



Board Meeting Highlights 27 May 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 27 May 2023.

The 2022 Audit Findings and the Audited Financial Statements were presented for review, and were passed by the Board.

Revisions were approved for the following policies: *Violence, Harassment and Bullying Policy, Injury, Accident and Illness Policy, Confidentiality Policy*, and the *Policy on Policy Making*; the *Finance Policy for Library Service Points* was reaffirmed with no changes.

Other items for decision included a briefing and request for decision on the possibility of a levy increase.

Item for discussion included proposed drafts for letters to municipalities and Boards requesting continued support for advocacy efforts and the Indigenous On Reserve/On Settlement grant report to Municipal Affairs.

The CEO reported that the Paddle Prairie Métis Settlement library has reached the space planning stage and will be looking to acquire furniture. She reported that the CCD acquisitions tool is now in production and the Brownvale library is no live on the Polaris system. She reported on the advocacy efforts undertaken by the system directors and Board chairs continue. A meeting of the seven system directors in Alberta took place in Medicine Hat on 1 June.

Staff reported the purchase of a number of new book carts. IT signed a new contract with ACSI for a managed security solution for network security, and that PLS has implemented a password keeper, and that the EZProxy service through TAL has been discontinued, and TRAC has implemented OpenAthens in its place. The Stronger Together conference has been scheduled for early November, a hybrid structure of virtual and in-person. A large order of books for the Indigenous Take-a-Book/Leave-a-Book shelves has been received and is being distributed. Valleyview library is holding an Elders Circle, Grimshaw library was invited to the Duncan’s First Nation, and PLS’s presentation of Monique Hommy speaking on “Engaging with Indigenous Elders: Cultural Protocol” has been rescheduled due to wildfires.

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