



## **RECREATION, PARKS & COMMUNITY SUPPORT**

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<b>TO:</b>	Council	
<b>DATE:</b>	December 6, 2022	<b>DIVISION:</b> 7
<b>FILE:</b>	N/A	<b>APPLICATION:</b> N/A
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	Agreement for Library Services - Langdon Library Society	

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### **POLICY DIRECTION:**

As per Policy C-312, Rocky View County is a member municipality of the Marigold Library System and is focused on expanding service delivery to provide a variety of programs and services that benefit the County's rural and urban communities. Embracing partnerships with service groups helps the County to manage costs and deliver benefits that could not be achieved independently.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Since 2021, Rocky View County Administration, Marigold Library Board and the Langdon Library Society have collaboratively worked together to establish a library branch in the hamlet of Langdon, which will become operational in January 2023. This legally binding contract agreement for library services in the Langdon community and surrounding areas outlines the terms, conditions, and responsibilities between Marigold Library Board, Rocky View County, and Langdon Library Society.

### **ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION:**

Administration recommends approval in accordance with Option #1.

### **BACKGROUND:**

Rocky View County is a member of the Marigold Library System, and as a municipality without a library board, Marigold acts as the 'governing' board on behalf of Rocky View County to provide and promote public library services to our residents. Public libraries formed within a municipality that do not have a library board are considered "Community Libraries," which requires an incorporated society to oversee day-to-day operations.

The Langdon Library Society is a non-profit organization established in 2021 with the purpose of creating a library branch in the hamlet of Langdon. Library services in Langdon has been identified as a long-term priority within the Recreation and Parks Master Plan and since early 2021, Rocky View County Administration has worked in partnership with both Marigold and the Society to establish a library in Langdon.

The Langdon Community Library is the first physical library established within Rocky View County boundaries. To ensure alignment with the Libraries Act and Libraries Regulation, this agreement for library services was developed to detail the roles, responsibilities, and obligations of all involved parties, as seen in Attachment 'A' of this report.

As per the agreement, Rocky View County would work collaboratively with both Marigold and the Society for ongoing assessment, planning, and implementation of library services to support the Society. The Society would be responsible for the daily operations of the library and would provide library services to Langdon patrons and residents on behalf of the Marigold Library Board.

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### **Administration Resources**

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The annual agreement period is January 1 to December 31 of each year, with automatic renewal at the end of each term; however, every two years, the Marigold Library Boards' Governance Committee reviews the document for any potential amendments.

This agreement has gone through a legal review and all involved parties have reviewed and have no concerns with the agreement as presented.

**BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:**

There are no direct budget implications with this request; however, as per Policy C-312, Rocky View County provides operational funding to libraries who are members of the Marigold Library System. As the current per capita rate is \$4.00, this would allow the Langdon Library Society to receive \$28,180 annually in operational dollars based on a catchment area population of 7045, pending approval of Council's annual budget.

**OPTIONS:**

Option #1: THAT the Langdon Library Society Agreement be approved.

Option #2: THAT alternative direction be provided.

Respectfully submitted,

Concurrence,

"Brock Beach"

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Acting Executive Director  
Community Services

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Chief Administrative Officer

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

ATTACHMENT 'A': Proposed Langdon Library Society Agreement