

**STARLAND COUNTY
COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
MAY 27th, 2026**



- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. REVIEW & APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**
 - 2.1. Additions or Amendments to the Agenda
Motion to Approve the Agenda as (presented/amended)
- 3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**
 - 3.1. May 13th, 2026 Council Meeting Minutes
Motion to adopt May 13th, 2026, Council meeting minutes as (presented/amended)
- 4. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS**
 - 4.1. Motion to Approve Accounts
- 5. APPROVAL OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT**
 - 5.1. No item
- 6. DELEGATION**
 - 6.1. Marigold Library
- 7. NEW BUSINESS**
 - 7.1. Budget 2026
 - 7.2. RCD Appointment of Seasonal weed Inspectors 2026
- 8. OLD BUSINESS**
 - 8.1. No item
- 9. OTHER**
 - 9.1. No item
- 10. STAFF REPORTS**
 - 10.1. CAO Report
Motion to receive CAO Report for Information.
- 11. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**
 - 11.1. No item
- 12. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS**
 - 12.1. Drumheller Q4 Provincial Policing Report
 - 12.2. Marigold Library Documents
- 13. COUNCIL CALENDAR**

13.1. May 2026

14. ADJOURNMENT



Council Highlights

Meeting Date: May 13, 2026

HIGHLIGHTS FROM COUNCIL

- **Gravel Program**
 - Public Works Director Colby Black presented the upcoming 2026 Gravel program to council
- **Business Park Naming Survey**
 - Starland Crossing was selected was the most popular name choice for the Business Park development.
- **Fire Guardians**
 - Public Works Director Colby Black and Agricultural Fieldman Ryan Hallet be named as Fire Guardians for the 2026 season.
- **Bylaw 2016**
 - Bylaw 2016 – 2026 Water Rates Amending Bylaw received third and final reading.

Upcoming Meeting Dates

Council Meeting – May 27, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. in Council Chambers

Council Meeting – June 10, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. in Council Chambers

Council Meeting – June 24, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. in Council Chambers

217 Railway Avenue North, Morrin, Alberta

Council Highlights briefly summarizes decisions discussed and reviewed by Starland County Council. We encourage residents, businesses, and stakeholders to keep in touch with Council news and decisions. To read the approved minutes, please visit our website at www.starlandcounty.com.

STARLAND COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING MAY 13th, 2026

A regular meeting of the Council of Starland County was held at the Starland County Administration Building in Morrin, Alberta on May 13th, 2026, commencing at 9:00 am.

Attendance	Present	Title:	Name
		Reeve:	Steve Wannstrom
		Deputy Reeve:	Jackie Watts
		Councillors:	Mark Landry, Sylvia Neill John Rew
		Staff:	CAO Christopher Robblee Corporate Services Director Judy Fazekas Legislative Coordinator Serena Michie Economic Development Officer Jason Jede

C26-118
Approval of
Agenda

[C26-118] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR LANDRY

that the agenda be approved as amended:

- Strike 5.1 – February Bank Reconciliation
- Add 12.2 – Reply from the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Foods

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C26-119
Approval of
the Minutes –
April 8th,
2026

[C26-119] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR NEILL

that the minutes of the April 22nd, 2026 meeting be approved as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Accounts

Councillor Rew and Councillor Neill checked accounts with Administrative Assistant Terena Kleinschroth on May 13th, 2026

C26-120
Approval of
Accounts

[C26-120] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR REW

that accounts (cheque numbers 20250965 to 20250992 and EFTs 1000002985 to 1000003034) totaling \$701,214.21 be approved for payment.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C26-121
2026 Gravel
Program

[C26-121] MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE WATTS

that the 2026 Gravel Program be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C26-122
2026 Budget

[C26-122] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR REW

that the 2026 Budget Information be received for information

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Recess

The meeting was at 10:12 am and resumed at 10:27 am.

C26-123
Appointment of
Additional Fire
Guardians

[C26-123] MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE WATTS

that Agricultural Fieldman Ryan Hallet and Public Works Director Colby Black be appointed as Fire Guardians for the 2026 Fire Season.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C26-124
RCD – 2026
ARMAA
Conference

[C26-124] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR LANDRY

that 3 staff are approved to attend the 2026 ARMAA Conference from August 26 – 27, with registration and expenses reimbursed.

CARRIED.

C26-125
Results –
Business
Park Naming
Survey

[C26-125] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR REW

that the Business Park be named Starland Crossing.

CARRIED.

C26-126
Third and Final
Reading -
Bylaw 2016

[C26-126] MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE WATTS

that Bylaw 2016 – 2026 Water Rates Amending Bylaw receive third and final reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C26-127
CAO Report

[C26-127] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR LANDRY

that the CAO Report be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C26-128
Wild Aspen
Enrichment
Center Inc. –
Funding Request

[C26-128] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR REW

to donate 50% of the requested \$4,800.

CARRIED.

C26-129
Reply from the
Minister of
Agriculture and
Agri-Foods

[C26-129] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR LANDRY

that letter be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Recess

The meeting was recessed at 11:36 am and resumed at 11:47 am.

C26-130
Motion to Enter
Closed Session

[C26-130] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR REW

that under the exemptions granted by the Access to Information Act, S.A., 2024 Chapter A-1.4, Division 2, Section 29: Advice from Officials, Section 26: Disclosure harmful to intergovernmental relations, Section 20: Disclosure Harmful to personal privacy, and Section 32: Privileged information, Reeve Wannstrom, Deputy Reeve Watts, Councillors Neill, Rew and Landry, Corporate Services Director Fazekas, Legislative Coordinator Michie, Economic Development Officer Jede and CAO Robblee proceed with the meeting in Closed Session at 11:47 am.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C26-131
Motion to
Proceed out
of Closed
Session

[C26-131] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR REW

that the meeting proceed out of closed session at 1:40 pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Accounts

See above motion –

TELUS	CK# 20250965	554.27
APEX UTILITIES INC.	CK# 20250966	3,946.40
RECEIVER GENERAL OF CANADA	CK# 20250967	49,488.98
CANADA REVENUE AGENCY	CK# 20250968	864.04
CHRIS BROWN	CK# 20250969	157.90
ALBERTA MUNICIPAL ENFORCEMENT ASSOCIATION	CK# 20250970	1,650.00
ORKIN CANADA CORPORATION	CK# 20250971	153.94
COREY SCHRAM	CK# 20250972	8,290.89
TLC VENTURES INC.	CK# 20250973	3,869.25
DONALD MOE	CK# 20250974	1,946.70
LUCIAN HART	CK# 20250975	595.00
GARRY'S WELDING AND SUPPLIES	CK# 20250976	168.00
JOHN REW	CK# 20250977	1,385.34
ATB FINANCIAL MASTERCARD	CK# 20250978	8,204.22
THE GOVERNMENT OF ALBERTA	CK# 20250979	470.00
TELUS	CK# 20250980	939.88
STERICYCLE ULC	CK# 20250981	345.99
DBS ENVIRONMENTAL	CK# 20250982	4,337.40
STEVE WANNSTROM	CK# 20250983	5,185.47
PERFECT PEN & STATIONERY	CK# 20250984	352.70
JACKIE WATTS	CK# 20250985	5,251.22
SPROUSE FIRE AND SAFETY CORP.	CK# 20250986	374.85
CLOVERLEAF COLONY FARMING CO. LTD	CK# 20250987	15,151.50
GOVERNMENT OF ALBERTA	CK# 20250988	660.00
ASCEND	CK# 20250989	39,007.50
TRUE LOCATES LTD.	CK# 20250990	2,399.25
ADVANTAGE VM CORP	CK# 20250991	9,125.09
RECEIVER GENERAL OF CANADA	CK# 20250992	52,556.79
HENRY KROEGER REGIONAL WATER SERVICES COMMISSION	EFT# 1000002985	300.64
TRANSALTA ENERGY MARKETING	EFT# 1000002986	15,426.88
BRANDON GALSTER	EFT# 1000002987	336.92
CANOE PROCUREMENT GROUP OF CANADA	EFT# 1000002988	21,001.78
LAPP	EFT# 1000002989	20,805.14
WATER PURE & SIMPLE MINILAKE DIST LTD	EFT# 1000002991	252.00

CANADIAN TIRE - 2807 HOLDINGS LTD	EFT# 1000002992	500.20
COLBY BLACK	EFT# 1000002993	200.00
UNITED FARMERS OF ALBERTA CO-OPERATIVE LTD.	EFT# 1000002994	13,593.74
FRESON BROS DRUMHELLER	EFT# 1000002995	308.36
ACKLANDS-GRAINGER INC.	EFT# 1000002996	12,632.16
TOWN OF DRUMHELLER	EFT# 1000002997	28,095.94
EVAN MANCA	EFT# 1000002998	167.99
SETH WILLIAMS	EFT# 1000002999	265.06
WESTVIEW CO-OPERATIVE ASSN LTD.	EFT# 1000003000	1,680.85
4IMPRINT INC.	EFT# 1000003001	5,023.57
CURRENT GROUP	EFT# 1000003002	3,816.15
WOLSELEY WATERWORKS	EFT# 1000003003	570.68
SEED CHECK	EFT# 1000003004	102.90
TECHNOLOGIES INC.		
REACT FIRST AID & SAFETY SERVICES	EFT# 1000003005	152.25
THINQ TECHNOLOGIES LTD.	EFT# 1000003006	8,177.64
PUROLATOR INC.	EFT# 1000003007	99.76
SYLVIA NEILL	EFT# 1000003008	4,051.74
CONTACT AUTOMATION INC	EFT# 1000003009	1,164.14
1325856 ALBERTA LTD.	EFT# 1000003010	160.00
MARK LANDRY	EFT# 1000003011	3,693.74
THE DRUMHELLER MAIL	EFT# 1000003012	290.12
CLEARTECH INDUSTRIES INC.	EFT# 1000003013	1,041.94
SUN LIFE ASSURANCE	EFT# 1000003014	143.64
COMPANY OF CANADA		
GOVERNMENT OF ALBERTA COMPANY OF CANADA	EFT# 1000003015	174,891.00
ADAM HALLA	EFT# 1000003016	937.52
CINTAS CANADA LIMITED	EFT# 1000003017	132.30
NELSON GRANITE LIMITED	EFT# 1000003018	711.38
DRUMHELLER & DISTRICT	EFT# 1000003019	47,049.78
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT		
JUDITH W FAZEKAS	EFT# 1000003020	625.48
HI-WAY 9 EXPRESS LTD.	EFT# 1000003021	60.65
	TOTAL	\$ 701,214.21

C26-132
Adjournment

[C26-132] MOVED BY COUNCILLOR LANDRY

that the meeting be adjourned at 11:03 am.

Reeve:
Steven Wannstrom

Chief Administrative Officer:
Christopher Robblee

COUNCIL REQUEST FOR DECISION**Department:**

ASB

Date: May 27, 2026**Prepared By:**

Ryan Hallett

Is your documentation served in accordance with FOIP? Yes**Topic:**

Appointment of Seasonal Weed Inspectors.

Background:

The Alberta *Weed Control Act* grants local authorities (municipalities) to appoint weed Inspectors to enforce the *Weed Control Act* within their jurisdiction. Inspectors under the *Weed Control Act* enforce the *Weed Control Act*, conduct field inspections for prohibited noxious and noxious weeds, and investigate weed complaints. Seasonal staff under the Agricultural Fieldman conduct weed inspections typically starting in May throughout Starland County. To grant the seasonal staff the associated powers under the *Weed Control Act*, they must be appointed by the municipality in which they serve.

Purpose/Legislation:

To appoint seasonal weed inspectors to conduct weed inspections throughout Starland County under the *Weed Control Act*.

Resource/Financial Impacts:

N/A

Public Participation/Communication:

None Required.

Administrative Recommendation:

Option 1: Appoint Brandon Galster, Gillian Gridley, Jaydin McAdam, Evan Manca, and David Rauch as weed inspectors under the *Weed Control Act* for the jurisdiction of Starland County for 2026.

Option 2: Table the request.



May 13, 2026

S/Sgt. Christian Lafleur
Detachment Commander
Drumheller, Alberta

Dear Reeve and council;

Please find attached the quarterly Community Policing Report for the period of January 1st to March 31st, 2026. This report provides an overview of human resources, financial information, and crime statistics for the Drumheller RCMP Detachment, and reflects the ongoing priorities identified by the community we serve.

In addition to the information contained in the attached report, I would also like to highlight a significant national development that will impact frontline policing operations in the coming months. The RCMP has recently awarded a contract for a new modernized general duty service pistol, marking an important step in enhancing public and officer safety, as well as operational effectiveness.

The selected model is the Glock 45 MOS 7 Duty Pistol. This modernized pistol will be issued as part of a comprehensive package, including a red dot sight (Aimpoint Acro P-2), a weapon-mounted light (Streamlight TLR-7X), three magazines, interchangeable grip components, a lanyard loop attachment, a Safariland duty holster, and a secure carrying case.

The rollout will occur in phases with priority given to frontline officers. Distribution across RCMP divisions will be based on operational needs, and full deployment is anticipated by summer 2028.

A transition of this scale requires comprehensive training to ensure safe and effective use. A training program has been developed and will begin rolling out to instructors this summer. A mandatory four-day training program for frontline officers is expected to follow in late summer and fall, concluding with annual firearms qualification. Training schedules are being developed to ensure there is no impact to frontline service delivery levels.

This modernization effort reflects the RCMP's ongoing commitment to ensuring officers have the appropriate tools and training to serve their communities safely and effectively. Investments in equipment such as this are essential to maintaining high standards of policing and adapting to evolving operational demands.

We remain committed to transparency and to keeping our municipal partners informed of significant developments that impact policing services in your community. Should you have any questions or wish to discuss this initiative further, please do not hesitate to reach out.



Sincerely,

S/Sgt. Christian Lafleur
Detachment Commander
Drumheller RCMP



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Alberta RCMP - Provincial Policing Report

Detachment Information

Detachment Name

Drumheller

Detachment Commander

S/Sgt. Christian Lafleur

Report Date

May 5, 2026

Fiscal Year

2025-26

Quarter

Q4 (January - March)

Community Priorities

Priority #1: Crime Reduction & Prevention: Property Crime
Updates and Comments:

Due to the ongoing manpower shortages, the detachment was unable to meet two of the four objectives. The new detachment commander came in at the beginning of this quarter and began to reorganize both the administrative support team and the uniformed members to free members and allow them to spend more time outside of the detachment doing proactive work. Additionally, the new shift summary reports to be completed at the end of every shift helped in keeping members accountable, keeping track of their progress and increased operational awareness by keeping members informed of criminal activities. These improvements helped in improving the overall effectiveness of the detachment's service delivery. Final figures for the year were 586 Offenders' compliance checks, 7 fraud presentations, 14 crime property crime reduction initiatives and 15 Operation Street Sweep targeting people on warrants.

Priority #2: Public Engagement, Transparency and Visibility
Updates and Comments:

Two of the measures were minimally not met but two others were surpassed. Visibility and community engagement were a big focus this past quarter, with several members of the public commenting favourable on the increased police visibility. Through the two town hall meetings, meeting with councils and re-engaging with the various Citizens On Patrol and the Rural Crime Watch Groups, the Detachment Commander was able to gain invaluable input from the public and identify areas where





improvement was wanted, but overall confirm a high level of satisfaction. Weekly press releases with snapshots of police activities and education pieces also increased transparency and engagement.

Priority #3: Reduce substances abuse

Updates and Comments:

This past quarter, due to manpower shortages and having to collapse the GIS unit for most if not all of the reporting period, the scope of drug investigations that could be undertaken was limited. However, 10 drug investigations were undertaken, with a combined drug seizure value of \$160,285.00. For the year, the detachment completed 46 drug investigations and obtained four Judicial Authorisations with the resulting total combined value of \$943,340.50 in drugs seized. The Detachment Commander made the decision to focus what time was available for the GIS investigators to focus on removing drugs from the streets instead of delivering lectures.

Priority #4: Enhance Road Safety

Updates and Comments:

This quarter, due to ongoing changes made by the new Detachment Commander, members were able to spend more time outside of the detachment doing proactive work. As a result, 247 tickets were written in this quarter, with 674 tickets written for the year. Several members of the community remarked to members of the detachment that they appreciated the increased visibility. One direct effect of that has been that it has become increasingly difficult for detachment members to find and ticket speeders. Two of the measures fell short, although one just by one, in large measure due to the manpower shortages experienced by the detachment throughout the year.





Community Consultations

Consultation #1

Date

March 25, 2026

Meeting Type

Meeting with Elected Officials

Topics Discussed

(1): Regular reporting information sharing (2): Crime Reduction Initiatives (3): Persons Crimes

Notes/Comments:

Detachment Commander attended the Starland County's Council meeting and presented the Q3 Policing report.

Consultation #2

Date

March 24, 2026

Meeting Type

Community Connection

Topics Discussed

(1): Education Session (2): Youth (3): Persons Crimes

Notes/Comments:

Member presented an anti-scam presentation to a group of parents and children.

Consultation #3

Date

March 24, 2026

Meeting Type

Meeting with Elected Officials

Topics Discussed

(1): Regular reporting information sharing (2): Crime Reduction Initiatives (3): Drugs

Notes/Comments:

Detachment Commander attended the Kneehill County's Council meeting and presented the Q3 Policing report.





Consultation #4

Date	Meeting Type
March 18, 2026	Meeting with Stakeholders
Topics Discussed	
(1): Regular reporting information sharing	
Notes/Comments:	
Detachment Commander attended the Inter-Agency monthly meeting.	

Consultation #5

Date	Meeting Type
March 17, 2026	Meeting with Elected Officials
Topics Discussed	
(1): Regular reporting information sharing (2): Crime Reduction Initiatives (3): Drugs	
Notes/Comments:	
Detachment Commander attended the Drumheller Town Council meeting and presented the Q3 Policing report.	

Consultation #6

Date	Meeting Type
March 11, 2026	Community Connection
Topics Discussed	
(1): Education Session (2): Youth	
Notes/Comments:	
Member presented an Internet Safety lecture to an audience of teenagers and parents, including do's and don't's.	





Consultation #7

Date	Meeting Type
March 10, 2026	Meeting with Stakeholders
Topics Discussed	
(1): Regular reporting information sharing (2): Hate Crimes	
Notes/Comments:	
Detachment Commander participated in the monthly cross-agencies Hate Crime Integrated Group meeting to discuss emerging and evolving hate crime trends. The meeting included 22 participants for several police and other agencies from across Canada.	

Consultation #8

Date	Meeting Type
March 5, 2026	Meeting with Stakeholders
Topics Discussed	
(1): Education Session (2): Youth (3): Mass Casualty	
Notes/Comments:	
Detachment Commander and four members of the Drumheller RCMP Detachment took part in the St. Anthony's school Lock Down drill. A few areas of concerns were identified to the school leadership, but overall, the drill was without issues. Previous to the school going into lock down mode, RCMP members conducted a talk-thru of a proper response to an active shooter at that location amongst the members, which did not involve any school members, followed by all members walking a familiarisation tour of the school. Lastly, The school Leadership was made aware by commander of a program from the Alberta government that provides funds to certain institutions and not for profit organisations for security measures.	

Consultation #9

Date	Meeting Type
February 27, 2026	Community Connection
Topics Discussed	
(1): Education Session (2): Crime Reduction Initiatives (3): Property Crime	
Notes/Comments:	
Member presented in an anti-fraud seminar put together by the RBC bank. Audience was comprised of senior residents.	





Consultation #10

Date	Meeting Type
February 26, 2026	Community Connection
Topics Discussed	
(1): Persons Crimes (2): Traffic (3): Drugs	
Notes/Comments:	
Detachment Commander and all NCOs and members working held an informal Coffee With a Cop at the Drumheller Tim Horton's and interacted with several members of the public.	

Consultation #11

Date	Meeting Type
February 18, 2026	Meeting with Elected Officials
Topics Discussed	
(1): Regular reporting information sharing (2): Property Crime (3): Education Session	
Notes/Comments:	
Detachment Commander attended the Carbon Town Council meeting and presented the Q3 Policing report.	

Consultation #12

Date	Meeting Type
February 17, 2026	Meeting with Stakeholders
Topics Discussed	
(1): Regular reporting information sharing	
Notes/Comments:	
Detachment Commander met with the local leadership of the Alberta Sheriffs to get acquainted. Plans were made for an upcoming joint traffic and warrant round-up operations.	





Consultation #13

Date	Meeting Type
February 6, 2026	Meeting with Stakeholders
Topics Discussed	
(1): Annual Planning (2): Crime Reduction Initiatives (3): Property Crime	
Notes/Comments:	
Drumheller Citizens on Patrol Annual General Meeting. Annual Planning discussed as well as welcoming 4 new members.	

Consultation #14

Date	Meeting Type
February 3, 2026	Meeting with Stakeholders
Topics Discussed	
(1): Crime Reduction Initiatives (2): Property Crime	
Notes/Comments:	
Detachment members attended the Carbon citizens on patrol meeting. Members discussed crime trends in the area, how to best contact detachment members about crime, and their roles and responsibilities as C.O.P.	

Consultation #15

Date	Meeting Type
January 22, 2026	Meeting with Stakeholders
Topics Discussed	
(1): Regular reporting information sharing (2): Mental Health	
Notes/Comments:	
Drumheller Interagency meeting. Regular quarterly meeting. Drumheller members attended as well as Drumheller RPACT attending as well.	



Consultation #16

Date	Meeting Type
January 22, 2026	Meeting with Stakeholders
Topics Discussed	
(1): Regular reporting information sharing (2): Crime Reduction Initiatives (3): Property Crime	
Notes/Comments:	
Quarterly Rural Crime Watch Meeting for all the areas covered by Drumheller detachment except for Carbon. Discussed matters were information sharing with rural fire hall break-ins in CAD, as well as the Michichi and Craigmyle fire halls being cased in early January, along with other property crimes and crime reduction issues.	

Consultation #17

Date	Meeting Type
January 20, 2026	Meeting with Stakeholders
Topics Discussed	
(1): Mass Casualty (2): Education Session	
Notes/Comments:	
Detachment commander and member took part in a exercise/training of Mass Casualty scenario at the Badlands Community Centre.	

Consultation #18

Date	Meeting Type
January 15, 2026	Town Hall
Topics Discussed	
(1): Annual Planning (2): Education Session (3): Crime Reduction Initiatives	
Notes/Comments:	
Detachment Commander held a Town Hall meeting in the town of Drumheller's Legion. 22 people attended. Goal of the meeting was to gain feedback on public's satisfaction with current police activities and policing priorities as well as to gain public input in setting the policing priorities for the coming year. He also met with the representatives of the local chapter of the COP and Rural Crime Watch, and committed to having members attend their meetings going forward.	

Consultation #19

Date	Meeting Type
January 14, 2026	Meeting with Elected Officials
Topics Discussed	
(1): Regular reporting information sharing (2): Crime Reduction Initiatives	
Notes/Comments:	
Detachment Commander attended the Drumheller Town Council meeting and presented the Q2 Policing report.	

Consultation #20

Date	Meeting Type
January 13, 2026	Meeting with Stakeholders
Topics Discussed	
(1): Hate Crimes (2): Crime Reduction Initiatives	
Notes/Comments:	
Detachment Commander participated in the monthly cross-agencies Hate Crime Integrated Group meeting to discuss emerging and evolving hate crime trends. The meeting included 22 participants for several police and other agencies from across Canada.	

Consultation #21

Date	Meeting Type
January 13, 2026	Town Hall
Topics Discussed	
(1): Annual Planning (2): Regular reporting information sharing	
Notes/Comments:	
Detachment Commander held a Town Hall meeting in the village of Carbon. 24 people attended. Goal of the meeting was to gain feedback on public's satisfaction with current police activities and policing priorities as well as to gain public input in setting the policing priorities for the coming year.	

Municipal Operations: Human Resources Overview

Staffing Category	Established Positions	Working	Temporary Absences	Hard Vacancies
Regular Members	11	8	1	2
Detachment Support	4	1	0	3

Notes:

1. Data extracted on March 31, 2026 and is subject to change.
2. Temporary Absences - When a position is filled, but the member is unable to perform operational duties for a period of time, it becomes a temporary absence, while the member is placed on special leave. This may occur due to Maternity/Paternity leave, medical leave more than 30 days, leave without pay, graduated return to work. They are not included in the "Working" FTE count and their pay is not charged directly to each location. However, any salary expenditures associated with these employees while on leave is included as an "indirect cost" and billed within the Divisional Administration rate, charged to all contracts.
3. Hard Vacancies reflect positions that do not have an employee attached and need to be filled.

Comments:

Police Officers: Of the 11 established positions, eight officers are currently working. There is one officer who is on a temporary absence (Parental). There are two hard vacancies at this time.

Detachment Support: Of the four established public service employee positions, there is one resource currently working. There are three hard vacancies at this time. However, three municipal employees are occupying these positions currently. Although the conversion project of Municipal Employees has been halted, a decision was made to keep the positions listed, should the conversion project move forward at a later date.



Municipal Operations: Financial Overview

Municipal Overview	Fiscal Year-to-Date	Revised Plan at Q4	2025-26 Financial Plan
Detachment Working FTE Levels	7.80 FTE	7.82 FTE	11.00 FTE
Divisionally Pooled Costs (at 100%)	\$ 67,832,716	\$ 70,070,110	\$ 79,216,319
Per Capita Rate (at 100%)	\$ 241,808	\$ 247,904	\$ 246,857
Partner Share of Pooled Costs (at 70%)	\$ 1,319,711	\$ 1,357,640	\$ 1,900,797
Location-Specific Costs	\$ 127,347	\$ 125,000	\$ 139,000
Total Costs after Final Adjustments (at applicable contract share)	\$ 1,447,057	\$ 1,482,640	\$ 2,039,797

Note: For detailed explanations of the terms and types of costs that are included above, please visit the definitions section on the next page.

Comments:

Your financial Forecast for 2025/26 was adjusted to better align with realized expenditures and FTE utilization. The financial figures as identified above include the original and revised forecast totals and reflect information available as of March 31st, 2026. The Q4 invoices will be distributed by May 04th, 2026. Any variances from your Quarter 4 invoice and what the actual expenditures are, will be billed or credited in the Q1 2026/27 reconciliation package.

RCMP will continue to provide your community with monthly enhanced reporting to support ongoing forecast adjustments and potential invoice revisions, and to ensure projections are as accurate as possible. This increased reporting will support ongoing management of policing budgets, while also enhancing transparency and engagement with our partners.





Definitions

Municipal Operations: Human Resources Overview

Term	Definition
FTE Utilization	A full-time equivalent (FTE) employee is defined by the number of months in a fiscal year that a position is filled. The FTE utilization level refers to the total months filled for all positions within the Detachment/unit.
2025-26 FTE Utilization Plan	Reflects the number of working FTEs planned to be in-place for the current fiscal year.
Revised Plan at Q4	This reflects any adjustments to the planned number of working FTEs, which may vary as hard and soft vacancies fluctuate throughout the year.

Municipal Operations: Financial Overview

Term	Definition
Fiscal Year-to-Date (YTD)	Reflect the actual expenditures that have been processed or working FTE levels to-date. This does not include any financial or human resource transactions that have not yet been processed.
Revised Plan at Q4	Reflects any adjustments to the forecasted spending plan for the relevant category, to better align with realized expenditures throughout the year.
2025-26 Financial Plan	Reflects the initial financial plan set for each category of expenditure for the current fiscal year.
Detachment Working FTE Levels	Reflects the number of working Regular Members (i.e., police officers) anticipated to be in-place for the current fiscal year.
Divisionally Pooled Costs	<p>Reflects the total of all divisionally pooled costs for Alberta municipalities with a population below 15,000. It includes both direct and indirect costs, including but not limited to the cost categories below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Direct Costs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Member Pay, including pay for Regular Members, planned and retroactive pay increases, and overtime pay; ○ Operational equipment, including member equipment, informatics, vehicles, and vehicle fit-up; and/or ○ Unit operations, including fuel costs, training, secret expenses, and other operations and maintenance costs. • Indirect Costs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Employee Benefits (i.e., Superannuation, Canada Pension Plan, and Employment Insurance); ○ Recruiting operations, Cadet training (at Depot Division), and the Police Dog Service Training Centre;





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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Common IT services, including management of the Police Records and Occurrence System; ○ Complaints and accountability mechanisms through the Civilian Review and Complaints Commission for the RCMP, the RCMP External Review Committee, and enhanced reliability and accountability programs; and/or ○ Other divisional and regional administration services.
Per Capita Rate	This is an average cost per member rate determined by pooling applicable costs for Alberta municipalities with a population below 15,000 and dividing the total by the combined working FTE level for those same municipalities.
Partner Share of Pooled Costs	Reflects the portion of the pooled costs that the Contract Partner pays.
Location-Specific Costs	Reflects costs that are specific to location and are not included in the pooled per capita rate. These costs may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accommodation-related costs, for space occupied in RCMP-owned buildings; • Overtime pay; • Guarding costs (e.g., with the Corps of Commissionaires); • Isolated Post Allowances; and/or • Public Service Employee pay.
Total Costs after Final Adjustments	Reflects the total costs of all expenditure categories including any cost adjustments.





**Drumheller Provincial Detachment
Crime Statistics (Actual)
January to March: 2022 - 2026**

All categories contain "Attempted" and/or "Completed"

April 7, 2026

CATEGORY	Trend	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	% Change 2022 - 2026	% Change 2025 - 2026	Avg File +/- per Year
Offences Related to Death		1	0	0	0	0	-100%	N/A	-0.2
Robbery		0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Sexual Assaults		1	0	1	0	0	-100%	N/A	-0.2
Other Sexual Offences		0	0	0	0	1	N/A	N/A	0.2
Assault		6	5	2	14	3	-50%	-79%	0.3
Kidnapping/Hostage/Abduction		0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Extortion		0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Criminal Harassment		3	1	0	0	0	-100%	N/A	-0.7
Uttering Threats		2	1	0	3	0	-100%	-100%	-0.2
TOTAL PERSONS		13	7	3	17	4	-69%	-76%	-0.8
Break & Enter		5	1	5	10	2	-60%	-80%	0.3
Theft of Motor Vehicle		6	0	2	4	0	-100%	-100%	-0.8
Theft Over \$5,000		2	0	5	1	0	-100%	-100%	-0.3
Theft Under \$5,000		5	2	4	9	1	-80%	-89%	-0.1
Possn Stn Goods		2	5	1	3	1	-50%	-67%	-0.4
Fraud		8	6	4	5	4	-50%	-20%	-0.9
Arson		0	0	0	1	1	N/A	0%	0.3
Mischief - Damage To Property		2	4	2	3	2	0%	-33%	-0.1
Mischief - Other		4	2	4	5	1	-75%	-80%	-0.3
TOTAL PROPERTY		34	20	27	41	12	-65%	-71%	-2.3
Offensive Weapons		0	0	0	3	0	N/A	-100%	0.3
Disturbing the peace		0	3	3	2	1	N/A	-50%	0.1
Fail to Comply & Breaches		6	3	1	7	5	-17%	-29%	0.2
OTHER CRIMINAL CODE		4	2	2	4	4	0%	0%	0.2
TOTAL OTHER CRIMINAL CODE		10	8	6	16	10	0%	-38%	0.8
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE		57	35	36	74	26	-54%	-65%	-2.3



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Drug Enforcement - Production		0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Drug Enforcement - Possession		0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Drug Enforcement - Trafficking		1	3	0	0	0	-100%	N/A	-0.5
Drug Enforcement - Other		0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Total Drugs		1	3	0	0	0	-100%	N/A	-0.5
Cannabis Enforcement		0	0	1	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Federal - General		1	2	1	0	2	100%	N/A	0.0
TOTAL FEDERAL		2	5	2	0	2	0%	N/A	-0.5
Liquor Act		0	0	1	0	2	N/A	N/A	0.4
Cannabis Act		0	1	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	-0.1
Mental Health Act		2	1	4	13	11	450%	-15%	3.0
Other Provincial Stats		10	8	6	7	6	-40%	-14%	-0.9
Total Provincial Stats		12	10	11	20	19	58%	-5%	2.4
Municipal By-laws Traffic		0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Municipal By-laws		2	0	2	0	2	0%	N/A	0.0
Total Municipal		2	0	2	0	2	0%	N/A	0.0
Fatals		0	0	1	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Injury MVC		2	1	2	2	1	-50%	-50%	-0.1
Property Damage MVC (Reportable)		31	29	17	14	9	-71%	-36%	-5.9
Property Damage MVC (Non Reportable)		7	3	6	9	2	-71%	-78%	-0.4
TOTAL MVC		40	33	26	25	12	-70%	-52%	-6.4
Roadside Suspension - Alcohol (Prov)		2	4	2	1	1	-50%	0%	-0.5
Roadside Suspension - Drugs (Prov)		0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Total Provincial Traffic		245	229	147	128	137	-44%	7%	-31.7
Other Traffic		0	0	0	2	0	N/A	-100%	0.2
Criminal Code Traffic		2	4	2	4	2	0%	-50%	0.0
Common Police Activities									
False Alarms		5	2	2	4	4	-20%	0%	0.0
False/Abandoned 911 Call and 911 Act		7	5	12	1	6	-14%	500%	-0.6
Suspicious Person/Vehicle/Property		11	13	11	8	8	-27%	0%	-1.1
Persons Reported Missing		0	0	1	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Search Warrants		0	1	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	-0.1
Spousal Abuse - Survey Code (Reported)		13	9	5	9	4	-69%	-56%	-1.8
Form 10 (MHA) (Reported)		0	0	0	1	0	N/A	-100%	0.1



MARIGOLD
LIBRARY SYSTEM

Plan of Service 2026-2030

Strengthening Connections,
Building Capacity

Introduction:

Informed by the collective perspectives of our member libraries, staff, Board members, and stakeholders, the **2026-2030 Marigold Library System Plan of Service** affirms our continued commitment to strengthen public library service across the region.

Strengthening Connections, Building Capacity is grounded in the needs and priorities of our members. We will strengthen existing relationships by fostering collaboration, and by forging new relationships to benefit our members. We will clarify the supports and services available to member libraries, and expand our capacity to deliver future-ready library services. This plan reaffirms Marigold’s role as a proactive, knowledgeable, and accessible system—one that connects libraries to shared resources, expertise, and to one another.

Marigold headquarters is the operational hub for our regional library system. By centralizing resources, we help libraries save time and money, and deliver exceptional experiences. We support member libraries by providing tools, resources, and expertise that help them expand what they offer their communities. Members receive broader access to books, digital content, technology, and other tools —creating efficiencies and strengthening service across the system.

Success will be measured through strong partnerships, widely utilized services, and the extent to which our support helps libraries enhance their offerings. These indicators reflect a system that is resilient, responsive, and ready for what’s next.

Vision:

To be recognized for our excellence as a vital resource for Marigold members and a collaborative, leading library system.

Mission:

Enhance vibrant and resilient library services through collaboration and collective strength.

Values:



Stewardship



Adaptability



Connection



Sharing

Strategic Priority #1

Strengthening Community Capacity

Marigold focuses on supporting member library staff and board members with the training and resources they need to respond to changing technology and evolving library practices.

As technology trends and expectations continue to evolve, Marigold works in partnership with member libraries to anticipate and respond to change. Together, we build capacity through training and shared learning opportunities that help all of us adapt with confidence.

We will reduce barriers to training by offering a range of delivery methods so learning is accessible regardless of schedule, location, or experience. We will support library staff as they expand their skills and expertise in using system-provided technology and as they learn from one another. Marigold will continue to create opportunities for lifelong learning and ongoing professional growth across the system.

Goals

- ▶ Marigold and member libraries build shared expertise through timely, accessible training on emerging technology and library practices.
- ▶ Expertise across the system is identified and shared to strengthen and expand training and resources for all members.
- ▶ Marigold and member libraries develop the skills needed to apply system-provided technology, services, and resources effectively.
- ▶ Marigold and member libraries have access to evolving, practical products and services that support changing operational and patron needs.

Objectives

- ▶ Increase awareness of available training and professional development opportunities by improving distribution methods.
- ▶ Ensure training content and delivery methods are accessible, meaningful, and designed to fit realistically into staff and board members' schedules.
- ▶ Offer professional development through training sessions and informal learning events that provide timely information and build practical skills.
- ▶ Continuously observe and evaluate new tools and practices to ensure training and resources are responsive to member needs.

Strategic Priority #2

Strengthening Member Connections

Marigold fosters a library community that is strengthened through collaboration, shared expertise, and responsive support.

Marigold strengthens the capacity of member libraries of all sizes by supporting their local needs and creating meaningful opportunities for collaboration. Through ongoing dialogue and the sharing of expertise, Marigold can help support professional growth and capacity across the system.

Our collaborative approach will also ensure that system-wide services reflect member perspectives and priorities. By working together, Marigold will continue to evolve service delivery in ways that are timely, responsive, and valuable to our members.

Goals

- ▶ Library board members and library staff have increased opportunities to connect and collaborate with colleagues across the system and the larger library community.
- ▶ Marigold facilitates ongoing peer learning among library staff and board members.
- ▶ Member libraries actively contribute to the development of Marigold services through ongoing engagement and collaboration.
- ▶ Members receive effective, demand-driven library service that reflect their diverse needs, capacities, and community priorities.

Objectives

- ▶ Provide opportunities for member libraries to give meaningful input into Marigold's service development, ensuring services remain responsive and member-driven.
- ▶ Receive feedback from member library staff and board members regularly and through a variety of methods.
- ▶ Structure feedback processes to be accessible to everyone and reduce barriers to collaboration.
- ▶ Align services with member needs so they remain timely and valuable as a result of consistent collaboration.

Strategic Priority #3

Strengthening Library Resources

Marigold collaborates with libraries to provide collections that support and inspire readers and meet community needs.

Libraries respond to a broad range of community needs through programs, access to technology, and partnerships, while playing a central role in supporting community capacity. Library collections—books, eBooks, and other materials—spark curiosity, build confidence, and support learning at every stage.

Marigold expands library collections by supplying books, eBooks, and other materials; by maintaining digital platforms; by supporting and expanding delivery services; and by assisting libraries in analyzing collection use. Through this shared approach, Marigold and its members ensure that communities across the region have access to collections that meet community needs and inspire readers.

Goals

- ▶ Marigold will expand its ability to provide materials that enhance the library's digital and physical reading collections.
- ▶ Libraries will have accurate collection assessment tools to guide local decision-making.
- ▶ Libraries will have access to marketing and promotional tools to assist with featuring their collections, and inspiring reading and discovery.
- ▶ Marigold will ensure seamless access to digital resources by maintaining user-friendly digital platforms that connect readers of all ages to library collections.

Objectives

- ▶ Collaborate with member libraries to analyze and assess collection use, and ensure Marigold materials budgets are aligned with areas of growth and community needs.
- ▶ Maintain a shared content bank of marketing resources for collections that libraries can customize to local needs.
- ▶ Expand collection analysis tools to give member libraries deeper insight into their collections, including eBook circulation at the individual branch level.
- ▶ Leverage partnerships to ensure we get the greatest value from our investment in eBooks and always-available digital content.

Strategic Priority #4

Strengthening Community Awareness

Marigold will strengthen member and stakeholder understanding of the value and impact of Marigold membership.

Fostering awareness of the role libraries play in community life, and of the regional system that supports them, is fundamental to securing support.

Marigold will help stakeholders understand the range of resources, services, and technology available to member libraries and communities. This shared understanding will build trust, reinforce accountability, and inform decision-making.

Goals

- ▶ Library board members and staff have access to the resources, support, and expertise they need, and can fully leverage the value of Marigold membership.
- ▶ Member libraries confidently use and promote system-provided collections and technology to enhance local service.
- ▶ Member services are strengthened through regional advocacy that reflects growing community need for responsive public library service.
- ▶ Equitable access to public library resources ensures libraries can connect residents with a broad range of reliable information and resources that support informed exploration.

Objectives

- ▶ Increase regional awareness of the value of public libraries and the need for adequate and predictable funding.
- ▶ Sustain and grow public understanding of the essential role of libraries and the regional system.
- ▶ Equip library board members through training opportunities that strengthen their role as informed, engaged advocates for public library service and Marigold membership.
- ▶ Use data and stories in reports and communications to demonstrate the value of Marigold system membership.
- ▶ Provide members with accurate, current, and accessible marketing materials that promote library services available to residents.

Strategic Priority #5

Strengthening Organizational Capacity

Marigold remains a sustainable, impactful, and dependable library system trusted by its members and known for organizational excellence.

Marigold plays a critical role by providing expertise, operational support, and infrastructure that member libraries rely on. Through responsible financial management, strong governance, staff support, and emergency preparedness, Marigold strengthens the organizational capacity that ensures reliable, scalable, and cost efficient service to member libraries so that they can remain focused on serving their communities.

Goals

- ▶ Marigold Library Board has the opportunity to participate in training and meaningful engagement to ensure strong governance practices.
- ▶ Marigold maintains its reputation as an employer of choice by fostering a positive and growth-oriented workplace.
- ▶ Marigold strengthens operational resilience, resourcefulness, and emergency preparedness across all areas of the organization.

Objectives

- ▶ Ensure that Board activities represent a realistic and effective commitment of time and resources and support member needs.
- ▶ Equip Marigold Library Board with the information and resources needed for effective governance and succession planning.
- ▶ Provide staff with the tools, support, and professional development needed to thrive in their work and provide excellent service to member libraries.
- ▶ Familiarize staff with new and emerging technologies and trends in public library service.
- ▶ Maintain a current Business Continuity Plan and Emergency Response Plan to ensure continuity of services for member libraries.

Marigold Library System is committed to delivering quality services to its members. **Strengthening Connections, Building Capacity** is Marigold's commitment to the people and communities it serves.

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Rumsey Community Library

2025 Value of Your Investment



As a member of Marigold Library System (Marigold), your library maximizes cost-efficiency and benefits from shared resources, enriching library services for your community. Your library gains access to the centralized support, volume discounts, and specialized services provided by Marigold that complement local efforts—making library service more accessible, sustainable, and impactful. This report shows the value of Marigold services and support to your library and community.

Direct Financial Return from Marigold to Rumsey Community Library

Operating allotments from Marigold to the member library.

Transfer Payment from Marigold	\$	3,100.00	
Community Library Grant	\$	9,000.00	
Physical Library Collection (Spending Account)	\$	3,435.00	
SUBTOTAL			\$ 15,535.00

Financial Value of Marigold Services

These amounts indicate what it would cost your library to offer the same standard of service to meet community needs and interests. Details on following pages.

SUBTOTAL	\$ 577,402.10
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Direct Financial Return & Value of Marigold Services TOTAL	\$ 592,937.10
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2025 Total Direct Financial Return & Value of Marigold Services
\$592,937.10

Rumsey Community Library

2025 Value of Your Investment



Financial Value of Marigold Services

These amounts indicate what it would cost your library to offer the same standard of services to meet community needs and interests without membership in Marigold.

Collections

Collection Discounts for Your Library \$ 1,202.25

This value represents the amount of money your library saved on collection materials. Marigold's bulk purchasing power provides deep discounts for new collection items. Without membership in Marigold, your library would spend more to purchase the same collection materials. Marigold staff save library staff time by assisting with collection selection.

Cataloguing & Processing of New Materials by Marigold \$ 1,385.00

Professional cataloguing enables patrons to find and request popular books, video games, movies, equipment, and more in the online catalogue or app (TRACpac+). Materials are delivered to your library ready for patrons to borrow with barcodes, protective wrap, labels, and durable cases for audiovisual items like video games.

Unique eBook & eAudiobook Titles Borrowed by Your Cardholders \$ 60,944.24

Marigold provides a wide range of digital collections for reading, watching, and listening. Average costs for an eBook increased to over \$70, and \$100 for an eAudiobook. We purchase unlimited access licenses where possible to keep costs down. Marigold's membership in The Regional Automation Consortium (TRAC) allows your patrons access to shared Overdrive/Libby and Cloud Library collections.

eResources \$ 20,590.00

Licensed online resources provide digital, online content for your patrons. eResources include Ancestry Library Edition, Brainfuse (tutoring); HelpNow and JobNow, Kanopy Plus, LinkedIn Learning and PressReader.

Programming Resources \$ -

Libraries save money by borrowing programming resources from Marigold, such as STEM kits, life-size games like Snakes and Ladders, a mobile podcast and photo booth, and more.

Collection Insurance \$ 968.69

Marigold provides insurance for the physical collections at member libraries.

Rumsey Community Library

2025 Value of Your Investment



Delivery & Resource Sharing

Unique Physical Titles Borrowed from Other Libraries by Your Patrons \$ 6,450.00

Since Marigold is a member of TRAC and an Alberta Public Library Network Partner, patrons registered at Marigold libraries can request an item from any of the 185+ libraries in TRAC, plus other libraries across Alberta. The TRACpac+ online catalogue and app allow your patrons to place holds on an item anywhere in Alberta and have it delivered to their local library through Marigold van delivery.

Library to You (L2U) is a free mail service for those facing physical or geographic difficulties visiting their public library in person. For patrons across the region, Marigold staff fill holds for homebound or remote patrons and mail items to the patron with a free return label.

Weekly Van Delivery Service \$ 13,745.33

All items requested by patrons pass through Marigold headquarters for sorting and transportation to their library through Marigold van delivery. Likewise, items being sent out for loan at other libraries and library systems are transported to Marigold for sorting before going on to the next location, either by Marigold van, provincial courier (other systems), or by mail (e.g. academic libraries). Drivers also deliver new collection materials, programming supplies, and promotional materials.

IT

Managed IT Services \$ 174,000.00

Marigold serves as a complete IT department for libraries. This includes managing email accounts and Microsoft 365 tools, providing secure access for staff onsite or remotely, and overseeing the private network that connects all library locations. We supply and support all networking equipment, maintain both staff and public Wi Fi, SuperNet administration, and ensure safe, reliable access to public computers.

Our team handles website hosting and updates, connectivity for local printing services, software licensing, and the commissioning and decommissioning of equipment. We also provide 24/7 network monitoring, advanced threat protection, data protection, and ongoing staff training on phishing and email safety.

Rumsey Community Library

2025 Value of Your Investment



IT Helpdesk, Site Visits, & Professional Support

\$ 6,163.36

In addition to managed services, Marigold IT HelpDesk and onsite support provides libraries with dependable assistance for everyday technology questions and more complex issues. Our IT team provides real time troubleshooting, resolving problems such as login difficulties, software errors, connectivity issues, and device failures. When hands on help is required, our staff are onsite to address problems or install equipment and upgrades.

Library staff exploring new technology initiatives can also consult with our team for guidance, including help reviewing options to ensure compatibility with existing systems. With this support, libraries can confidently plan, implement, and maintain the technology that serves their staff and communities.

Beyond day to day support, we assist Library Managers and Boards with long term planning by tracking equipment lifecycles, forecasting replacement needs, and consulting on space planning and library moves. In short, we act as each library's full service technology partner - managing installation, maintenance, security, support, and strategic planning across all technology systems.

Polaris Integrated Library System

\$ 272,558.39

The Polaris ILS is the central piece of library software that manages cataloging, circulation, patron accounts, and other core library operations.

Polaris allows library patrons to check out books on the app or self-check stations, access eBook platforms, download or stream digital content, use online resources like Ancestry, place holds through ME Libraries (Alberta Wide Borrowing), and connect to many other library services.

Polaris "Leap" is a web-based interface that library staff use to manage patron accounts, check books and other items in and out, track inventory, order new materials, run reports, and handle other important library tasks.

Website

\$ 9,197.37

Each member library is provided with a website to share information on everything offered to your community. The websites allow libraries to engage with community members and provide information, resources, and services to the public. Marigold staff are available to assist libraries with website updates.

Rumsey Community Library

2025 Value of Your Investment



Marigold Conference & Training

\$ -

Marigold pays for up to two library staff members to travel and attend the Marigold Conference, which featured keynote speaker Clara Hughes in 2025. The conference also included a day of sessions and networking with peers. Marigold also organizes training opportunities for library staff in a variety of formats, and on a wide range of skills and topics. We also produce a monthly Professional Development newsletter of third-party training opportunities, saving time for library managers and supervisors.

Professional Support & Expertise

\$ 447.47

Member library staff can turn to Marigold professionals to access a wide range of skills and expertise. Marigold staff assist library staff and boards with problem-solving by investigating options to solve challenges, and sharing information and solutions. We support libraries in their work on program planning, collection development, weeding and inventory, technology needs, board and policy development, standards and best practices, reference questions, performance measures, space planning, and much more.

Libraries gain access to the Marigold Content Bank, with pre-made marketing materials for a variety of media. Library staff can save time with ready-to-use promotional items for notable events, library offerings, and more.

Board Management & Administration

Marigold Library Board acts as the Governing Board for municipalities that do not have library boards. Types of governance and administrative responsibilities include undertaking the necessary financial, legal, statistical, and policy-related reporting to ensure compliance with all applicable legislation, policy development and distribution, plan of service and annual report support, and Occupational Health & Safety oversight. The annual distribution to community libraries of provincial operating grants in accordance with Marigold's policies and annual budget, as approved by the Board. The day-to-day operational aspects of community libraries (library service points) are contracted with Incorporated Societies.

\$ 9,750.00

Financial Value of Marigold Services

\$

577,402.10

Member libraries are thriving!

Across Marigold...

131,668 people/families have a library card

445,005 eBooks borrowed

2,535,278 items loaned

11,464 programs with **367,864** participants

81,332 new books and more added to library collections

11.8 million patron visits to the online library catalogue

Over **13 million** items available in TRACpac online catalogue



This report highlights services provided annually by Marigold Library System (Marigold) that are of value to residents living in Counties, Improvement Districts, Special Areas and Municipal Districts.

As a member of Marigold, your municipality maximizes cost-efficiency and benefits from shared resources, enriching library services for your community. Whether through a member library or online, your residents gain access to library collections, digital content, and more provided by Marigold -- making library service more accessible, sustainable, and impactful.

Marigold libraries closest to Starland County:

- Delia Municipal Library
- Drumheller Municipal Library
- Morrin Municipal Library
- Rumsey Community Library



6,110*
Families/Individuals with
Library Cards



111,609** physical items such as books and
eBooks checked out by cardholders from
your municipality

***Alberta Municipal Affairs Public Library Services Branch formula:** For card/one patron account per family (which is shared among all family members), multiply the number of family cards by 3.1.

****Checkouts** do not include all items, as some statistics can only be pulled by library location, not municipality.

Books, Audiobooks and More

Cardholders from Marigold member municipalities have full borrowing privileges at any library in Marigold and over 190 libraries across Alberta through Marigold's membership in TRAC (The Regional Automation Consortium). Municipal membership in Marigold Library System allows residents to borrow and return library materials at any public library in Marigold and beyond. Through TRACpac+, your residents have seamless access to over 3.3 million physical items, such as:

- **Books** including world languages
- **Large Print & Audiobook Collections**
- **Audiovisual materials** including DVDs, video games and more

Cardholders can access their library account through the TRACpac+ online catalogue or app to place holds on library material for pickup at the closest library or to download digital content. Many libraries also collaborate with local senior's lodges to refresh Large Print collections.

eBooks & Digital Content

Marigold provides a wide range of digital collections for reading, watching, and listening. Average costs for an eBook are over \$70, and \$100 for an eAudiobook. We purchase unlimited access titles where possible to keep costs down. Marigold's membership in The Regional Automation Consortium (TRAC) allows residents access to shared Overdrive/Libby and Cloud Library collections.

Licensed online resources provide digital, online content for your residents. eResources include Ancestry Library Edition, Brainfuse (tutoring); HelpNow and JobNow, Kanopy Plus, LinkedIn Learning and PressReader.

IT Services

Marigold IT manages the network of computers, devices, and systems that connect member libraries and library service to the residents of your municipality. Networked services include the technology, platforms, and licensing that allow your residents to access eBooks and other digital content on their phones or other devices.

Your residents can access high-speed internet and secure Wi-Fi at all member library locations. Marigold IT enables libraries to provide a positive patron experience by ensuring access to and support for public access computers, online library accounts, eResources and online databases, and more.

Member library staff can rely on our team to offer technical support, monitor bandwidth, implement firewall protocols, troubleshoot connection issues, perform software updates, and provide remote support and onsite installations. Marigold staff negotiate complex IT vendor contracts on behalf of the system.

Weekly Van Delivery Service

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Alberta-wide borrowing, facilitated by ME Libraries, allows library users from Marigold member municipalities to register their library cards online to access a further 19 million items in over 140 additional public libraries across the province at libraries outside TRAC.

Library to You (L2U) is a free mail service for those who face physical or geographic difficulties in visiting their public library in person. Marigold staff fill holds for homebound or remote patrons and mail library items to the patron with a free return label.

Board Management & Administration

Marigold Library Board acts as the Governing Board for municipalities that do not have library boards. Types of governance and administrative responsibilities include undertaking the necessary financial, legal, statistical, and policy-related reporting to ensure compliance with all applicable legislation, policy development and distribution, plan of service and annual report support, and Occupational Health & Safety oversight. The annual distribution to community libraries of provincial operating grants in accordance with Marigold's policies and annual budget, as approved by the Board. The day-to-day operational aspects of community libraries (library service points) are delivered in collaboration with local Incorporated Societies.

Programming Resources

Libraries save money by borrowing programming resources from Marigold, such as STEM kits, life-size games like Snakes and Ladders, a mobile podcast and photo booth, and more.

Book Deposits

Book Deposits are located in rural and remote communities across the Marigold region. Marigold supports local volunteers to maintain a collection that residents can borrow on an honour system, like a Free Little Library. Marigold provides the deposit with a combination of like-new and gently-used books in a variety of genres and formats throughout the year.

For more information, we have also enclosed 2025 Value of Your Investment Reports for member libraries in proximity to your municipality.