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 the 2019 financial picture prior to audit. Prior to amortization and audit adjustments, a surplus of about $200,000 is forecast. This includes $127,000 that had been budgeted for capital reserves. The additional $73,000 surplus is a result of staffing changes, higher interest income and savings across all departments. The entire surplus will be transferred to capital reserves for future technology, building, furniture and vehicle needs.

The Board reviewed the *2020 Annual Survey and 2019 Annual Report of Public Library Systems in Alberta*, noting many accomplishments in 2019. These included the integration of the Grande Cache library into the System, continued outreach to several Indigenous communities, implementation of new library websites, a fall marketing campaign, expanded digital magazine services and a very successful conference.

The Director and IT & Technical Services Manager provided an update on SuperNet service. PLS libraries will transition to the new SuperNet 2.0 Bell service over a two-year period beginning in 2020. The new service will allow more flexibility in assigning SuperNet bandwidth so libraries with higher bandwidth needs can be accommodated.

The Director provided an update on the Director/CEO recruitment process. The Executive Committee appointed a small Ad Hoc CEO Recruitment Committee to search for a new CEO. An advertisement was distributed provincially and nationally at the beginning of February and the Committee will review applications beginning in early March.

The Director reported that the Public Library Services Branch wants to reduce provincial delivery costs by reducing library usage of the provincial Government Courier service. The IT & Technical Services Manager outlined the implications for PLS in terms of volume of materials handled, delivery routes, staffing and vehicles. PLS delivery costs would rise substantially. A provincial meeting will be held on March 5, 2020 to discuss the implications of the new delivery model.

The IT & Technical Services Manager reported that a cyber-security assessment has been scheduled to find any weaknesses in network security and to help IT staff create a plan to improve security.

The Consulting Services Manager highlighted 2019 usage statistics for eResources, pointing out a huge increase in the usage of *Press Reader* eNewspapers and *Transparent Languages* for language learning.

Present:

Belinda Halabisky (Chair)	County of Northern Lights
Gena Jones	Town of Beaverlodge
Cindy Hockley	Village of Berwyn
Lorrie Shelp	Big Lakes County
Denise Joudrey	Birch 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
Linda Waddy	County of Grande Prairie
Roxie Rutt	MD of Greenview
Dennis Sukeroff	Town of Grimshaw
Brent Anderson	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
Sunni-Jeanne Walker	Town of Manning
Cheryl Novak	Village of Nampa
Brendan Powell	MD of Opportunity
Sandra Eastman	MD of Peace
Elaine Manzer	Town of Peace River
Michelle Farris	Town of Rainbow Lake (Teleconference)
Roxann Dreger	Village of Rycroft (Teleconference)
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
Anna Underwood	Town of Wembley
Tanya Boman	Town of Valleyview

Regrets:

Philippa O'Mahony	Town of McLennan
Carolyn Kolebaba	Northern Sunrise County
Vacant	Village of Donnelly
Vacant	Village of Girouxville

Absent:

Peter Frixel	Clear Hills County
Reta Nooskey	Paddle Prairie Métis Settlement
Joy McGregor	Town of Slave Lake

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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