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The Board reviewed the steps that have been taken to obtain additional funding. This has included conversations with the former Minister of Municipal Affairs and a letter-writing campaign emphasizing the need for more provincial library funding. The same message must now go to the new Minister, Diana McQueen. The Board has advised member libraries about the use of allotment funds for regional collections, and has asked member municipalities to endorse an increase in municipal fees for 2016-2018.

The Director reported that she had met with 26 member councils to provide an orientation to PLS and outline the Board’s plans for long-term sustainability. She offered to meet with councils that had not yet scheduled a presentation.

The Board approved the extension of the Resource Sharing Memorandum of Agreement with Grande Prairie Public Library for 2015-2016. Through this Agreement, GPPL facilitates interlibrary loan services and information services for member libraries.

Revisions to the following policies were approved: *Trustee Continuing Education, Trustee Recognition, Trustee & Staff Expenses, School Services, Provision of Municipal Library Services*,and *Hours of Service for Library Service Points*.

Brenda Kerr (Town of Manning) was elected to fill a vacancy on the Plan of Service Committee until the May, 2015 AGM.

The Consulting Services Manager reported that 34 public libraries participated in the *“Eureka!”* Summer Reading Club and are in the process of submitting participation statistics.

The Public Library Services Branch has confirmed that in 2015 it will fund electronic resources for libraries that are part of the provincial library network (including all PLS member libraries). These include **Zinio** (digital magazines), **Press Display** (digital newspapers), **Hoopla** (downloadable music and movies), and **Mango** (language learning software).

The Technical Services Manager reported that the French Language Resource Centre has secured another five years of funding. As one if its partners, PLS will catalogue $25,000 worth of French resources per year; most items will be available to member libraries via interlibrary loan.

The IT Services Manager reported that the cost of new wireless access points for member libraries came in much less than originally projected. The Network Analyst plans to complete installation of the hardware by the end of October.

**Quick Facts 2014**

Population Served: 153,400

Members: 37 municipalities & 1 Metis Settlement

Member Public Libraries: 45

Contracting Schools: 51

Chair: Veronica Bliska

Director: Linda Duplessis

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**Present:**

## Veronica Bliska, Chair MD of Peace

## Lorrie Shelp MD of Big Lakes

Ray Skrepnek MD of Fairview

Owen Stanford Town of Fairview

Lynn Farrell Town of Falher

## Chris Stadnyk Town of Fox Creek

Lynne Coulter Grande Prairie Public

Library

Brock Smith County of Grande Prairie

Roxie Rutt MD of Greenview

###### Donna Deynaka Town of High Prairie

Murray Kerik MD of Lesser Slave River

Brenda Kerr Town of Manning

Philippa O'Mahony Town of McLennan

Cheryl Novak Village of Nampa

## Carolyn Kolebaba Northern Sunrise County

Dollie Anderson MD of Opportunity

Rod Burr Town of Peace River

Claude Lagace Town of Sexsmith

### Raoul Johnson MD of Smoky River

Warren Stewart Town of Valleyview

**Regrets:**

Wendy Olson-Lepchuk Town of Beaverlodge

Terry Carbone Birch Hills County

Vacant Village of Donnelly

Dirk Thompson Town of Grimshaw

Michael Morgan Town of High Level

Linda Halabisky County of Northern Lights

Reta Nooskey Paddle Prairie Metis

Settlement

Philip Lokken Town of Slave Lake

Brenda Stanich Town of Spirit River

**Absent:**

## Ron Longtin Village of Berwyn

## Peter Frixel Clear Hills County

Dwight Logan City of Grande Prairie

Sharilynn Dionne Village of Hines Creek

## Carol Descoteaux Village of Hythe

Paul Smith Town of Rainbow Lake

Tom Villeneuve Village of Rycroft

### Cindy Clarke Saddle Hills County

### Elaine Garrow MD of Spirit River

Tara Jones Town of Wembley

**Board Meeting Highlights**

**September 20, 2014**

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