



Board Meeting Highlights May 25, 2019

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 2018 accomplishments and received the 2018 Annual Report and the 2018 Audited Financial Statements, copies of which will be distributed to councils, library boards, and contracting school divisions.

The Director provided an update on PLS headquarters upgrades funded by the provincial Infrastructure Grant. The bulk of the work was done in four phases in 2018. She reported that there was about \$110,000 remaining at the end of April, and most of this would be spent by the end of the year. The grant must be spent by the end of 2020.

The Board approved the revised Five-Year Capital Plan and noted that capital reserves were depleting over the next five years.

The Board reviewed the cost to increase SuperNet bandwidth for some libraries in the region. This is not a cost that PLS can take on, but the Board will lobby the provincial and federal governments for support for higher broadband in rural Alberta.

The Director highlighted what had been accomplished in 2018-2019 with provincial library funding to serve Indigenous communities. Memorandums of Understanding are now in place with five library boards to take library materials, programs and services to nearby Indigenous communities. Much progress has been made and funds remain to continue outreach services to the end of 2019. There is no word on whether a 2019-2020 grant will be received.

Revisions were approved to the following Personnel Policies: *Regular Hours of Work, Absenteeism, Employee Benefits, Continuing Education/Professional Development, Personal Appearance* and *Investment & Management of Private Assets*.

The IT Services Manager reported that work is continuing to build new library websites. Libraries that have launched the new sites are very positive; the remaining websites will be built over the next few months one library at a time.

The Consulting Services Manager reported that the 2019 Rural Libraries Conference – The Power of People – will be held on September 26 and 27 in Grande Prairie, and there will be several sessions of interest to trustees.

Present:

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| Carolyn Kolababa (Chair) | Northern Sunrise County |
| Gena Jones | Town of Beaverlodge |
| Lorrie Shelp | Big Lakes County |
| Denise Joudrey | Birch Hills County |
| Peter Frixel | Clear Hills County |
| Ray Skrepnek | MD of Fairview |
| Stan Golob | Town 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 |
| Chris Thiessen | City of Grande Prairie |
| Roxie Rutt | MD of Greenview |
| Beth Gillis | Town of High Level |
| Marie Brulotte | Town of High Prairie |
| Camille Zavisha | Village of Hines Creek |
| Sandra Miller | Village of Hythe |
| Brad Pearson | MD of Lesser Slave River |
| Philippa O'Mahony | Town of McLennan |
| Belinda Halabisky | County of Northern Lights |
| Brendan Powell | MD of Opportunity |
| Reta Nooskey | Paddle Prairie Métis Settlement |
| Sandra Eastman | MD of Peace |
| Elaine Manzer | Town of Peace River (Teleconference) |
| 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 |

Regrets:

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| April Doll | Town of Manning |
| Cheryl Novak | Village of Nampa |
| Joy McGregor | Town of Slave Lake |
| Anna Underwood | Town of Wembley |
| Vacant | Village of Berwyn |
| Vacant | Village of Donnelly |
| Vacant | Village of Girouxville |

Absent:

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| Dennis Sukeroff | Town of Grimshaw |
| Jessica Juneau | Town of Rainbow Lake |

Quick Facts 2019
Population Served: 174,620
Members: 38 municipalities & 1 Métis Settlement
Member Public Libraries: 46
Contracting Schools: 50
Chair: Carolyn Kolebaba (Northern Sunrise County)
Director: Linda Duplessis

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