

County of St. Paul No. 19

January 10, 2013

County Council County of St. Paul No. 19 5015 – 49 Avenue ST. PAUL, AB TOA 3A4

Dear Council Members:

On the date of December 17, 2013 the County of St. Paul No. 19 Library Board met to finalize their Budget plans for the coming year.

Throughout the years, the Library Board has overseen operations of the Ashmont and Mallaig Libraries, assisting with necessary funding, steadily enhancing the services for our Patrons, while keeping up with today's changing technology. Within this Budget, are funds which assist with the operations of St. Paul and Elk Point Municipal Libraries through Service Agreement Funding.

At our Board meeting on December 17, 2013, Kerry Trottier, Library Manager of the St. Paul Municipal Library presented Library statistics based on a total Patron count of 2,156 which estimates Town Patrons totaling 1,373 (64%) along with County Patrons totaling 647 (31%) with others totaling 136 (6.3%). Their funding request, based on above noted percentage was estimated at 31% of \$172,741.00, totaling \$53,549.71, given their estimated total Operating Expenditure will be \$240,355.00 for 2013. The County Library Board acknowledged the request made by the St. Paul Municipal Library and speculated the possibility that only a portion of this request would be granted.

On behalf of the County Library Board, we express our appreciation for the generous support that County Council has shown in the past and ask for their consideration once again as we present to Council our 2013 Budget. We ask that you take into account the recent request from the St. Paul Municipal Library as we continue to strengthen our partnerships.

Sincerely yours,

COUNTY OF ST. PAUL NO. 19 LIBRARY BOARD

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Chairperson IVB/baw