



# Board Meeting Highlights 16 SEPTEMBER 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 16 September 2023.

Revisions were approved for the following policies: *Public Access to the Internet for Service Points; Resource Sharing for Service Points; Violence, Harassment and Bullying for Service Points, Draft Hiring, Compensation and Leave Policy; Finance Policy; Investment Policy; and Trustee and Staff Expenses Policy.*

The CEO reported that the Brownvale library cataloguing project is nearing completion; that PLS is investigating costs for security cameras for the outside of the headquarters building; that PLS is looking to re-structure the courier delivery routes in the fall to include four locations currently served by an external courier; that the aging boiler system in the headquarters building will need attention in the next two to three years; and that a meeting of the seven system directors in Alberta will be held in Grande Prairie on 4 October. Additionally, the Public Libraries meeting was held in June with 25 library managers in attendance, and the addition of a part time processing page has addressed a problem with the speed of catalogued items leaving the building.

Collection Services staff reported the rollout of the new online ordering tool to all libraries is complete and training sessions are forthcoming. IT staff reported that they will be implementing a Polaris upgrade on 3 October, that the cloud backup will be moving providers, and that the EZProxy service through TAL has ended and OpenAthens has been implemented. Consulting staff reported that the Stronger Together conference will take place 3 November online and 9-10 November in person, registration is open now, and that in conjunction with Canadian Library Month the fall marketing campaign will feature a Barbie theme to tie in to the big summer movie. Indigenous Outreach staff reported that a number of summer events were attended by the Indigenous Coordinator, a new Take-a-Book/Leave-a-Book station has been set up in Gift Lake, Valleyview Library continues their Elders Circle, Horse Lake now has an Indigenous Outreach worker, Woodland Cree First Nation has expressed interest in a book locker, and PLS's presentation on "Engaging with Indigenous Elders: Cultural Protocol" happened at the Public Libraries meeting in June, with an informative lecture featuring the elements of offering tobacco and cloth and other topics around engaging with Indigenous Elders.

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### Board Representatives:

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| Agnes Roshuk                  | Village of Nampa                 |
| Alain Blanchette              | MD of Smoky River No. 130        |
| Alison Bjornson               | Village of Hines Creek           |
| Amber Bean                    | Clear Hills County               |
| Ann Stewart                   | Big Lakes County                 |
| Anna Underwood                | Town of Wembley                  |
| Belinda Halabisky, Vice-Chair | County of Northern Lights        |
| Brad Pearson                  | MD of Lesser Slave River No. 124 |
| Cal Mosher                    | Town of Beaverlodge              |
| Carmen Johnson                | Town of Grimshaw                 |
| Carolyn Kolebaba, Chair       | Northern Sunrise County          |
| Cindy Hockley                 | Village of Berwyn                |
| Clinton Froehlick             | Town of Sexsmith                 |
| Dalen Richardson              | MD of Fairview No. 136           |
| 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                 |
| James Waikle                  | Town of High Prairie             |
| Kristen Smith                 | Saddle Hills County              |
| Leanne Beaupre                | County of Grande Prairie No. 1   |
| 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 No. 133       |
| 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 No. 17         |
| Tanya Boman                   | Town of Valleyview               |
| Theresa Johnson               | MD of Peace No. 135              |
| Tom Burton                    | MD of Greenview No. 16           |
| Vacant                        | Village of Donnelly              |
| Vacant                        | Village of Girouxville           |

**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

*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.*