

Boards/Committees/Commission Reports

April 8, 2025, Committee of the Whole
Councillor J. Anheliger



Northern Lights Library system

- **Chair's Report:** Key highlights included executive participation in PLSB-hosted meetings, ongoing discussions with the Minister of Municipal Affairs, and updates on system service points.
- **LMC Chair Report and Director's Annual Report:**
 - The Director's Report detailed 2024 achievements: launching Go Library, establishing the Elizabeth Métis Settlement Library, expanding floating collections, improving cybersecurity, and onboarding new libraries.

Financial Report

- Most municipal levies have been collected.
- Health benefits premiums are expected to rise ~20%, despite aggressive negotiations.
- Cybera's internet service cost has increased from \$1,400 to over \$7,000 annually; alternative providers are under review.
- Financial report was approved.

Implementation Plan 2025

- Approved. Focus areas:
 - Expanding Indigenous partnerships
 - Strengthening communication strategy
 - Enhancing cataloguing and bibliographic services
 - Reducing access barriers via GoLibrary platform
 - Technology service assessments

PLSB Annual Reports

- Reports, including the Edmonton Garrison Library ALPEG 2024 report, were approved.

Policy Approvals

- Omnibus motion passed for multiple policy updates and revision.

Moving Forward:

- NLLS continues to focus on innovation, reconciliation, operational efficiency, and communication.
- Budgetary concerns are being actively managed, especially around benefits and technology costs.
- The system is preparing for enhanced service delivery in 2025 through policy refinement and strategic planning.

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