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## Present:

## Veronica Bliska, Chair MD of Peace

## Wendy Olson-Lepchuk Town of Beaverlodge

## Lorrie Shelp MD of Big Lakes

## Kathrin Langlois Birch Hills County

## Peter Frixel Clear Hills County

Ray Skrepnek MD of Fairview

Owen Stanford Town of Fairview

Lindsay Brown Town of Falher

Maura Good Grande Prairie Public Library

Brock Smith County of Grande Prairie

Tom Burton MD of Greenview

Jacy Rapke Town of High Level

Brad Pearson MD of Lesser Slave River

Brenda Kerr Town of Manning

Philippa O'Mahony Town of McLennan

Linda Halabisky County of Northern Lights

## Carolyn Kolebaba Northern Sunrise County

Dollie Anderson MD of Opportunity

Reta Nooskey Paddle Prairie Metis Settlement

Elaine Manzer Town of Peace River

Patricia Sydoruk Village of Rycroft

Clinton Froehlick Town of Sexsmith

### Elaine Garrow MD of Spirit River

### Raoul Johnson MD of Smoky River

**Regrets:**

Brenda Burridge Town of Fox Creek

Chris Thiessen City of Grande Prairie

Dirk Thompson Town of Grimshaw

Cheryl Novak Village of Nampa

Michelle Farris Town of Rainbow Lake

### Cindy Clarke Saddle Hills County

Brenda Stanich Town of Spirit River

Tanya Boman Town of Valleyview

Tara Jones Town of Wembley

## Vacant Village of Donnelly

## Vacant Village of Girouxville

## Vacant Village of Hythe

## Absent:

## Ron Longtin Village of Berwyn

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

Sharilynn Dionne Village of Hines Creek

Joy McGregor Town of Slave Lake

**Board Meeting Highlights**

**September 17, 2016**

**Quick Facts 2016**

Population Served: 167,804

Members: 38 municipalities & 1 Métis Settlement

Member Public Libraries: 45

Contracting Schools: 50

Director: Linda Duplessis

*This summary is designed to keep you informed about Peace Library System (PLS) activities and Board decisions. It is distributed to member councils, library boards and the PLS Board of Directors after each Board meeting.*

The Board discussed the overall direction and strategies to expand library services to on-reserve and on-settlement Indigenous people. A provincial grant of $208,034 has been received to reach out to 18 First Nations communities and three Métis settlements. It will be used for cultural awareness and sensitivity training, relationship-building, regional marketing, digital resources, print resources, and other initiatives at member libraries such as programs and signage. The funds must be spent by the end of February, but it is anticipated that the grant will be ongoing.

The Board approved the Resource Sharing Agreement with Grande Prairie Public Library (GPPL) for 2017-2018. GPPL coordinates interlibrary loan (ILL) and reference services for the region, and provides training on provincial ILL software.

The Board passed a motion to discontinue Library Services Grant top-ups to libraries serving communities where PLS is the Board of Record. The Grant is per-capita based and some municipalities have declined in population. PLS made up the shortfall in 2015 and 2016 but will ask municipalities to do so in 2017 and beyond.

The Director reported that Peace Library System’s 30th anniversary (1986-2016) would be celebrated at the upcoming Rural Libraries Conference. Member public libraries (45) and contracting school libraries (50) will be honored at a “Celebrating Our Libraries” event at the conference.

A regional marketing campaign and membership drive is slated for September and October to encourage people to visit their local public library. Training in website management, effective use of social media, and ways to create professional-looking print materials has been offered to member libraries to help them promote their services. PLS will coordinate newspaper and radio ads across the region.

Revisions to the *Library Use Policy for Library Service Points* were approved.

The IT Services Manager reported that the recent e-mail migration went very well. PLS will soon be increasing its Internet bandwidth to 100 Mbps for PLS headquarters and the 37 libraries on the PLS network.

The Consulting Services Manager reported that PLS’s Digital Trainer had offered several webinars and created dozens of training brochures, manuals and videos for staff and patrons on library-purchased eResources and mobile devices.

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