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Dear Council,

Congratulations on the opening of the new library service point in Glendon. This service point will increase access to library services to your residents in the area. We have already heard from your residents how convenient it is to pick up and drop off books so much closer to home.

We would like to bring to your attention two funding sources for libraries serving your residents: the provincial rural services grant and the system book allotment.

Due to your membership in the Northern Lights Library System, the provincial government provides \$5.60/resident to NLLS. We redistribute this grant directly to library boards serving your community. Traditionally this grant has been split between the Cold Lake Library Board (32%) and the Bonnyville Library (68%).

Out of the levies you pay NLLS (\$10.78/resident), the NLLS Board commits \$2.15/resident toward a book allotment for libraries directly serving your community. Traditionally, this has been allocated to Cold Lake (30%) and Bonnyville Libraries (70%). Regardless of which local library purchases books, all books purchased through this allotment are available to any library in the system. Combined, libraries in the NLLS region purchased more than 400 thousand dollars worth of books in 2024. All of these titles are available to your community.

While the allocation of this grant and book allotment is the purview of the NLLS Board, it is our preference to work with member municipalities to find a disbursement strategy that meets the councils' approval and best serves the local community. With the opening of the Glendon library, does the council have guidance for NLLS on how they should proceed with the disbursement of these funds?

It has been proposed that Glendon receive 10% of the allotment and grant. To achieve this, we would reduce Bonnyville and Cold Lake proportionally (7%/3%). Glendon has made the case that they capture about 19% of the MD population using the population density (2.1/sq km) and their school catchment area of 945 square kilometres. However, 10% seems reasonable as they start while we continue to assess their impact.

Congratulations again on expanding library services in your community.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J Anheliger".

Jennifer Anheliger – NLLS Board Chair