



# Board Meeting Highlights September 12, 2020 (via Zoom)

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 2020 revised budget numbers; most of the changes in the original budget were due to activities not being done on site and travel being restricted because of the COVID-19 restrictions. The revised budget was approved.

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. The nomination committee for board positions was struck. Finally, the 5-year service awards were presented to Tanya Boman, Lindsay Brown, Clinton Froehlich, Brad Pearson and Chris Thiessen, and 10-year awards were presented to Belinda Halabisky, Raoul Johnson and Cheryl Novak.

Revisions were approved to the following policy: *Purchasing*, and a new policy was discussed and approved, *Infectious Disease/Pandemic*. Additionally, the Peace Library System Procedural Bylaws were revised.

The Consulting Services Manager reported that the Summer Reading Program in virtual format is now over and surveys have been sent out to assess it for the future. Consulting has continued virtually as travel has not resumed yet, and Coffee Chats, a monthly online forum, has been happening and is well-attended. PLS will be offering virtual professional development opportunities in the fall, specifically in Indigenous Awareness and Inclusion training and coaching. A virtual conference will be held on October 1-2 in collaboration with Yellowhead Regional Library, Parkland Regional Library and The Alberta Library (TAL).

The IT Services Manager reported that the server replacement project is proceeding at pace, no issues. The Pecans listserv is being moved from the old Yahoo Groups platform to a new one called Groups.io. Migration of users will start in September with a full launch in October. The TracPac app is very close to launching and is currently in beta.

The Technical Services Manager reported that the RELAIS interlibrary loan program is functioning on the client side and ILL service is being offered once again. As well, personnel changes in the delivery area will be happening due to the retirement of Wendy Hodges and Holly Mollard giving her notice to leave. Interviews have already been done to replace Wendy and an approved pool is available to staff from.

**Present:**

- Carolyn Kolebaba (Chair)
- Gena Jones
- Cindy Hockley
- Lorrie Shelp
- Denise Joudrey
- Peter Frixel
- Ray Skrepnek
- Stan Golob
- Lindsay Brown
- Meesha Bainton
- Chris Thiessen
- Roxie Rutt
- Brent Anderson
- Debbie Rose
- Camille Zavisha
- Sandra Miller
- Brad Pearson
- Sunni-Jeanne Walker
- Philippa O'Mahony
- Cheryl Novak
- Belinda Halabisky
- Brendan Powell
- Sandra Eastman
- Elaine Manzer
- Michelle Farris
- Roxann Dreger
- John Moen
- Clinton Froehlich
- Raoul Johnson
- Harry Ezio
- Elaine Garrow
- Tanya Boman
- Anna Underwood

- Northern Sunrise County
- Town of Beaverlodge
- Village of Berwyn
- Big Lakes County
- Birch Hills County
- Clear Hills County
- MD of Fairview
- Town of Fairview
- Town of Falher
- Town of Fox Creek
- City of Grande Prairie
- MD of Greenview
- Town of High Level
- Town of High Prairie
- Village of Hines Creek
- Village of Hythe
- MD of Lesser Slave River
- Town of Manning
- Town of McLennan
- Village of Nampa
- County of Northern Lights
- MD of Opportunity
- MD of Peace
- Town of Peace River
- Town of Rainbow Lake
- Village of Rycroft
- Saddle Hills County
- Town of Sexsmith
- MD of Smoky River
- Town of Spirit River
- MD of Spirit River
- Town of Valleyview
- Town of Wembley

**Regrets:**

- Linda Waddy
- Dennis Sukeroff
- Reta Nooskey
- Vacant
- Vacant

- County of Grande Prairie
- Town of Grimshaw
- Paddle Prairie Métis Settlement
- Village of Donnelly
- Village of Girouxville

**Absent:**

- Joy McGregor

- Town of Slave Lake

**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

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