) and regular Board Meeting in-person in the Marigold/WID Community Room at Marigold's new headquarters building; 30 Board members were in attendance.

Board Chair Lynda Lyster recognized new Board members:

Emmanuelle (Manuela) Olibera-Dorn
Town of Banff
Alexandra Janecke—I.D. No.9
Manon Miller — Kananaskis I.D.

BOARD MEETING

FINANCIAL

Unaudited financial statements to March 31, 2022 were accepted as presented. Marigold services and support for municipal residents and member libraries continued throughout 2021.

AUDIT

2020 Audited Financial Statements were prepared by auditors Gregory, Harriman & Associates. It was a clean audit.

Revenues increased by \$34,901 mostly due to reimbursements.

Operating Surplus of \$272,169, due to carefully managed and redirected expenditures during another pandemic year.

Marigold remains in a healthy financial position even with the construction of our

ELECTIONS AND COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Lynda Lyster resigned her position as Chair, and John Getz was appointed Chair by the Board during the AGM. Maxine Booker was appointed as Vice Chair and Nicole Kieffuik was reappointed as Treasurer by the Executive Committee.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2022 - 2023

John Getz – Village of Standard, Board Chair
Maxine Booker – MD of Acadia, Vice Chair
Nicole Kieffuik—Town of Okotoks, Treasurer
Kristen Anderson – Village of Hussar
Melissa Langmaid – Town of Strathmore
Lil Morrison – Starland County
Susan Roper – Town of Cochrane
Margaret Nielsen – Town of Drumheller
Natasha Roberts— City of Airdrie
Nicholas Wiebe—Rocky View County

STANDING COMMITTEES 2022-2023

Advocacy

Lil Morrison
(Chair)
Lynda Lyster
Helen Venio
Denise Peterson
Jordan Elliott
Teresa Cameron
Melanie Jensen

Human Resources (HR)

Susan Roper
(Chair)
Maxine Booker
Teresa Cameron
Lynda Lyster
Sandra Murphy
John Getz

Finance

Nicole Kieffuik (Chair)
John Getz
Melissa Langmaid
Melody Christopherson

Governance

Kristen Anderson (Chair)
John Getz
Eleanor Chinnick
Jan Dyck
Margaret Nielsen

Standards & Services

Maxine Booker (Chair)
Elaine Michaels
Jo Tennant
Faye McGhee
John Getz
Natasha Roberts

new headquarters building and the continuation of COVID pandemic health measures.

Audited Financials are available at:
www.marigold.ab.ca/About-Us/Financial

MARIGOLD AGREEMENT AND SCHEDULE C

Marigold sent out the Marigold Agreement and Schedule C to be signed by member municipalities before September 30. Marigold needs signatures from 60% of municipalities, representing 60% of the population, for the Marigold Agreement and Schedule C to be approved.

LANGDON LIBRARY

The Rocky View County Recreation Governance Committee agreed to proceed with a hybrid youth centre and temporary library in partnership with the Langdon Library Society and the Langdon Communication Association. Marigold helped the Langdon Library Society with their Business Case, prepared a draft operating budget, advised them on fundraising, policies and practices, staffing and offered support and guidance.

ROCKY VIEW ONLINE SCHOOL PROJECT

The Rocky View Online High School approached Marigold about forming a partnership to provide access to digital subscriptions for 200 students living in RVC. Marigold signed the Memorandum of Agreement with Rocky View Online High School to launch this initiative.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Saturday, August 27, 2022 9:30 am—
Marigold/WID Community Room
- Saturday, November 26, 2022 9:30 a.m.
—Zoom

REPORTS

MARIGOLD ANNUAL REPORT:

Getting to a better future. The Board approved the Annual Report for distribution to stakeholders. Read more about Marigold's achievements and milestones at: www.marigold.ab.ca/About-us/publications

In 2021, much of our focus was spent on the construction of Marigold's new headquarters building. Staff moved into the facility in the Fall of 2021. The project took much collaboration, deliberation, research, careful spending and budgeting. In addition, Marigold's departments thrived throughout yet another pandemic year.

- Usage of eResources spiked—some digital platforms as much as 69%
- Marigold's delivery volume doubled. Despite facing continued COVID pandemic health measures, delivery vans still logged over 230,000 km—more than the previous year
- Marigold organized and delivered a first-rate virtual Member Library Conference by shifting to an online platform. The conference was attended by over 500 registrants from across Canada and beyond
- The Marigold IT Department completed over 1,300 tickets and more than 900 remote support sessions. They also ensured that Marigold's systems remained safe and secure against cyber attacks while also making sure the transition of IT services and infrastructure to the new facility went off without a hitch
- Marigold provided advice to the Cereal Library Board and coordinated a plan to dispose of assets and prepare for a book deposit following the dissolution announcement of the hamlet. Marigold also advised the Hamlet of Langdon on their Business Case to open a public library
- The Bragg Creek Library Lending Lockers were operational starting in April 2021
- For a more detailed report take a look at our **Annual Report**

MARIGOLD HQ BUILDING:

Marigold has been operating out of the new headquarters facility since October 2021. The building's design provides improved workflow, efficient operations, enhanced service delivery and has increased capacity for future expansion.

- The formation of a Condo Corporation is in progress
- Remaining landscaping will be completed by the end of May 2022
- Building costs are 10% under budget

Marigold has accepted a conditional offer for the sale of the former headquarters building.

VALUE OF YOUR INVESTMENT reports show the value of services provided annually by Marigold. Libraries and municipalities benefit directly through the pooling of revenues so that all residents have access to public library resources and services.

POWER OF YOUR LIBRARY CARD reports highlight services provided annually by Marigold that are of value to residents living in Counties, Improvement Districts, Special Areas and MDs. Members are encouraged to share these reports with their local boards and councils.

Please contact Deputy CEO Laura Taylor for more information about the Value of Your Investment laura@marigold.ab.ca



BOARD AND STAFF RECOGNITION

Trustees—Long Service:

Michael Beier—5 years
Ed Hogan—5 years
Daniel Leronowich—10 years

Staff—Long Service:

Devon Hall—5 years
Rose Reid—5 years
Bradley Hoffman—15 years

Retirements and departures over 10 years:

Lynda Lyster, Board Chair —17 years of service
Susan Roper, Board member—11 years of service
Michelle Toombs, Marigold CEO —13 years of service



Marigold CEO Michelle Toombs welcomed the WID's Board Chair Dan Shute and Board Member Ray Kettenbach to the AGM and presented them with two books: *Grain Elevators: Beacon of the Prairies* and *Ranching under the Arch: Stories from the Southern Alberta Rangelands*.