



CLERC/Vision Report submitted to 19i Cabinet meeting for April 26, 2024

Hello to DG Michael and my fellow cabinet members.

My apologies for not reporting regularly. The fall and winter of 2023 left me with a myriad of weird illnesses that plagued me. Hoping 2024 proves to be a happy, healthy one for everyone.

Most clubs I know are doing eyeglass collection, but sadly we are not seeing those numbers get reported in MYLION. Only about 50% are reporting on MYLION. As of mid January 27, only 600 glasses had been reported as people served, and gone into CLERC in Calgary.

Zone Chairs, and fellow Cabinet members, we really need to push reporting on MYLION.

Eyeglasses get reported as 1 for 1. For every pair of glasses or lenses sent in, count it as 1 person served. We all know that not all of them can be used, but the intent behind the collection is the hope that every pair can be recycled and be of service to someone else. So that is why we adopted a unified reporting system of 1 for 1.

I still have some collection boxes, if they are needed by clubs.

Kamloops Day & Ross has closed, so we are no longer able to ship through them. Other areas that still have a Day & Ross depot please continue to use them. Anywhere that does not have a Day & Ross depot, but does have a Bandstra pick up can ship collect with Banstra to Day & Ross Edmonton, and Edmonton will carry the shipment on to Calgary. Please continue to mark your shipments to L. Fitzherbert % Day & Ross calgary. She takes care of the freight and gets it to CLERC. Sounds a little more confusing but it still gets the glasses to their destination.

I have been asked many times why Clubs and members can not get glasses back from CLERC for needy people or even Lions members. The answer according to Gordon Prusky is that CLERC struck a deal in the early years of start up that they could only collect eye glasses from Alberta Optometrists if they agreed to never give them back to Canadians. I guess they felt that would cut into the Optometrists businesses. So that is what I was told, and therefore CLERC can not supply them back to us.

Keep up the good work everyone, send me your tallies if you have time, but most of all remember MYLION and Report, Report, and Report.

Thank you. See you all at the meeting.

Karen Bassett

19i Cabinet Vision/CLERC Chair