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Board Meeting Highlights
May 9, 2015

This summary is an awareness tool designed to keep you informed about Peace Library System activities and Board decisions. It is distributed to member councils, library boards and the Peace Library System Board of Directors after each Board meeting.

At the Annual General Meeting, the Board received the 2014 Annual Report and the 2014 Audited Financial Statements, copies of which will be distributed to councils, library boards, and contracting school divisions. The Executive, Personnel, and Plan of Service Committees were elected for the coming year. Veronica Bliska (MD of Peace) was elected Chair of the Board and Ray Skrepnek (MD of Fairview) as Vice-Chair for 2015-2016.

Diana Davidson, Director of the Public Library Services Branch, provided an update on provincial library initiatives relating to the Public Library Network. Her main focus in the weeks ahead will be briefing the new Minister of Municipal Affairs once that person is appointed. She indicated that the Branch will be initiating discussions on the library grants program and on the ILL delivery system currently in place.

The Board reviewed the funding implications for libraries in the proposed 2015-2016 provincial budget (Progressive Conservative), and was hopeful that the new NDP government would continue the commitment to fund libraries at 2014 population figures and increase operating grants by $.10 per capita. For those library service points where PLS is the Board of Record, and whose funding might decrease due to loss of population, the Board committed to make up the loss in the Library Services Grants from its own system operating grants.

The Board discussed the inaccuracies in population counts for Métis settlements. The 2010 and 2014 official population counts for Paddle Prairie Métis Settlement are very different, which affects the provincial library services grant received by the Paddle Prairie library. The Board has written to the former Minister of Municipal Affairs concerning the issue.

The Technical Services Manager reported that staffing is in place to cover an upcoming maternity leave in the Cataloguing Department.

The Consulting Services Manager reported that plans are well underway for Rural Libraries Conference 2015 which will be held in Grande Prairie on September 24-25. She also reported that 35 member libraries will be participating in the annual Summer Reading Club. The theme for 2015 is *Play* and encourages children to see reading as play.

The IT Services Manager reported that a plan is underway to replace the SCCM server (which deploys software out to libraries) and other servers by the end of the summer.

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Present:

Veronica Bliska, (Chair)	MD of Peace
Wendy Olson-Lepchuk	Town of Beaverlodge
Lorrie Shelp	MD of Big Lakes
Ray Skrepnek	MD of Fairview
Owen Stanford	Town of Fairview
Jackie Hockey	Town of Falher (teleconference)
Chris Stadnyk	Town of Fox Creek
Brock Smith	County of Grande Prairie
Kevin O'Toole	City of Grande Prairie
Lynne Coulter	Grande Prairie Public Library
Roxie Rutt	MD of Greenview
Dirk Thompson	Town of Grimshaw
Marcy Mack	Village of Hythe
Brenda Kerr	Town of Manning
Cheryl Novak	Village of Nampa
Linda Halabisky	County of Northern Lights
Carolyn Kolebaba	Northern Sunrise County
Reta Nooskey	Paddle Prairie Métis Settlement
Elaine Manzer	Town of Peace River
Pat Sydoruk	Village of Rycroft
Willis Fitzsimmons	Saddle Hills County
Claude Lagace	Town of Sexsmith
Elaine Garrow	MD of Spirit River

Regrets:

Vacant	Village of Donnelly
Vacant	Town of High Prairie
Philippa O'Mahony	Town of McLennan
Dollie Anderson	MD of Opportunity
Raoul Johnson	MD of Smoky River
Brenda Stanich	Town of Spirit River
Tara Jones	Town of Wembley

Absent:

Ron Longtin	Village of Berwyn
Terry Carbone	Birch Hills County
Peter Frixel	Clear Hills County
Michael Morgan	Town of High Level
Sharilynn Dionne	Village of Hines Creek
Murray Kerik	MD of Lesser Slave River
Michelle Farris	Town of Rainbow Lake
Stefan Plouffe	Town of Slave Lake
Jim Joelson	Town of Valleyview

Quick Facts 2015
Population Served: 153,400
Members: 37 municipalities & 1 Metis Settlement
Member Public Libraries: 45
Contracting Schools: 51
Director: Linda Duplessis