

BOARD REPORT



CHINOOK
ARCH REGIONAL
LIBRARY SYSTEM

Chinook Arch Library Board Meeting - April 1, 2021

Chinook Arch Library Board **Approves Updated System Agreement**

For the first time in almost 30 years, the Chinook Arch System Agreement has been amended. The proposed changes, originally triggered by the Government of Alberta's new method of publishing municipal populations, also include updated terminology and references to legislation. In order for the new System Agreement to take effect, it must be approved by two thirds of member councils, representing two thirds of the Chinook Arch service population.

Information will be sent to member councils, and Chinook Arch staff will be available to speak to the amended agreement as necessary.

2020: A Strange Year

The board approved the Chinook Arch 2020 Annual Report. Statistics gathered over course of 2020 served to highlight the impact of COVID-19 on library services in Southwestern Alberta. Most statistics were down dramatically, but others more than doubled. There was a significant increase in the usage of downloadable e-books and audiobooks as Chinook Arch staff pivoted to assist patrons in accessing digital items during the mandatory closure of public libraries.

Traditional borrowing appears to be rebounding as libraries move to offer curbside and other novel methods of delivering library services.



Board Members Present

Arrowwood	Wendy Williams
Cardston	Dennis Barnes
Champion	Trevor Wagenvoort
Claresholm	Tony Hamlyn
Coaldale	Briane Simpson
Crowsnest Pass	Doreen Glavin
Fort Macleod	Jim Monteith
Glenwood	David Rolfson
Hill Spring	Suzanne French
Lethbridge	Heather Woodruff
Lethbridge County	Tory Campbell
Lomond	Marie Logan
Magrath	DeVar Dahl (Chair)
Milk River	Margaret McCanna
Milo	Christopher Northcott
Nanton	Lisa Mayne
Picture Butte	Teresa Feist
Pincher Creek	Mark Barber
Pincher Creek MD	Sandra Baker
Raymond	Joan Harker
Stirling	Rob Edwards
Taber MD	Tamara Miyanaga
Vauxhall	Kim Cawley
Vulcan	Liz Hammond
Vulcan County	Doug Logan
Warner	Colette Glynn
Warner County	Morgan Rockenbach
Willow Creek MD	Maryanne Sandberg
LPL Resource Centre	Wendy Kalkan
Ministerial Appointment	TBA

Regrets:

Barons	Ron Gorzitz
Taber	Louie Tams
ID of Waterton	Lesley Little

Absent:

Barnwell	Jane Johnson
Cardston County	Tom Nish
Coalhurst	Heather Caldwell
Coutts	Marvin Bohne
Stavelly	Brydon Saunders
Kainai Board of Education	Linda Weasel Head



Chinook Arch Receives Clean Audit Opinion

Accountants from Insight LLP were on hand at the meeting to walk the board through the 2020 Audited Financial Statements. Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, Chinook Arch finished the year in a healthy financial position. The auditors declared that the statements were a fair and correct representation of the organization's finances. Audited financial statements are available on the Chinook Arch website:

<https://chinookarch.ca/about-us/>.



Alberta Trustees Association Nomination

Congratulations to Wendy Kalkan, LPL Resource Centre representative to the Chinook Arch board, on her nomination as new Area 5 rep on the Alberta Library Trustees Association board. Wendy replaces Vic Mensch, who has reached his term limit. Thank you, Vic, for your years of service to this important organization.

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