



Board Meeting Highlights 25 February 2023

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 25 February 2023.

Revisions were approved for the following policies: *School Services Policy, Meeting Room Policy, Trustee Orientation Policy, Records Management Policy*; and the *Information Technology (IT) Services for Member Libraries policy* was reaffirmed with no changes.

Other items for decision included the 2022 LibPAS annual report for the System as well as the 2022 LibPAS reports for the service point libraries.

Item for discussion included the method by which billing figures are arrived at for the purposes of levy billing to member municipalities, and how it differed from the method of determining operating grants as well as municipal grants.

The CEO reported that the Paddle Prairie Métis Settlement library completed renovations and has been connected to the SuperNet in preparation for re-opening library services in the area. She reported that the new CCD acquisitions tool should be in system-wide implementation in March. She reported on the advocacy efforts undertaken by the system directors and Board chairs that have resulted in a number of take-away information packages that can be used when meeting with provincial candidates in the next few months leading up to the election. Those materials are available on the PLS website.

Staff reported that the new arrangement in the work area of the PLS building is working well. IT completed upgrades on the domain controllers and firewalls. Northern Lights and Yellowhead systems are preparing to join the existing Peace/Marigold website partnership, which will make all the member library websites across the consortium uniform as well as reduce development costs across the board. The TD Summer Read Club theme this year will be “Check This Out”. A new Indigenous outreach worker is working out of the Hythe library to reach Horse Lake and High Level library is working on a project to reach out to the Dene Tha’ community there.

Year-end allotment fund balances were reviewed. The carry-over balances were much lower than in previous years, showing that libraries are diligently spending their allotments and acquiring new items for their libraries.

Board Representatives:

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| 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 |
| Cindy Hockley | Village of Berwyn |
| Dalen Richardson | MD of Fairview |
| Denise Joudrey | Birch Hills County |
| Elaine Garrow | MD of Spirit River |
| 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 |
| James Waikle | Town of High Prairie |
| Kimberly Hughes | Town of Slave Lake |
| 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 |
| Dennis Stredulinsky | Town of Sexsmith |
| Reta Nooskey | Paddle Prairie Metis Settlement |
| Roxann Dreger | Village of Rycroft |
| Stan Golob | Town of Fairview |
| 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 2023
 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