



Board Meeting Highlights November 24, 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.

At the annual Organizational Meeting, elections were held for the Executive, Personnel, and Plan of Service Committees for 2018-2019. Carolyn Kolebaba (Northern Sunrise County) was elected Board Chair and Belinda Halabisky (County of Northern Lights) as Vice-Chair.

The Board reviewed the 2018 financial forecast. A surplus of about \$105,000 is anticipated, which will all be transferred to capital reserves.

The Board approved the 2019 Operating Budget, which supports the new 2019-2021 *Plan of Service*. The budget includes an emphasis on technology training and marketing assistance for member libraries, support for library programming, more eBook purchases, and a number of strategies to extend library services to Indigenous communities.

The 2019 Capital Budget was approved. It includes the purchase of staff computers, Fortigate (SuperNet) equipment, a new phone system, and a vehicle for consultants, as well as the installation of barrier-free exterior and washroom doors.

The Board approved *Future-Focused: Plan of Service 2019-2021*. This three-year plan outlines goals and strategies in the following service areas: Training/Professional Development; Advocacy and Marketing; IT Support; Program Support; and Access to Resources. It was designed with the needs of member libraries and area residents in mind.

Revisions were approved to the following policies: *Trustee Orientation; Meeting Room; Staff Recognition; Leave of Absence; and Public Access to the Internet Policy for Library Service Points.*

The Board will nominate Beth Gillis (Town of High Level) as the Area 1 representative for the Alberta Library Trustees' Association, and Dianne Golob (Town of Fairview) as alternate. Elections will take place in early 2019.

The IT & Technical Services Manager reported that she has been assisting libraries in developing long range Technology Plans. Two staff members recently participated in Fortinet (firewall) training.

The Consulting Services Manager reported on a successful Rural Libraries Conference with 149 registered delegates, including 39 first time attendees. A new online resource for homework help called SOLARO is now available to library patrons throughout the region.

Present:

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| Carolyn Kolebaba, Chair | Northern Sunrise County |
| Lorrie Shelp | Big Lakes County |
| Denise Joudrey | Birch Hills County |
| Peter Frixel | Clear Hills County |
| Dianne Golob | Town of Fairview |
| Ray Skrepnek | MD of Fairview |
| Lindsay Brown | Town of Falher |
| Meesha Bainton | Town of Fox Creek |
| Tammy Brown | Grande Prairie Public Library |
| Linda Waddy | County of Grande Prairie |
| Tom Burton | MD of Greenview |
| Dennis Sukeroff | Town of Grimshaw |
| Beth Gillis | Town of High Level |
| Camille Zavisha | Village of Hines Creek |
| Sandra Miller | Village of Hythe |
| Brad Pearson | MD of Lesser Slave River |
| April Doll | Town of Manning |
| Philippa O'Mahony | Town of McLennan
(Teleconference) |
| Cheryl Novak | Village of Nampa |
| Belinda Halabisky | County of Northern Lights |
| Brendan Powell | MD of Opportunity |
| Reta Nooskey | Paddle Prairie Métis Settlement |
| Sandra Eastman | MD of Peace |
| Roxann Dreger | Village of Rycroft |
| John Moen | Saddle Hills County |
| Isak Skjaveland | Town of Sexsmith |
| Harry Ezio | Town of Spirit River |
| Elaine Garrow | MD of Spirit River |
| Raoul Johnson | MD of Smoky River |
| Anna Underwood | Town of Wembley |

Regrets:

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| Chris Thiessen | City of Grande Prairie |
| Elaine Manzer | Town of Peace River |
| Jessica Juneau | Town of Rainbow Lake |
| Joy McGregor | Town of Slave Lake |
| Tanya Boman | Town of Valleyview |
| Vacant | Village of Berwyn |
| Vacant | Village of Donnelly |
| Vacant | Village of Girouxville |

Absent:

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| Gena Jones | Town of Beaverlodge |
| Marie Brulotte | Town of High Prairie |

Quick Facts 2018
Population Served: 164,434
Members: 38 municipalities & 1 Métis Settlement
Member Public Libraries: 45
Contracting Schools: 50
Chair: Carolyn Kolebaba (Northern Sunrise County)
Director: Linda Duplessis

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