



Board Meeting Highlights May 29, 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 29 May over Zoom.

Year-end roundup reports were provided by the Board Chair, the Personnel Committee Chair and the Plan of Service Committee Chair. The PLS Annual Report was reviewed and approved for distribution.

The Auditor's report was reviewed by a representative from Fulcrum Group and was approved by the Board.

Revisions were approved to the following policy: *Revised Banked Time Policy*.

The Indigenous Services report to PLSB was presented for information, as well as a briefing about the new population estimates from the GOA.

The CEO reported that pandemic restrictions in libraries continue and curb-side pickup for those libraries who participate is still operating. The Province's re-opening plan includes libraries in Phase 2, which, barring any further delays, should be about mid-June 2021. Alberta Library Conference has announced dates for 2022, 28 April-1 May, and 2023, 27-30 April. She announced as well that a Library Manager's Council meeting is being tentatively scheduled for late September 2022. She reported that Plan of Service work is continuing.

The Consulting Services Manager reported that 20 PLS libraries have signed on for the TD Summer Reading Program, which will kick off mid-June, activities to include take-and-make crafts and an online component. The 2021 Stronger Together conference will again be held online this year, 22-24 September. Lynda.com has transitioned to LinkedIn Learning and now offers over 16,000 video courses. RBDigital has been discontinued as the transition to OverDrive has been completed. Training webinars are available.

The IT Services Manager reported that the Polaris upgrade to version 6.7 has been completed, but some performance issues have resulted in a patch being issued as well as another upgrade later this summer. The transition to SuperNet 2.0 has begun with the headquarters building being completed on 28 May. Most member libraries will be completed by the end of June, with only four being put off to 2022.

The Technical Services Manager reported that there is a small backlog in the receiving area and there is a larger backlog in the cataloguing area. Staff have been retained to address both these issues temporarily and the situation will be re-assessed later this summer.

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

Present:

- Carolyn Kolebaba (Chair)
- Cindy Hockley
- Lorrie Shelp
- Denise Joudrey
- Peter Frixel
- Stan Golob
- Ray Skrepnek
- Lindsay Brown
- Meesha Bainton
- Chris Thiessen
- Roxie Chapman
- Dennis Sukeroff
- Brian Gilroy
- Camille Zavisha
- Sandra Miller
- Brad Pearson
- Sunni-Jeanne Walker
- Marie-Anne Jones
- Cheryl Novak
- Belinda Halabisky
- Brendan Powell
- Elaine Manzer
- Sandra Eastman
- Michelle Farris
- Roxann Dreger
- John Moen
- Clinton Froehlick
- Raoul Johnson
- Harry Ezio
- Elaine Garrow
- Tanya Boman
- Anna Underwood

- Northern Sunrise County
- Village of Berwyn
- Big Lakes County
- Birch Hills County
- Clear Hills County
- Town of Fairview
- MD of Fairview
- Town of Falher
- Town of Fox Creek
- City of Grande Prairie
- MD of Greenview
- Town of Grimshaw
- 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
- Town of Peace River
- MD of Peace
- 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
- Brent Anderson
- Vacant
- Vacant

- County of Grande Prairie
- Town of High Level
- Village of Donnelly
- Village of Girouxville

Absent:

- Gena Jones
- Reta Nooskey
- Joy McGregor

- Town of Beaverlodge
- Paddle Prairie Métis Settlement
- Town of Slave Lake

Guest:

- Cory Lefebvre

- Fulcrum Group

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