Board Meeting Highlights
February 27, 2021 (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 held a full Board meeting on 27 February over Zoom and those in the headquarters building were able to see the new AV equipment in action.

The CEO provided an update on the pandemic response in PLS and the work experience sessions for two LIT practicum students coming up soon. A discussion was had around the schools packages and some cancellations thereof. Updates were also provided on TAL, ALTA and TRAC (The Regional Automation Consortium). The 2020 Annual Report to Municipal Affairs was provided for discussion as well as the annual reports for the service points for which PLS is the Board. Additionally, discussion was had around how PLS can support Paddle Prairie Metis Settlement.

Revisions were approved to the following policies: *Finance Policy for Library Service Points, Hours of Service Policy for Library Service Points, Library Use Policy for Library Service Points, Personnel Policy for Library Service Points, Records Management Policy for Library Service Points, Selection Purchase Deselection Policy for Library Service Points, Legislative Bylaws of the PLS Board for its Library Service Points.* Additionally, new policies *Cell Phone Allowance Policy* and *Working Alone Policy*, were approved.

The Consulting Services Manager reported that the Summer Reading Program will now be managed provincially by TAL. Consulting has continued virtually and Coffee Chats resume in March. The LibPAS annual reports completed by libraries were finished and submitted by the deadline of 28 February. Statistics were provided on the usage of eResources during 2020 which showed a marked increase, between 17% and 89% increase depending on the provider.

The IT Services Manager reported that the server replacement project has been completed. The SuperNet transition is expected to begin in May 2021 with most completing transition by June. Microsoft Teams has been rolled out to HQ staff.

The Technical Services Manager reported that the 2020/21 rollover went smoothly and has been completed. Interlibrary loan access to the patron side of Relais has been restored by the Branch. The courier department has a number of zippered canvas book bags that they are looking to give away. With the new supervisor getting up to speed, cataloguing should be back up to normal levels soon.

Present:

Carolyn Kolebaba (Chair)	Northern Sunrise County
Gena Jones	Town of Beaverlodge
Cindy Hockley	Village of Berwyn
Lorrie Shelp	Big Lakes County
Denise Joudrey	Birch Hills County
Peter Frixel	Clear Hills County
Ray Skrepnek	MD of Fairview
Lindsay Brown	Town of Falher
Meesha Bainton	Town of Fox Creek
Linda Waddy	County of Grande Prairie
Chris Thiessen	City of Grande Prairie
Roxie Chapman	MD of Greenview
Dennis Sukeroff	Town of Grimshaw
Brent Anderson	Town of High Level
Brian Gilroy	Town of High Prairie
Camille Zavisha	Village of Hines Creek
Sandra Miller	Village of Hythe
Brad Pearson	MD of Lesser Slave River
Sunni-Jeanne Walker	Town of Manning
Marie-Anne Jones	Town of McLennan
Cheryl Novak	Village of Nampa
Belinda Halabisky	County of Northern Lights
Sandra Eastman	MD of Peace
Michelle Farris	Town of Rainbow Lake
Roxann Dreger	Village of Rycroft
John Moen	Saddle Hills County
Clinton Froehlick	Town of Sexsmith
Raoul Johnson	MD of Smoky River
Harry Ezio	Town of Spirit River
Elaine Garrow	MD of Spirit River
Tanya Boman	Town of Valleyview
Anna Underwood	Town of Wembley

Regrets:

Brendan Powell	MD of Opportunity
Elaine Manzer	Town of Peace River
Vacant	Village of Donnelly
Vacant	Village of Girouxville

Absent:

Stan Golob	Town of Fairview
Reta Nooskey	Paddle Prairie Métis Settlement
Joy McGregor	Town of Slave Lake

Quick Facts 2021
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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