

*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 Director reported that PLS received the \$1,010,000 provincial Infrastructure Grant, and an updated infrastructure assessment has been completed. The Board ratified a decision by the Executive Committee to approve the comprehensive plan to complete the building upgrades. The plan has been approved by Alberta Municipal Affairs. A partial roof replacement will take place this fall. The other upgrades will be completed as a single project early in 2018.

The Board approved the Five-Year Capital Plan for 2016-2020. It incorporates some recommendations in the new Infrastructure Assessment that are not able to be funded through the Infrastructure Grant.

The Board received the final report on the 2016-2017 Indigenous Populations Grant, and received an update on activities relating to the 2017-2018 Grant. Member libraries are making strong efforts to attract Indigenous patrons and make their community members aware of Indigenous culture.

A long service award was presented to Lorrie Shelp (Big Lakes County) for 25 years of service.

The Consulting Services Manager reported that 20 new Storytime Kits have been created to support library programming. Electronic resources continue to be well-used and training on the resources is a strong focus for PLS. LyndaLibrary, a new resource for adult continuing education, will soon be available to residents.

The IT Services Manager reported that the Polaris upgrade in June went smoothly. As the PLS webserver nears its end of life, options for new PLS and member library websites are being investigated for implementation in spring, 2018.

The Technical Services Manager passed away in May and it has been challenging to find a replacement. In the meantime, the IT Services Manager is overseeing Technical Services. Ordering and cataloguing staff have been very busy filling library requests for Indigenous materials.

The Board approved the revised *Legislative Bylaws for Library Service Points*.

Brenda Kerr (Town of Manning) was nominated as the alternate to the Alberta Library Trustees Association (ALTA) Board of Directors.

### Present:

Veronica Bliska, Chair	MD of Peace
Wendy Olson-Lepchuk	Town of Beaverlodge
Lorrie Shelp	Big Lakes County
Kathrin Langlois	Birch Hills County
Peter Frixel	Clear Hills County
Ray Skrepnek	MD of Fairview
Owen Stanford	Town of Fairview
Lindsay Brown	Town of Falher
Tammy Brown	Grande Prairie Public Library
Brock Smith	County of Grande Prairie
Roxie Rutt	MD of Greenview
Brad Pearson	MD of Lesser Slave River
Brenda Kerr	Town of Manning
Cheryl Novak	Village of Nampa
Belinda Halabisky	County of Northern Lights
Carolyn Kolebaba	Northern Sunrise County
Dollie Anderson	MD of Opportunity
Elaine Manzer	Town of Peace River
Joanne Chelick	Village of Rycroft
Cindy Clarke	Saddle Hills County
Clinton Froehlick	Town of Sexsmith
Elaine Garrow	MD of Spirit River
Anna Underwood	Town of Wembley

### Regrets:

Chris Thiessen	City of Grande Prairie
Philippa O'Mahony	Town of McLennan
Reta Nooskey	Paddle Prairie Métis Settlement
Michelle Farris	Town of Rainbow Lake
Joy McGregor	Town of Slave Lake
Raoul Johnson	MD of Smoky River
Vacant	Village of Donnelly
Vacant	Village of Girouxville
Vacant	Village of Hines Creek

### Absent:

Cindy Hockley	Village of Berwyn
Brenda Burrige	Town of Fox Creek
Dirk Thompson	Town of Grimshaw
Jacy Rapke	Town of High Level
Donna Deynaka	Town of High Prairie
Carol Frost	Village of Hythe
Brenda Stanich	Town of Spirit River
Tanya Boman	Town of Valleyview

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### Quick Facts 2017

**Population Served: 166,637**  
**Members: 38 municipalities & 1 Métis Settlement**  
**Member Public Libraries: 45**  
**Contracting Schools: 51**  
**Director: Linda Duplessis**