



Board Meeting Highlights September 15, 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 received the final report on the provincial 2017-2018 Indigenous Populations Grant, and a report on outreach activities to be funded by the 2018-2019 Grant. Board members reviewed the *Best Practices for Alberta Public Libraries* relating to Indigenous Service, a new set of guidelines from the Public Library Services Branch. The Board adopted a formal statement to acknowledge its location on land originally occupied by Indigenous peoples.

The Director provided an update on PLS headquarters upgrades funded by the provincial Infrastructure Grant. As of the end of August, all substantial work had been completed and \$734,919 had been spent. Other capital work in progress includes replacement of the west half of the roof and an assessment of boiler functionality.

Revisions were approved to the following policies: *Finance; School Services, Resource Sharing Policy for Library Services Points; and Violence and Harassment Policy for Library Service Points.*

The Board approved a two-year extension to RMA's 8760 natural gas and electricity contracts to the end of 2022.

The Consulting Services Manager reported that 37 libraries ran summer reading programs and PLS would be compiling statistics on participation. She also reported that the Pronunciator eResource now included modules to assist residents in preparing for the Canadian Citizenship Test.

The IT and Technical Services Manager reported that the network infrastructure upgrade is almost complete. SuperNet and wifi equipment have been replaced at member libraries, and the network has been reconfigured for greater security. Development of new websites for PLS and most member libraries is progressing very well.

The Director reported that she had completed 21 of 27 presentations to update member councils on PLS services and the benefits of System membership.

Elaine Manzer (Town of Peace River), Roxie Rutt (MD of Greenview) and Peter Frixel (Clear Hills County) were recognized for five years of service on the Board.

Present:

Veronica Bliska (Chair)	MD of Peace
Lorrie Shelp	Big Lakes County
Denise Joudrey	Birch Hills County
Amber Bean	Clear Hills County
Ray Skrepnek	MD of Fairview
Lindsay Brown	Town of Falher
Meesha Bainton	Town of Fox Creek
Tammy Brown	Grande Prairie Public Library
Chris Thiessen	City of Grande Prairie
Linda Waddy	County of Grande Prairie
Roxie Rutt	MD of Greenview
Sandra Melzer	MD of Lesser Slave River
April Doll	Town of Manning
Philippa O'Mahony	Town of McLennan
Cheryl Novak	Village of Nampa
Belinda Halabisky	County of Northern Lights
Carolyn Kolebaba	Northern Sunrise County
Brendan Powell	MD of Opportunity No. 17
Reta Nooskey	Paddle Prairie Métis Settlement
Elaine Manzer	Town of Peace River
Diahann Potrebenco	Village of Rycroft
John Moen	Saddle Hills County
Raoul Johnson	MD of Smoky River
Harry Ezio	Town of Spirit River
Elaine Garrow	MD of Spirit River
Tanya Boman	Town of Valleyview
Anna Underwood	Town of Wembley

Regrets:

Gena Jones	Town of Beaverlodge
Dennis Sukeroff	Town of Grimshaw
Beth Gillis	Town of High Level
Clinton Froehlick	Town of Sexsmith
Joy McGregor	Town of Slave Lake
Vacant	Village of Berwyn
Vacant	Village of Donnelly
Vacant	Village of Girouxville

Absent:

Nicole Halvorson	Town of Fairview
Camille Zavisha	Village of Hines Creek
Donna Deynaka	Town of High Prairie
Lyle Sipe	Village of Hythe
Christopher Mitchell	Town of Rainbow Lake

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

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