



Board Meeting Highlights May 25, 2019

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 2018 accomplishments and received the 2018 Annual Report and the 2018 Audited Financial Statements, copies of which will be distributed to councils, library boards, and contracting school divisions.

The Director provided an update on PLS headquarters upgrades funded by the provincial Infrastructure Grant. The bulk of the work was done in four phases in 2018. She reported that there was about \$110,000 remaining at the end of April, and most of this would be spent by the end of the year. The grant must be spent by the end of 2020.

The Board approved the revised Five-Year Capital Plan and noted that capital reserves were depleting over the next five years.

The Board reviewed the cost to increase SuperNet bandwidth for some libraries in the region. This is not a cost that PLS can take on, but the Board will lobby the provincial and federal governments for support for higher broadband in rural Alberta.

The Director highlighted what had been accomplished in 2018-2019 with provincial library funding to serve Indigenous communities. Memorandums of Understanding are now in place with five library boards to take library materials, programs and services to nearby Indigenous communities. Much progress has been made and funds remain to continue outreach services to the end of 2019. There is no word on whether a 2019-2020 grant will be received.

Revisions were approved to the following Personnel Policies: *Regular Hours of Work, Absenteeism, Employee Benefits, Continuing Education/Professional Development, Personal Appearance and Investment & Management of Private Assets.*

The IT Services Manager reported that work is continuing to build new library websites. Libraries that have launched the new sites are very positive; the remaining websites will be built over the next few months one library at a time.

The Consulting Services Manager reported that the 2019 Rural Libraries Conference – The Power of People – will be held on September 26 and 27 in Grande Prairie, and there will be several sessions of interest to trustees.

Present:

Carolyn Kolababa (Chair)	Northern Sunrise County
Gena Jones	Town of Beaverlodge
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
Tammy Brown	Grande Prairie Public Library
Linda Waddy	County of Grande Prairie
Chris Thiessen	City of Grande Prairie
Roxie Rutt	MD of Greenview
Beth Gillis	Town of High Level
Marie Brulotte	Town of High Prairie
Camille Zavisha	Village of Hines Creek
Sandra Miller	Village of Hythe
Brad Pearson	MD of Lesser Slave River
Philippa O'Mahony	Town of McLennan
Belinda Halabisky	County of Northern Lights
Brendan Powell	MD of Opportunity
Reta Nooskey	Paddle Prairie Métis Settlement
Sandra Eastman	MD of Peace
Elaine Manzer	Town of Peace River (Teleconference)
Roxann Dreger	Village of Rycroft
John Moen	Saddle Hills County
Clinton Froehlick	Town of Sexsmith
Raoul Johnson	MD of Smoky River
Harry Ezio	Town of Spirit River
Elaine Garrow	MD of Spirit River
Tanya Boman	Town of Valleyview

Regrets:

April Doll	Town of Manning
Cheryl Novak	Village of Nampa
Joy McGregor	Town of Slave Lake
Anna Underwood	Town of Wembley
Vacant	Village of Berwyn
Vacant	Village of Donnelly
Vacant	Village of Girouxville

Absent:

Dennis Sukeroff	Town of Grimshaw
Jessica Juneau	Town of Rainbow Lake

Quick Facts 2019

Population Served: 174,620
 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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Peace Library System acknowledges Treaty 8 territory as well as the Métis Nation of Alberta. Peace Library System libraries are located on territory that provided a travelling route and home to many Indigenous peoples.