

NOTICE OF MOTION

NOTICE GIVEN ON: February 25, 2025

COUNCIL MEMBER: Dave Berry

SUBJECT: Recommendation of MD councillor to Valleyview Municipal Library Board

SUBMISSION TO: REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

INTENDED MEETING March 22, 2022

DATE TO BE MOVED:

Deferred MOTION: That Council direct Administration to request that Valleyview Town council appoint Greenview Councillor Dave Berry as a councillor on the Town of Valleyview Library Board.

BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:

During the March 11, 2025, Regular Council meeting the motion to request the appointment of Councillor Berry to the Valleyview library board was deferred for more information. Council wanted confirmation that the Town of Valleyview still was requesting a councillor from the MD sit on the board. The original request and a current request are in the supplemental information. Also in the attached information is a request from the board chair for a Councillor from the MD be put forth to The Valleyview town council for appointment. Both the board chair and the town council are looking for board support for a stronger board governance and functionality. During the last 12-18 months this board has struggled to hold functional and productive meetings. By appointing an MD council we can support both the Town of Valleyview and the library board.

Having a Councilor appointed to the board would also help to provide better oversight to the \$125,000 that Greenview contributes annually through a standing agreement with our own Greenview Library Board. Over this term, Council has been checking into many of our agreements with the goal of increasing efficiencies and being more cost efficient. Libraries are an important part of our culture, but neglecting to consider this agreement may do Greenview a disservice. There is concern that the Valleyview Library spending has continued to grow over the last few years even as their funding has been decreased, causing their reserves to dwindle. The Valleyview Library now appears to be in a position that, though they may be able financially to operate for this calendar year, without change they will likely not be fiscally stable enough to operate for the 2026 year. The Valleyview Library has been very well funded and is a pillar in our community. It is hoped that with additional oversight and governance support, this library can flourish and continue to fill an important role in our community.

ATTACHMENT(S):

- Letter from Town of Valleyview
- Letter from Library board chair

- Library budget and actual expenses to Feb 28, 2025
- Agreement between MD and VV library boards
- Valleyview council and Library board MOU 2020
- Valleyview council and Library Board MOU 2025
- Library statistical comparisons
- Libraries act