

Board Meeting Highlights May 26, 2018

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 reviewed 2017 activities and received the 2017 Annual Report and the 2017 Audited Financial Statements, copies of which will be distributed to councils, library boards, and contracting school divisions.

Colette Poitras, Manager of Indigenous Public Library Outreach for the Public Library Services Branch (PLSB), provided background on PLSB goals to expand services to Indigenous communities in the Peace region via a special annual grant. PLS will be working in tandem with member libraries to connect to these communities and offer appropriate library services.

The Director provided an update on PLS headquarters upgrades funded by the provincial Infrastructure Grant. As of the end of April, the second of four phases was complete and \$437,000 had been spent. The upgrade will be complete by the end of June.

Revisions were approved to the following Personnel Policies: *Hiring & Probationary Period, Leave of Absence, Overtime, Sick Leave, Statutory/General Holidays, Terminations, and Vacations.*

The Director provided a progress report on development of the *2019-2021 Plan of Service*. Input on key PLS service areas has been gathered from member libraries and PLS staff via an online survey and facilitated discussion. The Plan of Service Committee and senior PLS staff will review input, draft a Plan of Service document, and present it to the Board at its November meeting.

The Consulting Services Manager reported that the fall Rural Libraries Conference theme will be *The Future-Focused Library*, an opportunity to focus on evolving and innovative library services. She also reported that PLSB has implemented Pronunciator province-wide as the new language learning software. It includes instruction for 80 languages as well as excellent ESL options.

The IT Services Manager reported that preparations are underway for the network infrastructure upgrade which will ensure the security and integrity of the PLS network. PLS has received a CIP Grant to defray the cost of SuperNet hardware for member libraries.

The Director reported that she had scheduled 24 presentations to update member councils on PLS services and the benefits of System membership.

Present:

Veronica Bliska (Chair)	MD of Peace
Gena Jones	Town of Beaverlodge
Lorrie Shelp	Big Lakes County
Ginette Paradis	Birch Hills County
Peter Frixel	Clear Hills County
Ray Skrepnek	MD of Fairview
Dianne Golob	Town of Fairview
Lindsay Brown	Town of Falher
Brenda Burrige	Town of Fox Creek
Linda Waddy	County of Grande Prairie
Dennis Sukeroff	Town of Grimshaw
Beth Gillis	Town of High Level
Camille Zavisha	Village of Hines Creek
April Doll	Town of Manning
Philippa O'Mahony	Town of McLennan
Cheryl Novak	Village of Nampa
Terry Ungarian	County of Northern Lights
Carolyn Kolebaba	Northern Sunrise County
Reta Nooskey	Paddle Prairie Métis Settlement
Elaine Manzer	Town of Peace River
Christopher Mitchell	Town of Rainbow Lake
Roxann Dreger	Village of Rycroft
Clinton Froehlick	Town of Sexsmith
Raoul Johnson	MD of Smoky River
Harry Ezio	Town of Spirit River
Elaine Garrow	MD of Spirit River
Tanya Boman	Town of Valleyview

Regrets:

Chris Thiessen	City of Grande Prairie
Tammy Brown	Grande Prairie Public Library
Brad Pearson	MD of Lesser Slave River
Joy McGregor	Town of Slave Lake
Vacant	Village of Berwyn
Vacant	Village of Donnelly
Vacant	Village of Girouxville

Absent:

Roxie Rutt	MD of Greenview
Donna Deynaka	Town of High Prairie
Lyle Sipe	Village of Hythe
Brendan Powell	MD of Opportunity No. 17
John Moen	Saddle Hills County
Anna Underwood	Town of Wembley

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Quick Facts 2018

Population Served: 164,434
Members: 38 municipalities & 1 Métis Settlement
Member Public Libraries: 45
Contracting Schools: 50
Chair: Veronica Bliska (MD of Peace)
Director: Linda Duplessis