

BOARD REPORT



CHINOOK
ARCH REGIONAL
LIBRARY SYSTEM

Chinook Arch Library Board Meeting - August 4, 2022

Chinook Arch Approves 2023-2026 Plan of Service

Like all Alberta library boards, Chinook Arch is required by law to develop a Plan of Service to guide how it invests its resources. The 2023-2026 Plan of Service was developed in consultation with member library staff and other stakeholders. This exciting plan has five main areas of focus:

- Boosting foot traffic in libraries
- Helping libraries reach out to their communities
- Helping libraries adapt to changing technology
- Providing programming and programming support
- Assisting libraries in extending services to newcomers to Canada

To view the detailed 2023-2026 Plan of Service, please visit the Chinook Arch website at www.chinookarch.ca under “About Us.”

Proposed 2023-2026 Levy Schedule Forwarded to Member Councils

The Chinook Arch Library Board has approved a proposed member levy schedule for the 2023-2026 budget cycle. The proposed levy includes small annual increases that will help Chinook Arch address inflationary pressures while providing enough resources to accomplish the goals of the 2023-2026 Plan of Service. In order for the new levy schedule to take effect, it must be approved by two thirds of member councils representing two thirds of the population. The proposed levy schedule is now before councils. Here is the proposed per capita levy schedule as approved by the board:

Year	Proposed Municipal Levy	Annual Increase (\$)	Annual Increase (%)
Current	\$7.76		
2023	\$7.93	\$0.17	2.19%
2024	\$8.09	\$0.16	2.02%
2025	\$8.22	\$0.13	1.61%
2026	\$8.32	\$0.10	1.22%

Board Members Present

Cardston County	Tom Nish
Carmangay	Sarah Mitchell
Champion	Terry Penney
Claresholm	Tony Hamlyn
Coalhurst	Lyndsay Montina
Coutts	Stephen A. Pain
Crowsnest Pass	Doreen Glavin
Glenwood	Linda Allred
Hill Spring	Suzanne French
Lomond	Marie Logan
Magrath	Darryl Christensen
Picture Butte	Teresa Feist
Pincher Creek	Mark Barber
Pincher Creek M.D.	Dave Cox
Raymond	Kelly Jensen
Taber MD	Tamara Miyanaga
Vulcan	Liz Hammond
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
Fort Macleod	Jim Monteith
Lethbridge (City)	Robin Harper
Milk River	Anne Michaelis
Nanton	Lise Mayne
Nobleford	Melissa Jensen
Taber	Monica McLean
Vauxhall	Shelley Deleeuw

Absent	
Arrowwood	Wendy Williams
Barnwell	Jane Johnson
Barons	Ron Gorzitza
Cardston	Marsha Jensen
Lethbridge (County)	Tory Campbell
Milo	Christopher Northcott
Stavelly	Denise Allerdings
Stirling	Gary Bikman
Kainai Board of Education	Linda Weasel Head

Looking good Taber!

Taber Public Library recently renovated their Children and Teen areas of the library. These improvements were made possible by a successful Community Foundation grant application along with local donations.



Chinook Arch Regional Library System and our member libraries are located on the traditional lands of the Siksikaitsitapi, (or the Blackfoot Confederacy). This land is also part of Treaty 7 territory. Treaty 7 was intended to recognize and affirm existing Indigenous rights. It was meant to be an instrument of authentic, genuine relationship between Indigenous peoples and Settler Canadians. As such, Chinook Arch acknowledges our obligation to honor the spirit of Treaty 7. We are committed to advancing the process of reconciliation by decolonizing our practices and procedures to enhance experiences and opportunities for Indigenous peoples.

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