



REQUEST FOR DECISION

SUBJECT: **The Peace Library System Master Agreement**
SUBMISSION TO: REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING REVIEWED AND APPROVED FOR SUBMISSION
MEETING DATE: July 22, 2025 CAO: MANAGER:
DEPARTMENT: COMMUNITY SERVICES DIR: MH PRESENTER: MH
STRATEGIC PLAN: Culture, Social & Emergency Services LEG: SS

RELEVANT LEGISLATION:

Provincial (cite) – N/A

Council Bylaw/Policy (cite) – N/A

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

MOTION: That Council direct Administration to enter into the updated Peace Library System Master Agreement, effective the 1st day of January, 2026, with funds to come from the Community Services Grants budget annually.

BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:

The Peace Library System has updated the Master Agreement between member municipalities to include the current legal language requirements and the services added since the original agreement was drafted. This motion was brought to the June 10, 2025, Council meeting but was deferred (motion 25.296) as Council requested Financial Statements and Annual Reports, which have now been attached. Membership in the Peace Library System ensures that all Greenview-supported libraries can access the provincial library lending system, programs and resources. (See attached letter).

The major changes are:

- Section 15 - Clarification of the language around the arbitration of disagreements
- Schedule D – Inclusion of IT Services in the schedule of services offered to libraries
- Schedule A – The list of bodies eligible for membership in the System
- Schedule B – The limit placed on the amount levies can be raised

Attached is a red line copy of the amended agreement, showing all wording changes.

BENEFITS OF THE RECOMMENDED ACTION:

1. The benefit of Council accepting the recommended motion is that Greenview will have an updated agreement with The Peace Library System.
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DISADVANTAGES OF THE RECOMMENDED ACTION:

There are no perceived disadvantages to the recommended motion.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:

Alternative #1: Council has the alternative to not enter into the agreement; however, Administration does not recommend this action because the Regional Library System is beneficial to all Greenview-supported libraries and ensures that Greenview libraries are part of the provincial library lending system and resources across the Province of Alberta.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATION:

Membership fees are paid annually to support this agreement and are included in the annual budget. In 2025, Greenview budgeted \$64,000 for Peace Library System Membership.

STAFFING IMPLICATION:

There are no staffing implications to the recommended motion.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT LEVEL:

Greenview has adopted the IAP2 Framework for public consultation.

INCREASING LEVEL OF PUBLIC IMPACT

Inform

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION GOAL

Inform - To provide the public with balanced and objective information to assist them in understanding the problem, alternatives, opportunities and/or solutions.

PROMISE TO THE PUBLIC

Inform - We will keep you informed.

FOLLOW UP ACTIONS:

Once Council decides, Administration will proceed accordingly.

ATTACHMENT(S):

- PLS 2024 Financial Statement
- Annual Report 2024 Final – 27 March
- Peace Library System Old Agreement with Recommended Changes
- Peace Library System Agreement
- Peace Library System New Agreement
- 2025 06 06 Letter to PLS re Updated Master Services Agreement