Executive Director's Report

August 11, 2023

Plan of Service

The committee met in Métis Crossing on July 25 and 26th. Margaret Law led a high-level planning session. The morning of the 25th. Her write-up from that is forth coming. Focus Communications took notes throughout the two days. We will have a first draft of the plan to present to the Library Manager's Council in September.

Legal

I am scheduled to meet with the Town of Legal Council on August 21st at 8:30 pm. I'll present on system membership and the levy structure. I recently spoke to their CAO and provided them with the steps required to join the system. Things look positive. Should they sign the agreement in 2023, I propose we waive the remaining 2023 levy.

Myrnam

The Village of Myrnam Council will be meeting in mid-August and the formation of a library board is on the agenda. They put a call out for board members in May but have not received any response as of late July. I've reached out to the school administration and others in the village to encourage them to put their names forward.

Fishing Lake Métis Settlement

We will be meeting with community members at the end of September regarding system membership and the formation of a library board. We've met with their administrator online and we continue to work with them toward establishing services. They have some interest in the formation of a library board.

Elizabeth Métis Settlement

They hired two people with the funds we provided them through the OROS grant. The province met with them on July 31st regarding the establishment of a library board. They may have a board in place this fall. We are working with Bell to get quotes for the province on establishing a Supernet connection at the seniors centre where they plan to house the library. Things are moving quickly here.

Glendon

The Little Free Library is in the community until September. They are working toward a mid-fall grand opening.

Delivery Van Update

Our current Ford Transit has broken the 400,000 kilometre mark. Ford in St. Paul tells us our new van is being built. We hope to take possession this fall. We've placed a second order for a van, given how long this one has taken. We can still back out of the second van, but we've indicated our intent to purchase.