

April 21, 2022

Reeve Don Kochan
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Dear Reeve Kochan,

RE: Revised Marigold Agreement for Council Approval

Please find enclosed the revised Marigold Agreement that we are asking your Council to review, approve and sign before September 30, 2022.

A covering letter and separate package with the Marigold per capita levy rates for 2023 and 2024 is also included for Council approval. When the revised Marigold Agreement and the 'Schedule C' levy document have both been approved, the two documents will be merged into the final version of the Marigold Agreement.

All the clauses in the revised Marigold Agreement align with Alberta's *Libraries Act and Regulation*, and with the current Marigold Library Board policies and practices. Changes in the revised Agreement were informed by extensive research and consultation, including a review of other Alberta library system agreements, historical versions of the Marigold Agreement and applicable legislation. Consultants at the Public Library Services Branch (PLSB) of Municipal Affairs provided legislative advice and help with content and wording.

Changes to the revised Marigold Agreement include:

- The "Ownership of Property," section of the Agreement was changed to state that books, periodicals and library materials transferred (assigned) to a member library by Marigold will remain the property of that library or municipality, rather than the Marigold Board.
- Another important change was the reference to the 'Government of Alberta' for current municipal populations. This is because the responsibility for reporting populations has recently shifted from Municipal Affairs to Treasury, and this could change again.
- Language was added on pages 2 and 6 of the Agreement to strengthen the importance of our municipal member collaborative. Marigold exists because 43 municipalities have chosen to form a collaborative, called Marigold Library System, to provide affordable public library services to municipal residents. Expanded service descriptions were also added to Clause 28 in the revised Agreement.
- A statement was inserted to allow Marigold to negotiate a separate service contract with a governing entity that is not covered by the Libraries Act, such as a First Nations Reserve or Redwood Meadows (Clause 41).

- Definitions were updated and relocated to the beginning of the Agreement. A map was added in Schedule B, and there were minor wording changes throughout for consistency and clarity.

What is not changing is the statement in the revised Agreement explaining the conditions for approval. 60% of Marigold's member Municipalities, including those municipalities representing 60% of the population, must approve and sign the Marigold Agreement for the Agreement to go into effect.

Please contact me if you have comments and questions or require more information.

Thank you for your attention to this important document. We look forward to hearing from you before September 30, 2022.

Sincerely,



Michelle Toombs
CEO, Marigold Library System

Enclosed:

An Agreement by and between the parties comprising Marigold Library System (Draft)