



Board Meeting Highlights May 26, 2018

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 2017 activities and received the 2017 Annual Report and the 2017 Audited Financial Statements, copies of which will be distributed to councils, library boards, and contracting school divisions.

Colette Poitras, Manager of Indigenous Public Library Outreach for the Public Library Services Branch (PLSB), provided background on PLSB goals to expand services to Indigenous communities in the Peace region via a special annual grant. PLS will be working in tandem with member libraries to connect to these communities and offer appropriate library services.

The Director provided an update on PLS headquarters upgrades funded by the provincial Infrastructure Grant. As of the end of April, the second of four phases was complete and \$437,000 had been spent. The upgrade will be complete by the end of June.

Revisions were approved to the following Personnel Policies: *Hiring & Probationary Period, Leave of Absence, Overtime, Sick Leave, Statutory/General Holidays, Terminations, and Vacations.*

The Director provided a progress report on development of the *2019-2021 Plan of Service*. Input on key PLS service areas has been gathered from member libraries and PLS staff via an online survey and facilitated discussion. The Plan of Service Committee and senior PLS staff will review input, draft a Plan of Service document, and present it to the Board at its November meeting.

The Consulting Services Manager reported that the fall Rural Libraries Conference theme will be *The Future-Focused Library*, an opportunity to focus on evolving and innovative library services. She also reported that PLSB has implemented Pronunciator province-wide as the new language learning software. It includes instruction for 80 languages as well as excellent ESL options.

The IT Services Manager reported that preparations are underway for the network infrastructure upgrade which will ensure the security and integrity of the PLS network. PLS has received a CIP Grant to defray the cost of SuperNet hardware for member libraries.

The Director reported that she had scheduled 24 presentations to update member councils on PLS services and the benefits of System membership.

Present:

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| Veronica Bliska (Chair) | MD of Peace |
| Gena Jones | Town of Beaverlodge |
| Lorrie Shelp | Big Lakes County |
| Ginette Paradis | Birch Hills County |
| Peter Frixel | Clear Hills County |
| Ray Skrepnek | MD of Fairview |
| Dianne Golob | Town of Fairview |
| Lindsay Brown | Town of Falher |
| Brenda Burrige | Town of Fox Creek |
| Linda Waddy | County of Grande Prairie |
| Dennis Sukeroff | Town of Grimshaw |
| Beth Gillis | Town of High Level |
| Camille Zavisha | Village of Hines Creek |
| April Doll | Town of Manning |
| Philippa O'Mahony | Town of McLennan |
| Cheryl Novak | Village of Nampa |
| Terry Ungarian | County of Northern Lights |
| Carolyn Kolebaba | Northern Sunrise County |
| Reta Nooskey | Paddle Prairie Métis Settlement |
| Elaine Manzer | Town of Peace River |
| Christopher Mitchell | Town of Rainbow Lake |
| Roxann Dreger | Village of Rycroft |
| 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 |

Regrets:

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| Chris Thiessen | City of Grande Prairie |
| Tammy Brown | Grande Prairie Public Library |
| Brad Pearson | MD of Lesser Slave River |
| Joy McGregor | Town of Slave Lake |
| Vacant | Village of Berwyn |
| Vacant | Village of Donnelly |
| Vacant | Village of Girouxville |

Absent:

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| Roxie Rutt | MD of Greenview |
| Donna Deynaka | Town of High Prairie |
| Lyle Sipe | Village of Hythe |
| Brendan Powell | MD of Opportunity No. 17 |
| John Moen | Saddle Hills County |
| Anna Underwood | Town of Wembley |

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Quick Facts 2018

Population Served: 164,434

Members: 38 municipalities & 1 Métis Settlement

Member Public Libraries: 45

Contracting Schools: 50

Chair: Veronica Bliska (MD of Peace)

Director: Linda Duplessis

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