

BOARD REPORT



CHINOOK
ARCH REGIONAL
LIBRARY SYSTEM

Chinook Arch Library Board Meeting - April 7, 2022

Chinook Arch Library Board Receives Clean Audit Opinion



Auditor Joanna Kappel of Insight LLP walked the board through the 2021 Audited Financial Statements. Despite reducing the member levy to 2017 levels, Chinook

Arch remains in sound financial shape, posting a modest surplus at year end. This year marks the final year of the board's agreement with Insight LLP, and the board and staff would like to thank the Insight team for their service and support over the past 5 years.

Chinook Arch Celebrates 30 years of Excellence in Library Service

Chinook Arch came into existence on April 1, 1992 after the steering committee spent several years getting buy-in from municipalities and library boards across the region. The original group of 22 members has since grown to 41 municipalities and one school authority, meaning that every resident within the Chinook Arch region now enjoys access to regional library services. The board would like to thank its member library boards and municipalities for their role in making the system what it is today: a model of inter-municipal collaboration that really works for the benefit of area residents.

CELEBRATING
30
YEARS

Board Members Present

Barons	Ron Gorzita
Cardston	Marsha Jensen
Cardston County	Tom Nish
Champion	Terry Penney
Claresholm	Tony Hamlyn
Coalhurst	Lyndsay Montina
Coutts	Stephen A. Pain
Crowsnest Pass	Doreen Glavin
Fort Macleod	Jim Monteith
Hill Spring	Suzanne French
Lethbridge (City)	Robin Harper
Lethbridge County	Tory Campbell
Lomond	Marie Logan
Magrath	Darryl Christensen
Milk River	Anne Michaelis
Milo	Christopher Northcott
Nanton	Lise Mayne
Nobleford	Melissa Jensen
Picture Butte	Teresa Feist
Pincher Creek	Mark Barber
Pincher Creek M.D.	Dave Cox
Raymond	Kelly Jensen
Taber MD	Tamara Miyana
Vulcan County	Doug Logan
Warner (Village)	Don Toovey
Warner County	Morgan Rockenbach
ID of Waterton	Lesley Little
Willow Creek M.D.	Maryanne Sandberg
LPL Resource Centre	Wendy Kalkan
Ministerial Appointment	Vic Mensch (Chair)

Regrets

Coaldale	Jordan Sailer
Stirling	Gary Bikman
Taber	Monica McLean
Vauxhall	Shelley Deleeuw

Absent

Arrowwood	Wendy Williams
Barnwell	Deb Hansen
Glenwood	Linda Allred
Stavely	Brydon Saunders
Vulcan	Liz Hammond
Kainai Board of Education	Linda Weasel Head



Policies Reviewed/Approved

- Planning and Facilities Committee
Timeline and Work Plan
- Marketing/Communications
Committee Mandate
- Marketing/Communications
Committee Timeline and Work Plan
- Finance and Personnel Committee
Timeline and Work Plan
- Annual Vacation Policy



Annual Report Approvals

In keeping with Alberta’s library legislation, the Board reviewed and approved the annual reports for Chinook Arch, along with outlet libraries at Kainai and in Wrentham. Libraries continue to rebound from the COVID-19 pandemic, with usage statistics nearing pre-2020 levels. Van deliveries were up by 59% to 720,000 items, and most other indicators showed increases of 12% to 400%.

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