Board Meeting Highlights
May 11, 2013

This summary is an awareness tool designed to keep you informed about Peace Library System activities and Board decisions. It is distributed to member councils, library boards and the Peace Library System Board of Directors after each Board meeting.

At the Annual General Meeting, the Board received the 2012 Annual Report and the 2012 Audited Financial Statements, copies of which will be distributed to councils, library boards, and contracting school divisions. The Executive, Plan of Service, and Personnel Committees were elected for the coming year. Veronica Bliska (MD of Peace) was elected Chair of the Board and Ray Skrepnek (MD of Fairview) as Vice-Chair for 2013-2014.

The Chair reported that the meeting with the Minister of Municipal Affairs, Doug Griffiths, on April 26 was very positive. The purpose of the meeting was to thank the Minister for his strong support for public libraries, and to make him aware of Peace Library System's challenges in providing regional library services over such a vast, sparsely populated geographic area.

Representatives from the Public Library Services Branch provided an update on the new provincial Public Library Network Policy. The Policy defines the province's commitment to the Network, which connects public libraries "to enable access to public library resources and services for Albertans." A supplementary Resource Sharing Operational Policy further defines the reciprocal nature of sharing resources, and sets the stage for Alberta-Wide Borrowing. This initiative will allow anyone with a valid public library card to borrow on-site from any other public library participating in the Network.

The Board approved expenditures for the one-time $25,000 Resource Sharing and Network Grant received from Alberta Municipal Affairs. The grant will be used to increase regional network capacity, improve communications with resource sharing partners, and offset the costs of courier van delivery.

The Board approved an expenditure from the Building Reserve to have an engineering firm assess the cracked floor slab on the south-east corner of the building. This issue was identified in an Infrastructure Assessment report sent to Peace Library System in March.

The Consulting Services Manager reported that training had been offered for library managers to update and customize their new websites. Member libraries find the new websites dynamic and easy to use. She also reported that 37 member libraries will be participating in the annual Summer Reading Club. The theme for 2013 is *Go!* with a travel focus.

The Director reported that Bill C-321 on the Library Book Rate had passed third reading in the Senate and should soon become law. This will allow non-print materials to be mailed from library to library using the same special postage rate as books receive, and will save Peace Library System thousands of dollars in postage reimbursement to libraries.

Present:

Veronica Bliska	MD of Peace (Chair)
Lorrie Shelp	MD of Big Lakes
Bonnie Bigam	Clear Hills County
Ray Skrepnek	MD of Fairview
Anton Prybysh	Town of Fairview
Jackie Hockey	Town of Falher
Bernie Hornby	Town of Fox Creek
John Croken	City of Grande Prairie
Lynne Coulter	Grande Prairie Public Library
Brock Smith	County of Grande Prairie
Tom Burton	MD of Greenview
Dirk Thompson	Town of Grimshaw
Don Seymour	Village of Hines Creek
Darcie Acton	MD of Lesser Slave River
Brenda Kerr	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
Reta Nooskey	Paddle Prairie Metis Settlement
Colin Needham	Town of Peace River
Cindy Clarke	Saddle Hills County
Claude Lagace	Town of Sexsmith
Raoul Johnson	MD of Smoky River
Elaine Garrow	MD of Spirit River
Warren Stewart	Town of Valleyview
Tara Jones	Town of Wembley

Regrets:

Mary Hermans	Town of Beaverlodge
Valerie Forsythe	Village of Berwyn
Vacant	Village of Donnelly
Dollie Anderson	MD of Opportunity
Michelle Farris	Town of Rainbow Lake
Mark Missal	Town of Slave Lake
Brenda Stanich	Town of Spirit River

Absent:

Dale Janzen	Birch Hills County
Chris MacLeod	Town of High Level
James Waikle	Town of High Prairie
Carol Descoteaux	Village of Hythe
Whitney Burback	Village of Rycroft

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