

**Request that this be read for all to hear and answer on record at Council's  
meeting of 2020 September 14**

2020 September 09

L. [Laurie] Hodson [Mr.]

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Okotoks, AB [REDACTED]

**Mayor Bill Robertson and Council:**

I am to understand that "The Town" is of the opinion "that the five (5) replies I have received in response to my written presentations have been "extensive, thorough, and complete"". With respect, I would submit that such has simply not been the case.

Instead, I have been encouraged to discuss the Town's opinion with Ms. Davidson, Director, Public Library Services, with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs as the oversight body.

Two questions remain outstanding:

- Was it or was it not "the will of Council" when our Public were informed (as they were) that:

**"We (Okotoks Council) plan a facility for the library to operate in and the Library Board then develops their plan of service, **their operations based on the environment we (Okotoks Council) provide for them.**"<sup>1</sup>**

- Does Okotoks Council accept that the primary role of the (Library) Board is **Governance and that (Library) Boards should be alert to the following unsatisfactory** situation:

**Municipal Council dominates (Library) Board function and decisions."**<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Western Wheel 2020 June 10, P.2.)

<sup>2</sup> Courtesy of the **Alberta Library Trustees' Association Handbook**, 9<sup>th</sup> Edition – 2016 August.

My letter of 2020 August 10 alleges that our Municipal Council has dominated both Library Board function and decisions which, in the view of a number of residents, merits investigation. Again and at the risk of repetition, a Council audit appears to be in order. I ask that you kindly respond.

Sincerely yours,

L. [Laurie] Hodson

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