

Annette Clews for ALTA Board of Directors

PERSONAL HISTORY:

- ◆ I was first elected to Sundre Town council 2001, re-elected for two more terms. I have held the position of Deputy Mayor for the past 4 years.
- ◆ I have sat on the local library board from 2001-2008. While on the local board I have been part of the new Library facility, expanding from 900sq. feet to over 4,500 sq. feet. I have worked with our Library Board to show the municipal council the libraries importance in the community, thus increasing staffing to include a full time Library manager and increased our funding to the library to over three times the amount compared to 2001.
- ◆ I have sat on the PRL system board for the same amount of time with a one-year absence. While on the board I have also sat for six year on the Executive Board, and I am the present Vice- Chair. In the past I have sat on the personnel, services and technology committees and most recently on the governance committee.

DESIRE TO SERVE ON ALTA BOARD:

My reason for putting my name forward for the Board of Directors for ALTA is simple. I recognize the importance of our local libraries in our communities. As the Alberta economy goes from boom to slow down, we need to recognize the value libraries give to the public. Libraries are seen as a place of knowledge, education, technology, and social services. As we move forward in this province we need to recognize Libraries serve our immigrants as educational institutions, places where they not only learn English, but for most the first place they are introduced to the world of computers. With the gap of prosperity widening, the library has become the social equalizer. The increase demand put on libraries for technology services has become more than most can afford. The trend of going to Chapters to buy the book has past, people have come to see the multitude of access at the library, increasing the need for more services provided by the Library systems. While these awaking are great for the world of Libraries the reality is the Province has yet to acknowledge them. I look forward to serving on ALTA to be an advocate for the Libraries and the Library Systems to the Provincial government.