



Board Meeting Highlights September 14, 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.

PLS has received half of its 2019 provincial operating grant, with the rest pending approval of the new provincial budget.

The Board received the final report on the provincial 2018-2019 Indigenous Populations Grant as well as an update on library outreach services to Indigenous communities. The Director reported that half of the 2019-2020 Grant had been received.

Revisions were approved to the *Provision of Municipal Library Services Policy*, the *Memorandum of Agreement for Library Board Services* and the *Agreement for the Provision of Library Services at a Library Service Point*.

The Board received notification from the Grande Prairie Public Library Board that it wished to terminate the Memorandum of Agreement to provide resource sharing services for the region. These responsibilities will be assumed by PLS effective January 1, 2020.

With the resignation of Beth Gillis (Town of High Level), alternate Camille Zavisha (Village of Hines Creek) will act as the Area 1 (Peace) representative on the Alberta Library Trustees Association Board.

The Consulting Services Manager reported that 40 libraries ran summer reading programs and PLS would be compiling statistics on participation. She also reported that the *Niche Academy* eResource now included Indigenous oral history videos from the MD of Opportunity.

As a result of discussion on SuperNet bandwidth for libraries, PLS will send a request to library boards and municipalities asking them write to Minister Glubish regarding bandwidth needs and possible solutions.

PLS launched a new fall marketing campaign called **Save Money – Use Your Library**. It will feature Facebook and radio ads, posters and bookmarks, and will challenge people to check their borrowing receipt to see how much they saved by using their local public library.

Four board members received long service recognition. Elaine Garrow (MD of Spirit River) and Reta Nooskey (Paddle Prairie Métis Settlement) were recognized for 15 years of service. Carolyn Kolebaba (Northern Sunrise County) and Ray Skrepnek (MD of Fairview) were recognized for 20 years of service.

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

Present:	
Carolyn Kolebaba (Chair)	Northern Sunrise County
Ann Stewart	Big Lakes County
Denise Joudrey	Birch 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
Roxie Rutt	MD of Greenview
Marie Brulotte	Town of High Prairie
Camille Zavisha	Village of Hines Creek
Brad Pearson	MD of Lesser Slave River
Philippa O'Mahony	Town of McLennan
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
Elaine Manzer	Town of Peace River
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
Tanya Boman	Town of Valleyview
Anna Underwood	Town of Wembley

Regrets:	
Gena Jones	Town of Beaverlodge
Chris Thiessen	City of Grande Prairie
Linda Waddy	County of Grande Prairie
Dennis Sukeroff	Town of Grimshaw
Sandra Miller	Village of Hythe
April Doll	Town of Manning
Joy McGregor	Town of Slave Lake
Vacant	Village of Berwyn
Vacant	Village of Donnelly
Vacant	Village of Girouxville
Vacant	Town of High Level

Absent:	
Peter Frixel	Clear Hills County
Jessica Juneau	Town of Rainbow Lake
Raoul Johnson	MD of Smoky River

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