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**Board Meeting Highlights**

**November 30, 2013**

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

The recent municipal elections resulted in 14 new members on the Peace Library System Board, a 36 per cent change in membership. In order to prepare board members for the agenda topics, a Board orientation and tour of the facility were held at the beginning of the meeting.

A moment of silence was held in memory of Bonnie Bigam, former Board and Executive Committee member from Clear Hills County, who passed away on October 31, 2013.

The Board reviewed the 2013 financial forecast. An unexpected surplus of about $30,000 is anticipated, largely due to staff changes throughout the year.

The Board approved the 2014 Operating Budget, which supports the 2013-2015 *Plan of Service*. The budget maintains a wide range of services and current staffing. It includes a commitment to purchase more eBooks for patrons, implement a new online magazine service, create more web-based training for library managers, and participate in a new cost-saving energy program.

The 2014 Capital Budget was approved. It includes purchase of a laptop for library inventory purposes, wireless equipment, heating system upgrades, and staff workstation chairs.

The Board approved the revised *Legislative Bylaws for Library Service Points.*

The annual TD-Summer Reading Club was very successful, with 33 libraries participating. Final numbers indicate that 1,157 children read a total of 20,226 books over the summer.

The fall author tours by David Poulsen and Robert Feagan involved 23 readings to a total of 1,314 participants.

Polaris Community Profiles will be implemented in 2014. This will allow libraries to partner with community organizations to create information and events pages which will appear in the online catalogue. It will also connect people to library resources relating to each organization.

The Director updated the Board on the “Me Card” initiative which will be implemented in 2014 to support seamless access to library materials across the province (Alberta-Wide Borrowing). Software is being developed to allow patrons to register online with Alberta public libraries of their choice. Once registered, they can use their own local library card to borrow materials from the library they are visiting. A TAL card will still be needed to borrow from college and university libraries.

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## Present:

## Veronica Bliska (Chair) MD of Peace

## Mary Hermans Town of Beaverlodge

## Ron Longtin Village of Berwyn

## Lorrie Shelp MD of Big Lakes

## Terry Carbone Birch Hills County

## Peter Frixil Clear Hills County

Ray Skrepnek MD of Fairview

Owen Stanford Town of Fairview

Lynn Farrell Town of Falher

Lynne Coulter Grande Prairie Public Library

Dwight Logan City of Grande Prairie

Brock Smith County of Grande Prairie

Tom Burton MD of Greenview

Dirk Thompson Town of Grimshaw

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

Murray Kerik MD of Lesser Slave River

Brenda Kerr Town of Manning

Philippa O'Mahony Town of McLennan

Belinda Halabisky County of Northern Lights

## Carolyn Kolebaba Northern Sunrise County

Dollie Anderson MD of Opportunity

Reta Nooskey Paddle Prairie Metis

Settlement

Paul Smith Town of Rainbow Lake

Tom Villeneuve Village of Rycroft

Claude Lagace Town of Sexsmith

Philip Lokken Town of Slave Lake

### Elaine Garrow MD of Spirit River

### Raoul Johnson MD of Smoky River

**Regrets:**

Vacant Village of Donnelly

Michael Morgan Town of High Level

## Sharilynn Dionne Village of Hines Creek

## Carol Descoteaux Village of Hythe

Cindy Clarke Saddle Hills County

Tara Jones Town of Wembley

Warren Stewart Town of Valleyview

## Absent:

## Chris Stadnyk Town of Fox Creek

Cheryl Novak Village of Nampa

Elaine Manzer Town of Peace River

Brenda Stanich Town of Spirit River