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BUDGET INFORMATION REQUEST (BIR) - Bill 28: Other Libraries' Approaches
Requested by: Councillor MacKay
Date of Request: November 5, 2026
Date Response Due: November 12, 2026
Confidential: No

QUESTION

Does the Library have any information on how other Libraries have or are planning to deal with Bill 28 impacts? Please include cost impacts if available.

RESPONSE

The St. Albert Public Library operates a public service funded partially by the City of St. Albert, through outside agency funding, governed under the authority of the Alberta Libraries Act. **See attached response from St. Albert Public Library to BIR-27-047.**

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St. Albert Public Library

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BUDGET 2027 BIR RESPONSE

Date: November 9, 2026
To: City Council through City of St. Albert Administration
From: Laura Winton, CEO

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Response:

Yes. St. Albert Public Library (SAPL) has been working closely on Bill 28 implementation planning with other Alberta libraries through the Coalition of Alberta Public Libraries (CAP Libraries). CAP Libraries represents 324 public library service points across Alberta, serving 99 per cent of Albertans. SAPL is a member.

CAP Libraries formed working groups to develop standardized operational approaches to Bill 28 implementation. This collaborative work was intended to reduce duplication of effort by developing shared approaches and to support as much consistency as possible across Alberta libraries. A guiding principle was to minimize impacts on library services while keeping costs as low as possible.

Each library board retains responsibility for its own implementation decisions and is not required to adopt CAP Libraries' recommended approaches. While we have not confirmed the implementation plans of specific libraries, we anticipate that most will follow the Coalition's recommended approach. SAPL is implementing in alignment with CAP Libraries recommendations.

We do not have specific implementation cost estimates from other libraries.