



Board Meeting Highlights September 17, 2022

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 17 September, 2022.

Revisions were approved for the following policies: *Finance Policy*; *Resource Sharing Policy*.

The Nomination Committee was set up for the 26 November elections to the Peace Library Board Executive Committee, Personnel Committee and Plan of Service.

Items for discussion included the Organisational Review that PLS conducted over the summer and what changes would come out of that, as well as a briefing on appropriation fee options.

The CEO reported that visits to member boards have restarted after a break over the summer. She reported that PLS staff had visited the Paddle Prairie Métis Settlement at the invitation of their new CAO in order to assess what needs to be done to re-open that library. Plans have been made and work is underway to get that done. She reported that operating grants for service points had been received and distributed in July, and that the seven Alberta systems will be discussing a combined approach to the Government of Alberta for a request for operating grant increases.

Staff reported a new driver started in Courier and has integrated well. The delivery van replacement schedule has been deferred to 2023 due to reduced inventory and mileage. A Polaris upgrade will occur in the fall. PLS has subscribed to an anti-phishing training module that will be rolled out to staff. 19 libraries participated in the TD Summer Reading program in 2022. The registration is open for the 2022 Stronger Together virtual conference taking place 6-7 October. The Indigenous outreach workers in High Prairie distributed craft kits, made daycare visits, presented a table at the Long Lake Cultural Days and another at the Indigenous Days in High Prairie. A partnership with Grande Prairie Public Library was created for the Celebrate Indigenous Culture event. A presentation was done for the Dene Thá from the High Level area to increase awareness of the resources of their local library.

Long Service awards were presented to Gena Jones, Town of Beaverlodge, Roxann Dreger, Village of Rycroft, and Harry Ezio, Town of Spirit River, for their five years of service on the Peace Library Board.

Present:

Carolyn Kolebaba, Chair	Northern Sunrise County
Denise Joudrey	Birch Hills County
Dalen Richardson	MD of Fairview
Stan Golob	Town of Fairview
Meesha Bainton	Town of Fox Creek
Mike O'Connor	City of Grande Prairie
Karen Rosvold	County of Grande Prairie
Tom Burton	MD of Greenview
Brad Pearson	MD of Lesser Slave River
Margaret Jacobs	Town of McLennan
Agnes Roshuk	Village of Nampa
Tahirih Wiebe	MD of Opportunity
Theresa Johnson	MD of Peace
Elaine Manzer	Town of Peace River
Roxann Dreger	Village of Rycroft
Alain Blanchette	MD of Smoky River
Elaine Garrow	MD of Spirit River
Harry Ezio	Town of Spirit River
Tanya Boman	Town of Valleyview

Regrets:

Gena Jones	Town of Beaverlodge
Cindy Hockley	Village of Berwyn
Ann Stewart	Big Lakes County
Amber Bean	Clear Hills County
Lindsay Brown	Town of Falher
Carmen Johnson	Town of Grimshaw
Alison Bjornson	Village of Hines Creek
Greg Pasichnuk	Town of Manning
Belinda Halabisky	County of Northern Lights
Michelle Farris	Town of Rainbow Lake
Clint Froehlick	Town of Sexsmith
Anna Underwood	Town of Wembley
Vacant	Village of Donnelly
Vacant	Village of Girouxville

Absent:

Reta Nooskey	Paddle Prairie Métis Settlement
Brent Anderson	Town of High Level
James Waikle	Town of High Prairie
Kirsten Smith	Saddle Hills County
Kimberly Hughes	Town of Slave Lake

Quick Facts 2022

Population Served: 178,009
Members: 37 municipalities & 1 Métis Settlement
Member Public Libraries: 46
Contracting Schools: 34
Chair: Carolyn Kolebaba (Northern Sunrise County)
CEO: Louisa Robison

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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.