



Board Meeting Highlights September 14, 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.

PLS has received half of its 2019 provincial operating grant, with the rest pending approval of the new provincial budget.

The Board received the final report on the provincial 2018-2019 Indigenous Populations Grant as well as an update on library outreach services to Indigenous communities. The Director reported that half of the 2019-2020 Grant had been received.

Revisions were approved to the *Provision of Municipal Library Services Policy*, the *Memorandum of Agreement for Library Board Services* and the *Agreement for the Provision of Library Services at a Library Service Point*.

The Board received notification from the Grande Prairie Public Library Board that it wished to terminate the Memorandum of Agreement to provide resource sharing services for the region. These responsibilities will be assumed by PLS effective January 1, 2020.

With the resignation of Beth Gillis (Town of High Level), alternate Camille Zavisha (Village of Hines Creek) will act as the Area 1 (Peace) representative on the Alberta Library Trustees Association Board.

The Consulting Services Manager reported that 40 libraries ran summer reading programs and PLS would be compiling statistics on participation. She also reported that the *Niche Academy* eResource now included Indigenous oral history videos from the MD of Opportunity.

As a result of discussion on SuperNet bandwidth for libraries, PLS will send a request to library boards and municipalities asking them write to Minister Glubish regarding bandwidth needs and possible solutions.

PLS launched a new fall marketing campaign called **Save Money – Use Your Library**. It will feature Facebook and radio ads, posters and bookmarks, and will challenge people to check their borrowing receipt to see how much they saved by using their local public library.

Four board members received long service recognition. Elaine Garrow (MD of Spirit River) and Reta Nooskey (Paddle Prairie Métis Settlement) were recognized for 15 years of service. Carolyn Kolebaba (Northern Sunrise County) and Ray Skrepnek (MD of Fairview) were recognized for 20 years of service.

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

Present:

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| Carolyn Kolebaba (Chair) | Northern Sunrise County |
| Ann Stewart | 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 |
| Tammy Brown | Grande Prairie Public Library |
| Roxie Rutt | MD of Greenview |
| Marie Brulotte | Town of High Prairie |
| Camille Zavisha | Village of Hines Creek |
| Brad Pearson | MD of Lesser Slave River |
| Philippa O'Mahony | Town of McLennan |
| Cheryl Novak | Village of Nampa |
| 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 |
| Roxann Dreger | Village of Rycroft |
| John Moen | Saddle Hills County |
| Isak Skjaveland | Town of Sexsmith |
| Harry Ezio | Town of Spirit River |
| Elaine Garrow | MD of Spirit Rive |
| Tanya Boman | Town of Valleyview |
| Anna Underwood | Town of Wembley |

Regrets:

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| Gena Jones | Town of Beaverlodge |
| Chris Thiessen | City of Grande Prairie |
| Linda Waddy | County of Grande Prairie |
| Dennis Sukeroff | Town of Grimshaw |
| Sandra Miller | Village of Hythe |
| April Doll | Town of Manning |
| Joy McGregor | Town of Slave Lake |
| Vacant | Village of Berwyn |
| Vacant | Village of Donnelly |
| Vacant | Village of Girouxville |
| Vacant | Town of High Level |

Absent:

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| Peter Frixel | Clear Hills County |
| Jessica Juneau | Town of Rainbow Lake |
| Raoul Johnson | MD of Smoky River |

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