



Board Meeting Highlights 21 September 2024

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 held a full Board meeting on 21 September 2024.

Revisions were approved for the following policies: *Employee Benefits Policy, Performance Appraisals and Classification Policy, Purchasing Policy, and Reserve Policy.*

The CEO reported that the boiler and HVAC system in the headquarters building is being addressed and replaced as per the Executive Committee's motion; that the 2025-2030 Plan of Service is nearly complete and will be presented to the Board in November; that presentations to Boards and Municipal Councils has resumed for the Autumn period; and that an Indigenous Outreach Coordinator has been hired and will be starting work in September.

Staff reported the flow of materials through Collection Services area improved to the point of clearing the queue this summer; that version 7.6 of Polaris will roll out this fall; that the System will convert from Windows 10 to Windows 11 before year end; that the internal shared drive will be decommissioned and all data moved to a cloud hosting solution on SharePoint in 2025; that a new consultant was onboarded in July; that most consulting travel for the Fall visits has been completed; that a new database through Libby has been implemented, All Comics Access; that the Fall marketing campaign will begin soon; that Stronger Together will be taking place in October at the Hilton Hotel West Edmonton.

The changes in the Libraries Act legislation were presented and discussed, including how those changes affect the functioning of the System. Committee minutes were approved for the Executive, Personnel and Plan of Service Committees.

The advocacy documents that were produced by the System Chairs and Directors committee were presented and discussed. Those documents are available on the PLS website, as well as the websites of all the other systems in Alberta, personalized for each system with their logo. All documents and the weblinks to them were distributed to the libraries and the Board at the time of production.

Board Representatives:

Agnes Roshuk	Village of Nampa
Alain Blanchette	MD of Smoky River
Alison Bjornson	Village of Hines Creek
Amber Bean	Clear Hills County
Ann Stewart	Big Lakes County
Anna Underwood	Town of Wembley
Belinda Halabisky	County of Northern Lights
Brad Pearson	MD of Lesser Slave River
Cal Mosher	Town of Beaverlodge
Carmen Johnson	Town of Grimshaw
Carolyn Kolebaba	Northern Sunrise County
Clinton Froehlick	Town of Sexsmith
Dalen Richardson	MD of Fairview
Denise Joudrey	Birch Hills County
Elaine Manzer	Town of Peace River
Grant Berg	City of Grande Prairie
Greg Pasichnuk	Town of Manning
Harry Ezio	Town of Spirit River
Jacqueline Maisonneuve	Town of McLennan
Jane Weber	Village of Berwyn
James Waikle	Town of High Prairie
Kristen Smith	Saddle Hills County
Leanne Beaupre	County of Grande Prairie
Lindsay Brown	Town of Falher
Mark Liboiron	Town of High Level
Meesha Bainton	Town of Fox Creek
Michelle Farris	Town of Rainbow Lake
Nick Van Rootselaar	MD of Spirit River
Reta Nooskey	Paddle Prairie Metis Settlement
Roxann Dreger	Village of Rycroft
Stan Golob	Town of Fairview
Steve Adams	Town of Slave Lake
Tahirih Wiebe	MD of Opportunity
Tanya Boman	Town of Valleyview
Theresa Johnson	MD of Peace
Tom Burton	MD of Greenview

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Quick Facts 2024

Population Served: 178,009
Members: 37 municipalities & 1 Métis Settlement
Member Public Libraries: 46
Contracting Schools: 34
Chair: Carolyn Kolebaba (Northern Sunrise County)
CEO: Louisa Robison

Peace Library System acknowledges Treaty 8 territory as well as the Métis Nation of Alberta. Peace Library System libraries are located on territory that provided a travelling route and home to many Indigenous peoples.