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To: *Edmonton Branch Members, Edmonton Branch Board, Edmonton Branch Library Committee and AGS Office Administrator*

The Edmonton Branch AGS, Board of Directors has decided to **close the library and premises of the branch until further notice**. We have done this out of an abundance of caution and to assist in reducing the spread of COVID-19. The health and safety of our volunteers and members is uppermost in our mind and we will do everything we can to preserve it.

You have been notified previously of our decision to **cancel** the March and April TYFT workshops, and to **cancel** the Monthly General Meeting of March 26<sup>th</sup>.

We realize these measures are disappointing to many who enjoy the opportunity to serve and research in our premises. All of us are regretful that we have to curtail the branch activities. We hope that the closure will not protracted, and we will monitor the evolving recommendations from health and government leaders in our province.

On a previous email message to Special Interest Group Leaders, we had left it up to each group to decide whether they would continue meeting or cancel. Most decided to cancel until further notice. In view of the recent developments in the rapid spread of this virus, we feel that **all upcoming SIG meetings must also be cancelled**.

We realize that the AGS office staff may still be on the premises, as determined between them and the AGS Executive. Please do not ask them to open the premises for personal use of the library or research time.

We thank for your cooperation in this matter and we are very grateful for the tireless service our volunteers give to the Society.

*Nestor Martinez*

Edmonton Branch President - on behalf of the Board