

Grande Cache Library FAQ

February 27, 2019

1) Why is it taking so long to reopen the Grande Cache Library?

Establishing the library board is an extremely complex process and our volunteers with the MD of Greenview Library Board are continuing to work through all of the necessary steps with the Government of Alberta. On February 24th, our board members met with Public Library Services Branch with Alberta Municipal Affairs to identify what else needs to be done before we can officially reopen the Grande Cache Library. A number of areas have been identified that require additional work (see question six below).

2) What is being done for students who need to access the Grande Cache Library for school?

The Grande Cache Library is located on Grande Yellowhead School Division property and we are working on an agreement with Grande Yellowhead for continued use of the facility where the library is currently. There were some changes that the province requested for the agreement with Yellowhead Library System to facilitate the transfer of services and library items to the new MD of Greenview Library Board. Special arrangements have been made between the school and the school division for students to have access to the library for several hours each week. Please contact the school division to ensure they are aware of your concerns regarding the impact of the library transition on students.

3) Why is the DeBolt Library still open?

The DeBolt Library was already operating with its own society and it is continuing to do so during the transition. The new MD of Greenview Library Board will assume responsibility for the DeBolt Library when it is fully operational.

4) Why is the Penson School Library in Grovedale still open?

The Penson School Library in Grovedale is operated through agreement with the Peace Wapiti School Division. It is also not impacted by the transition of services from the Town of Grande Cache to the Hamlet of Grande Cache within Greenview.

5) What are the next steps?

- a) The board will be established as a corporation under the Alberta Libraries Act.
- b) All library assets which were initially transferred from the Town of Grande Cache to Greenview in the dissolution process must be transferred to the new MD of Greenview Library Board.
- c) Any funding that Greenview provides to any other library within Greenview or intermunicipally must go through the MD of Greenview Library Board.
- d) The board needs to go through all of the steps to be established as an employer and organization responsible for a public facility (insurance, etc.) We are seeking advice regarding whether the MD of Greenview Library Board must hire its own employees directly or if it can be set up similar to other arms length organizations such as the Greenview Regional Waste Commission. We are determining whether Greenview can be contracted to provide employment and HR services for the library board (benefits, payroll, etc.).

6) When will the library be open?

We cannot provide a specific time frame regarding when the library in Grande Cache will reopen. We are working through the due diligence process as quickly as possible and will let everyone know when we are able to reopen.

If you have any questions please contact Tom Burton, MD of Greenview Library Board Chair at tom.burton@mdgreenview.ab.ca or 780-512-1558.

