



ALBERTA LIBRARY

TRUSTEES' ASSOCIATION

May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015

The Honourable Deron Bilous  
Minister of Municipal Affairs,  
404 Legislature Building  
10800 - 97 Avenue  
Edmonton, AB  
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Dear Minister Bilous,

The Alberta Library Trustees Association “ALTA” is the collective voice for library trustees, building trustee’s capacity through education, leadership, communication, partnerships, innovation and collaboration. Founded in 1971, we represent library boards and trustees who govern public libraries in Alberta. We serve over 2000 volunteer library trustees across Alberta, who provide governance to over 300 public libraries across the province. Effective library board trustees providing leadership for great community library services to all Albertans.

*We believe library services are essential to the quality and standard of life of Albertans and vital to the education, social and cultural development of the province.*

As you know, the Public Library Services Branch (PLSB) is part of the Corporate Strategic Services Division of Municipal Affairs. The Branch provides policy, planning and administrative expertise required to develop and maintain provincial legislation related to public library service. It is also accountable to the Minister for ensuring library board compliance with the [Libraries Act](#) and [Libraries Regulation](#). There are also 7 regional systems established under the [Libraries Act](#) in areas related to legislation and management of public library service.

*ALTA is funded by membership fees, grants and appreciate the support of the PLSB Team to ensure project funding to develop the tools and resources to strengthen trustee’s capacity to become effective library leaders in their community.*

We look forward to working together to continue a strong tradition of providing some of the best library services in the country.

Sincerely,

Laura Ross-Giroux,  
President  
Alberta Library Trustees Association