



# Board Meeting Highlights May 28, 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 28 May, 2022.

Year-end committee reports were presented, including the Chair’s report, the Personnel and the Plan of Service Committee reports. Additionally, the Annual Report infographic and the PLS by the Numbers reports were presented, and the Audited Financial Statements for the 2021 fiscal year were presented and approved by the Board.

The CEO reported that visits have been made to most councils and visits to member boards have begun. She reported on the TRAC Advisory Committee meeting that was held in May. She reported on the Sixties Scoop presentation that will be presented in 2022, originally scheduled for 2020 and postponed due to COVID. As well, progress was reported on bringing the Paddle Prairie library back online, despite moving some target dates due to flooding in the area. She initiated a discussion of potential benefits of fitting the building to run with solar power. Additionally, she reported on the work of the Indigenous Outreach workers and the activities that have done to bring library service to on-reserve/on-settlement populations.

The Technical Services Manager reported that acquisitions has been slow and requests libraries spend their allotments regularly. As well, one courier van and one consulting vehicle will be replaced soon.

The IT Services Manager reported that the next Polaris upgrade is scheduled for June and that IT Services is doing in-person visits. She also reported that due to supply chain issues, technology purchases are resulting in backorders.

The Consulting Services Manager reported consulting visits continued in person. She reported that TD Summer Reading club has 26 libraries signed up for the theme, “Once Upon A Time”. She reported planning for the 2022 Stronger Together conference, the Public Libraries meeting and the training being delivered to library managers.

Revisions were approved for the following policies: *Data Security Policy, Internet and Electronic Mail Acceptable Use Policy.*

The Capital Plan for 2022-2026 was presented and approved. The Advisory Committee meeting minutes for Northern Sunrise County, Clear Hills County and County of Northern Lights were presented.

**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

**Present:**

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|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Carolyn Kolebaba, Chair | Northern Sunrise County   |
| Cindy Hockley           | Village of Berwyn         |
| Ann Stewart             | Big Lakes County          |
| Denise Joudrey          | Birch Hills County        |
| Amber Bean              | Clear Hills County        |
| Dalen Richardson        | MD of Fairview            |
| Stan Golob              | Town of Fairview          |
| Lindsay Brown           | Town of Falher            |
| Meesha Bainton          | Town of Fox Creek         |
| Mike O’Connor           | City of Grande Prairie    |
| Karen Rosvold           | County of Grande Prairie  |
| Tom Burton              | MD of Greenview           |
| Colleen Sklapsky        | Town of Grimshaw          |
| Brent Anderson          | Town of High Level        |
| Alison Bjornson         | Village of Hines Creek    |
| Brad Pearson            | MD of Lesser Slave River  |
| 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       |
| Michelle Farris         | Town of Rainbow Lake      |
| Roxann Dreger           | Village of Rycroft        |
| Elaine Garrow           | MD of Spirit River        |
| Tanya Boman             | Town of Valleyview        |
| Anna Underwood          | Town of Wembley           |

**Regrets:**

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|-----------------|------------------------|
| James Waikle    | Town of High Prairie   |
| Greg Pasichnuk  | Town of Manning        |
| Clint Froehlick | Town of Sexsmith       |
| Vacant          | Village of Donnelly    |
| Vacant          | Village of Girouxville |

**Absent:**

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| Gena Jones       | Town of Beaverlodge             |
| Reta Nooskey     | Paddle Prairie Métis Settlement |
| Margaret Jacobs  | Town of McLennan                |
| Kirsten Smith    | Saddle Hills County             |
| Kimberly Hughes  | Town of Slave Lake              |
| Harry Ezio       | Town of Spirit River            |
| Alain Blanchette | MD of Smoky River               |

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