

## Chair Report

Feb 27, 2019

Thank you for the opportunity to join your meeting. Northern Lights is there to support the Library Managers in their efforts to bring library service to Northeastern Alberta. I welcome the opportunity to discuss the issues with the Library Managers. There are a couple of items, I want to make sure you are aware of.

Julie and I have begun making presentations to our Municipal Councils. This presentation is to show the Council what value they are receiving from the money they send to Northern Lights. So far, we have been presenting to the Councils who have requested the presentation. Rather than replacing the report our Board members are making back to their Councils and (hopefully) to their Library Boards, this report is meant to supplement their report. While the presentation is to Council, we have seen some Library Board Chairs, and some Library Board members, also present for the presentation. Our reception has been very good, with many questions, and lots of discussion. I have also received requests for the presentation to be made to the Library Boards, and intend to do just that. Please remember, there are a lot of presentations to be made!

Over the years, I have heard many times: there are repairs required for the headquarters building. We have issues with the water drainage, with the electrical, with the heating, the windows; and the work flow is not very good. After hearing from the staff, an architect has been working with the building committee on some solutions for these issues. The building committee is planning on presenting a proposal to the executive on Feb 25<sup>th</sup>. As always, there will be a difficult balance between what we would like to do, and what we can afford to do!

I am looking forward to listening to your discussions. As always, if you have any questions, please send me an email at [casperti@telus.net](mailto:casperti@telus.net).

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