



Board Meeting Highlights May 23, 2020 (via Zoom)

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 2019 accomplishments and approved the 2019 Annual Report and the 2019 Audited Financial Statements for distribution to member councils, library boards, and school divisions.

The Director provided an update on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on Peace Library System (PLS) member libraries. Forty-one libraries have had staff working in the library and/or from home. PLS staff have been working behind the scenes to assist libraries, purchase more eBooks, ramp up social media posts, and provide ordering and cataloguing services. A modified delivery service is now in place.

The Board approved the revised Five-Year Capital Plan. It includes the purchase of two delivery vans to take materials to member libraries once Government Courier delivery to libraries is reduced.

The Director highlighted what had been accomplished in 2019-2020 with provincial library funding to serve Indigenous communities. This included outreach to seven Indigenous communities through partnerships with the County of Grande Prairie, Grimshaw, High Level, and High Prairie library boards. The grant also partially funded an MD of Opportunity Library Board project to record elders' stories.

Revisions were approved to the following policies: *Accident & Illness Reporting, Performance Appraisals & Classifications, Policy on Policy Making, Sick Leave, Trustee and Staff Expenses, Trustee Continuing Education, Trustee Recognition, and Workplace Health and Safety.*

The Chair provided an update on the CEO recruitment process. Louisa Robison has been hired as the new Director/CEO effective August 10, 2020. Linda Duplessis has postponed her retirement to the end of August to allow for overlap.

The Consulting Services Manager reported several changes relating to the pandemic. The Summer Reading Program has moved to a virtual format, as has the fall Rural Libraries Conference. A virtual conference will be held on October 1-2 in collaboration with Yellowhead Regional Library, Parkland Regional Library and The Alberta Library (TAL).

The IT Services Manager reported that the cyber security assessment has been completed and the results were about average compared to other similar organizations. Based on the recommendations, a plan will now be created to augment network security.

Present:

Carolyn Kolebaba (Chair)	Northern Sunrise County
Cindy Hockley	Village of Berwyn
Lorrie Shelp	Big Lakes County
Denise Joudrey	Birch Hills County
Peter Frixel	Clear Hills County
Ray Skrepnek	MD of Fairview
Stan Golob	Town of Fairview
Lindsay Brown	Town of Falher
Meesha Bainton	Town of Fox Creek
Chris Thiessen	City of Grande Prairie
Roxie Rutt	MD of Greenview
Dennis Sukeroff	Town of Grimshaw
Brent Anderson	Town of High Level
Sandra Miller	Village of Hythe
Brad Pearson	MD of Lesser Slave River
Sunni-Jeanne Walker	Town of Manning
Philippa O'Mahony	Town of McLennan
Cheryl Novak	Village of Nampa
Sandra Eastman	MD of Peace
Elaine Manzer	Town of Peace River
Michelle Farris	Town of Rainbow Lake
Roxann Dreger	Village of Rycroft
John Moen	Saddle Hills County
Clinton Froehlick	Town of Sexsmith
Joy McGregor	Town of Slave Lake
Raoul Johnson	MD of Smoky River
Elaine Garrow	MD of Spirit River
Tanya Boman	Town of Valleyview
Anna Underwood	Town of Wembley

Regrets:

Linda Waddy	County of Grande Prairie
Belinda Halabisky	County of Northern Lights
Reta Nooskey	Paddle Prairie Métis Settlement
Vacant	Village of Donnelly
Vacant	Village of Girouxville

Absent:

Gena Jones	Town of Beaverlodge
Debbie Rose	Town of High Prairie
Camille Zavisha	Village of Hines Creek
Brendan Powell	MD of Opportunity
Harry Ezio	Town of Spirit River

Quick Facts 2020

Population Served: 175,246
 Members: 38 municipalities & 1 Métis Settlement
 Member Public Libraries: 46
 Contracting Schools: 50
 Chair: Carolyn Kolebaba (Northern Sunrise County)
 Director: Linda Duplessis

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