



Board Meeting Highlights November 26, 2022

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 26 November, 2022.

An orientation to the Peace Library System was provided for the benefit of new board members, and the election of officers was held.

Revisions were approved for the following policies: *Loan of Resources Policy for Library Service Points, Orientation and Continuing Education Policy for Library Service Points, Personnel Policy for Library Service Points, and Provision of Library Service to Persons Unable to Use Conventional Print Material for Library Service Points.*

Other items for decision included the 2023 Operating Budget, the 2023 Capital Budget and the Projected Transfer for Reserves for 2022, all of which were approved.

Items for discussion included options for where and how to hold the full Board meetings.

The CEO reported that visits to member boards and councils have been completed for 2022. She reported that the Paddle Prairie Métis Settlement library is being renovated and refitted with technology in preparation for re-opening projected for 2023. She reported that the new CCD acquisitions tool is being tested for 2023 implementation and that anti-Phishing training has begun for headquarters staff.

Staff reported that new staff have been hired and are starting in the Collections Services area to replace retiring staff. Polaris was upgraded to version 7.4 with no issues. The fall marketing campaign reached almost 86,000 people on Facebook and posts were engaged in over 3000 times. 25 libraries participated in the TD Summer Reading program in 2022 with 645 individual participants, 164 programs offered in library and 58 in community spaces. The Indigenous outreach program in High Prairie distributed craft kits, made daycare visits, attended literacy events and a Sisters In Spirit walk and a Round Dance. The Stronger Together conference report was presented, and the Chair discussed an advocacy committee formed by the seven Alberta systems and its approach to discussing the operating grant with the provincial government.

Minutes from the various fall Advisory Council meetings for Service Point Libraries were presented and accepted.

Present:

Carolyn Kolebaba, Chair	Northern Sunrise County
Cal Mosher	Town of Beaverlodge
Amber Bean	Clear Hills County
Ann Stewart	Big Lakes County
Lindsay Brown	Town of Falher
Denise Joudrey	Birch Hills County
Dalen Richardson	MD of Fairview
Stan Golob	Town of Fairview
Meesha Bainton	Town of Fox Creek
Mike O'Connor	City of Grande Prairie
Tom Burton	MD of Greenview
James Waikle	Town of High Prairie
Brad Pearson	MD of Lesser Slave River
Jacqueline Maisonneuve	Town of McLennan
Agnes Roshuk	Village of Nampa
Belinda Halabisky	County of Northern Lights
Tahirih Wiebe	MD of Opportunity
Theresa Johnson	MD of Peace
Elaine Manzer	Town of Peace River
Koral D'Aoust	Town of Rainbow Lake
Roxann Dreger	Village of Rycroft
Dennis Stredulinsky	Town of Sexsmith
Elaine Garrow	MD of Spirit River
Tanya Boman	Town of Valleyview
Anna Underwood	Town of Wembley

Regrets:

Cindy Hockley	Village of Berwyn
Leanne Beaupre	County of Grande Prairie
Carmen Johnson	Town of Grimshaw
Mark Liboiron	Town of High Level
Greg Pasichnuik	Town of Manning
Kirsten Smith	Saddle Hills County
Vacant	Village of Donnelly
Vacant	Village of Girouxville

Absent:

Alison Bjornson	Village of Hines Creek
Reta Nooskey	Paddle Prairie Métis Settlement
Kimberly Hughes	Town of Slave Lake
Alain Blanchette	MD of Smoky River
Harry Ezio	Town of Spirit River

Quick Facts 2022

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

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