



public libraries

Duffield Tomahawk Keephills Entwistle

Presentation to Mayor and Council - Budget
March 22, 2016

Overview

- ▶ Plan of Service
- ▶ Challenges
- ▶ Budget
- ▶ Moving ahead

Plan of Service

► Purpose

- Overview of library direction and activities from 2016-2020
- Based on community input

► Process

- Survey conducted Summer 2015
- Series of Community Planning Committees (CPCs) held in September 2015
- Incorporates Board and Staff input
- Alignment with Parkland County Strategic Priorities

Plan of Service

Priority Focus Areas

▶ Stimulate Imagination

- ▶ Parkland County Public Libraries will inspire community residents through programs and services that stimulate imagination and provide pleasurable reading, viewing, and listening experiences.

▶ Satisfy Curiosity

- ▶ Residents will have access to resources that promote lifelong learning and will have a variety of program options available to them on topics of personal interest.

▶ Know your Community

- ▶ The library will be the central source for information about services, programs and activities for their community and increase its visibility and activities in the community.

Challenges

- ▶ Service Levels
 - ▶ Funding allocation to support activities
 - ▶ County residents accessing services at partner libraries
- ▶ Keephills Library
 - ▶ Priority for community and County
 - ▶ Potential maintenance costs

Budget

- ▶ Request increase of \$63,759 to \$547,000 for 2016
 - ▶ Increased service levels, funding to partner libraries and Keephills maintenance
- ▶ Increases per capita funding for Parkland County to \$17.89
 - ▶ 2015 per capita funding level was \$15.05
 - ▶ Compared to 2014 per capita allocation to libraries within Yellowhead Regional Library System was \$22.64

Moving Ahead

- ▶ Keephills Library will require attention and possible investment to ensure viability
- ▶ Continued review and assessment of public libraries housed within schools to determine whether the model meets the needs of County ratepayers
- ▶ Increased partnership and collaboration opportunities to provide enhanced services to County ratepayers

Questions and Discussion

