



# Councillor Reports Board and Committee Updates

Date: March 16, 2026

Council Member: Tokar

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## 1. Yellowhead Regional Library Trustee Board Meeting March 9, 2026

### Update

- 2025 Audited financial statements approved
- Interfund transfer of \$625,222 from reserves approved to balance revenue shortfall
- Renew auditor for another 3 years as allowed in bylaws
- Municipal levy increase approved
  - o Board directed administration to pursue a \$0.75 per capita increase to the municipal levy to cover continued revenue shortfalls
  - o Will not apply to levies to school boards
  - o Will generate about another \$300,000 in revenue
  - o YRL levies amongst the lowest of any of the regional libraries in Alberta
  - o Provincial average is \$6.63 (which includes YRL which will bring average down), closest comparable is Parkland Regional Library at \$9.81
  - o Currently \$4.85, proposing to raise to \$5.60 for 2027
  - o While YRL does have some surplus, it would not be enough to cover 6 months of operational expenses and could easily be depleted if any major issues arose. Last year shortfall was almost \$800,000.
  - o By end of March, administration plans to prepare and deliver report and proposal to municipalities administration for review
- Report to Municipal Affairs PLSB approved
- Report to members and stakeholders approved
- April 25 - YRL Discovery day / Open House (9am to 2pm)
  - o Will include recognition celebration for long-time board member, Hank Smit
  - o Invitation will come to councils and administration soon
- Advocacy work underway to ask for review of recommendation from Municipal Affairs Minister to implement limitations on library materials, similar to what is being done in school libraries

### Emerging Issues

- Request coming soon for \$0.75 per capita increase to municipal levies
- YRL Discovery Day invitation to come – opportunity to celebrate Hank Smit for his contributions

## **2. Tri-Leisure Board**

**March 12, 2026**

### Update

- Audit findings expressed no major concerns. One recommendation was to apply board level approvals to the expense reports of the GM. Currently, the GM approves their own expenses which limits oversight. The board agreed to this recommendation and basked administration to come back with an updated policy recommendation that outlined the process as well as things like expense criteria.
- Due to concerns about the board's current approach and lack of clear and unified direction, they have scheduled a meeting for April 30<sup>th</sup>. The goal of this meeting is for the board to align on a specific plan and establish a clear path forward.
- The facility is in a strong financial position. Given the planned extended shutdown for AHU-1 replacement, any extra costs or lost revenue should not have a negative impact to operations.

### Emerging Issues

- April 30 board will meet to align on strategic plan