

Notes to Council



April 22, 2023 AGM & Board Meeting Highlights

Audit

2022 Audited Financial Statements were presented by auditors Gregory, Harriman & Associates and approved by the Marigold Board. It was a clean audit and Marigold is in a good financial position.

Financial Statements

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

Value of Your Investment Reports

Chief Operating Officer L. Taylor presented updated Value of Your Investment Reports reflecting what it would cost to recreate Marigold services at a local level. The new reports showcase the value to member municipalities of Marigold's bulk purchasing power and centralized operations. Members get more for each dollar, and can provide the same quality of public library service to residents no matter where they live.

HQ Building Sale

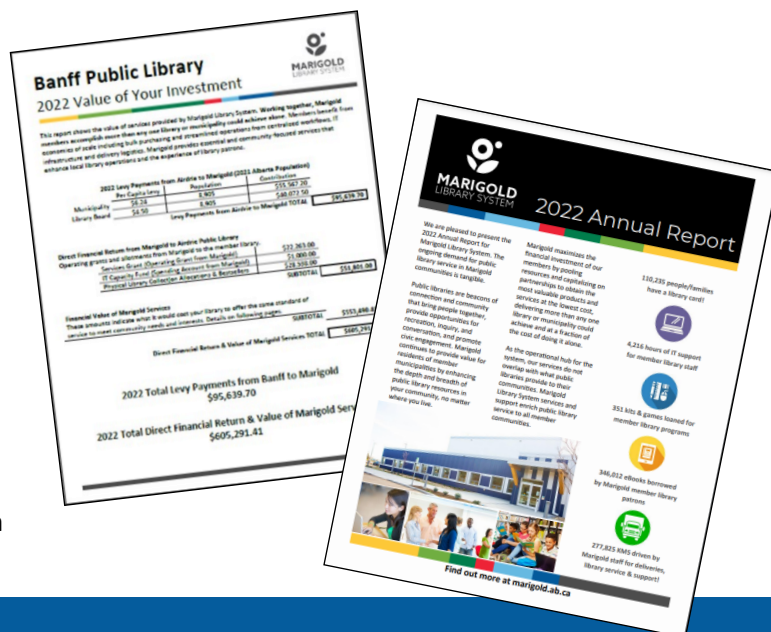
The old Marigold headquarters facility has been conditionally sold with a closing date in the spring.

2022 Annual Report

The Board approved the 2022 Annual Report as presented, for distribution to stakeholders. The report can be accessed online at: <https://marigold.ab.ca/About-Us/Publications>

Plan of Service 2023—2025

The Board accepted the Plan of Service 2023—2025: Connecting Communities. The new plan includes Marigold's updated Mission and Values. The plan can be accessed online at: <https://marigold.ab.ca/About-Us/Publications>



Upcoming Board Meetings:

Saturday, August 26, 2023 9:30 AM
Marigold Library System & Western Irrigation
District Community Room, Strathmore

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

Questions?

Contact CEO Lynne Price
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Policy Approval & Decision

The following policies were reviewed and approved:

- Executive Committee Mandate, Composition & Job Descriptions
- Board Committee Mandate Statements
- Policy Development Policy
- Board Member Compensation Policy
- Records Management Policy
- Library Service Points—Records Management Policy
- Operational Governance Policy
- TRAC Card Operational Bylaw
- Transfer Payments Policy

Board & Staff Service Recognition

Board members recognized for long service:

- Cynthia Klassen from the Village of Linden - 5 years
- Michelle Lomond from the Village of Carbon – 5 years
- Jodi Kurek from Special Area #4 – 5 Years
- Renee Laughlin from the Village of Youngstown - 5 Years
- Amber Link from Wheatland County - 5 Years
- Ian Huffman from the Town of Diamond Valley - 5 Years
- Teresa Cameron from the Town of Irricana - 5 Years
- Margaret Nielsen from the Town of Drumheller – 10 years

Staff members recognized for long service:

- Kristine den Boon – 5 years
- Ian John – 5 years
- Bruce Paschal - 5 years
- Jessie Bach – 10 years
- Steven Copland - 10 years
- Glenn Russell - 10 years
- Jaspreet Singh - 10 years
- Lynn Blain – 15 years
- Barb Froese - 15 years
- Richard Kenig - 15 years

Staff Updates

COO L. Taylor spoke about the increasing challenges to have books banned from schools and libraries. There are organized movements in the US and Canada to remove an individual's right to read what they want and to penalize those who supply reading materials that do not meet the organizer's approval. Taylor will be attending a meeting in Toronto sponsored by the Canadian Urban Libraries Council (CULC) to discuss how libraries can provide solutions and review policies to ensure intellectual freedom.

CEO L. Price provided updates on planned Municipal council visits, Marigold HQ news and Indigenous outreach services. Libraries received word in February that funding from the province would be increased from 2016 Municipal Population to 2019, and that the per capita amounts would be increased in tandem. The Regional Systems Advocacy Committee will continue to advocate for stable and sustainable funding for Alberta public libraries.

