



Board Meeting Highlights May 13, 2017

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.

At the Annual General Meeting, the Board received the 2016 Annual Report and the 2016 Audited Financial Statements, copies of which will be distributed to councils, library boards, and contracting school divisions.

The Board approved amendments to the Procedural Bylaws to eliminate the May Annual General Meeting and institute an Organizational Meeting prior to the end of November. The election of officers will take place on November 25, 2017.

The Director reported that PLS will receive a \$1,010,000 provincial infrastructure grant. The funds will ensure that repairs and renovations recommended in a 2012 building assessment by Alberta Infrastructure will be completed by the end of 2020. A comprehensive plan is being developed to schedule the improvements in a logical order.

The Board was made aware that the 2017-2018 grant to expand services to Indigenous communities would be \$215,445, up slightly to account for 2016 population figures. PLS will work in tandem with member libraries to develop a plan to best utilize the funds.

The Regional Automation Consortium (TRAC) partnership continues to benefit PLS. Since 2009, TRAC has purchased over \$1 million in eBooks and eAudiobooks which are available to member library patrons.

The Consulting Services Manager reported on current and upcoming initiatives. The Digital Learning and Outreach Librarian has been visiting libraries to provide training on eResources, devices, and databases. Twenty storytime kits for children's programming (ages 2-3) are being assembled over the summer. The fall Rural Libraries Conference (September 21-22) will include many excellent workshops for trustees.

The IT Services Manager reported that the new hard drives for the backup server had arrived and an installation plan was being developed. A Polaris upgrade will take place at the end of June, offering additional features to libraries.

The Technical Services Manager remains away on medical leave, and other staff members are covering her duties. The new Technical Services work area floor plan is complete, and will be implemented in tandem with new carpeting.

Attendees of the Alberta Library Conference in Jasper expressed their appreciation at being able to attend and highlighted some of the best sessions and events.

Present:

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| Veronica Bliska, Chair | MD of Peace |
| Wendy Olson-Lepchuk | Town of Beaverlodge |
| Cindy Hockley | Village of Berwyn |
| 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 |
| Chris Thiessen | City of Grande Prairie |
| Brock Smith | County of Grande Prairie |
| Tammy Brown | Grande Prairie Public Library |
| Roxie Rutt | MD of Greenview |
| Dirk Thompson | Town of Grimshaw |
| Jacy Rapke | Town of High Level |
| Brad Pearson | 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 |
| Dollie Anderson | MD of Opportunity |
| Reta Nooskey | Paddle Prairie Métis Settlement |
| Elaine Manzer | Town of Peace River |
| Joanne Chelick | Village of Rycroft |
| Cindy Clarke | Saddle Hills County |
| Raoul Johnson | MD of Smoky River |
| Elaine Garrow | MD of Spirit River |
| Tanya Boman | Town of Valleyview |
| Anna Underwood | Town of Wembley |

Regrets:

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| Vacant | Village of Donnelly |
| Vacant | Village of Girouxville |
| Vacant | Village of Hines Creek |
| Joy McGregor | Town of Slave Lake |
| Brenda Stanich | Town of Spirit River |

Absent:

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| Donna Deynaka | Town of High Prairie |
| Carol Frost | Village of Hythe |
| Brenda Burrige | Town of Fox Creek |
| Michelle Farris | Town of Rainbow Lake |
| Clinton Froehlick | Town of Sexsmith |

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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