



## Board Meeting Highlights March 16, 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.*

The Board reviewed the 2018 financial picture prior to audit. Prior to amortization and audit adjustments, a surplus of about \$143,000 is forecast. This includes \$100,000 previously budgeted for capital reserves. The additional \$43,000 surplus is largely due to staffing changes and higher interest income. The entire surplus will be transferred to capital reserves for future technology, building, furniture and vehicle needs.

The Board approved a revised 2019 Operating Budget which factors in population increases in the MD of Greenview (relating to Grande Cache) and other municipalities, updated grant figures, and additional funds for capital reserves.

The Director provided an update on the facility upgrade project, which is complete. At the end of 2018, there was \$117,880 in Infrastructure Grant funds remaining for approved building upgrades.

The Board reviewed the *2019 Annual Survey and 2018 Annual Report of Public Library Systems in Alberta*, noting many accomplishments in 2018. These included a facility upgrade, development of the 2019-2021 Plan of Service, a new website platform, a network infrastructure upgrade, and meetings with 27 municipal councils.

The Board discussed the lack of sufficient SuperNet bandwidth for some public libraries and the broadband needs of rural areas. PLS will send a letter to the provincial government regarding SuperNet bandwidth and one to the federal government regarding rural connectivity. Copies will be sent to member municipalities.

The Director provided an update on outreach activities to Indigenous communities and reported that \$143,344 in Indigenous Grant funds carried over for outreach services and related projects in 2019.

The IT & Technical Services Manager reported that year-end rollover went smoothly. She reported that two projects would be taking place over the next few months: installation of new wifi access points in on-network libraries, and migration of content to new library websites.

The Consulting Services Manager highlighted 2018 usage statistics for eResources, pointing out a huge increase in the usage of *Lynda.com*. The annual Rural Libraries Conference is set for September 26-27.

### Present:

Carolyn Kolebaba, Chair	Northern Sunrise County
Gena Jones	Town of Beaverlodge
Ann Stewart	Big Lakes County
Denise Joudrey	Birch Hills County
Peter Frixel	Clear Hills County
Ray Skrepnek	MD of Fairview
Stan Golob	Town of Fairview
Lindsay Brown	Town of Falher
Tammy Brown	Grande Prairie Public Library
Linda Waddy	County of Grande Prairie
Roxie Rutt	MD of Greenview
Dennis Sukeroff	Town of Grimshaw
Beth Gillis	Town of High Level (Teleconference)
Marie Brulotte	Town of High Prairie
Camille Zavisha	Village of Hines Creek
Sandra Miller	Village of Hythe
Brad Pearson	MD of Lesser Slave River
April Doll	Town of Manning
Cheryl Novak	Village of Nampa
Terry Ungarian	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
Clint Froehlick	Town of Sexsmith
Raoul Johnson	MD of Smoky River
Elaine Garrow	MD of Spirit River
Rod Pepper	Town of Valleyview

### Regrets:

Meesha Bainton	Town of Fox Creek
Chris Thiessen	City of Grande Prairie
Philippa O'Mahony	Town of McLennan
Joy McGregor	Town of Slave Lake
Anna Underwood	Town of Wembley
Vacant	Village of Berwyn
Vacant	Village of Donnelly
Vacant	Village of Girouxville

### Absent:

Jessica Juneau	Town of Rainbow Lake
Harry Ezio	Town of Spirit River

### 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

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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.*