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 elections for the Executive Committee, the Chair and Vice-Chair, the Personnel committee and the Plan of Service committee. All positions were filled.

The CEO provided an update on the Indigenous Grant expenditures and plans, as well as a summary of the Infrastructure Grant, including the new garage that will finish off the grant spending. Updates were also provided on TAL, ALTA and TRAC (The Regional Automation Consortium). The 2020 year end financial forecast was presented for information, and the 2021 Operating Budget and Capital Budgets were presented and approved.

Revisions were approved to the following policies: *Confidentiality Policy, Health and Safety Policy, Environmental Practices Policy, Records Management Policy, Materials Selection & Acquisition Policy, Resources Lent to Libraries Policy,* and the *Legislative Bylaws.*

The Consulting Services Manager reported statistics on the uptake of the Summer Reading Program. Consulting has continued virtually and Coffee Chats, continue to be well-attended. PLS offered virtual anti-Indigenous racism sessions with Inclusifyy and will be offering a different session by Eleven Eleven Consulting in January. The Stronger Together virtual conference was held on 1-2 October in collaboration with Yellowhead Regional Library, Parkland Regional Library and The Alberta Library (TAL). There were over 1000 registrants from all over Alberta and a few from around the continent.

The IT Services Manager reported that the server replacement project encountered a few problems, but solutions have been found. The file and print servers have been migrated and the old servers will be decommissioned when everything has been completed. The Pecans listserv has been moved from the old Yahoo Groups platform to a new one called Groups.io. Migration of users has been completed. The TracPac app is has launched and is in both the Apple App Store and Google Play. Early reactions have been favourable.

The Technical Services Manager reported that the RELAIS interlibrary loan program is functioning as expected and interlibrary loan with the Academic libraries should be resuming soon. As well, a new Cataloguing and Acquisitions Supervisor was hired, Ken Sawdon, and he has begun work as of 23 November. The deadline for orders in the 2020 fiscal year is 30 November, any orders received after that date will be processed in the 2021 fiscal year.

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)
CEO: Louisa Robison

Present:

Carolyn Kolebaba (Chair)	Northern Sunrise County
Gena Jones	Town of Beaverlodge
Cindy Hockley	Village of Berwyn
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
Meesha Bainton	Town of Fox Creek
Linda Waddy	County of Grande Prairie
Chris Thiessen	City of Grande Prairie
Roxie Rutt	MD of Greenview
Dennis Sukeroff	Town of Grimshaw
Brent Anderson	Town of High Level
Brian Gilroy	Town of High Prairie
Camille Zavisha	Village of Hines Creek
Brad Pearson	MD of Lesser Slave River
Sunni-Jeanne Walker	Town of Manning
Philippa O'Mahony	Town of McLennan
Cheryl Novak	Village of Nampa
Belinda Halabisky	County of Northern Lights
Brendan Powell	MD of Opportunity
Sandra Eastman	MD of Peace
Elaine Manzer	Town of Peace River
Michelle Farris	Town of Rainbow Lake
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
Anna Underwood	Town of Wembley

Regrets:

Sandra Miller	Village of Hythe
Reta Nooskey	Paddle Prairie Métis Settlement
Joy McGregor	Town of Slave Lake
Vacant	Village of Donnelly
Vacant	Village of Girouxville

Absent:

Lindsay Brown	Town of Falher

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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.