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Diahann Potrebenko, Mayor
Village of Rycroft
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Dear Mayor Potrebenko:

Thank you for confirming your representative on the Peace Library Board (or if your confirmation is on the way). According to the Alberta Libraries Act (17), the Peace Library Board "has full management and control of the library system and shall, in accordance with the regulations and in cooperation with other boards, organize, promote and maintain comprehensive and efficient library services." Your representative is one of 39 members on this governing board which is responsible for ensuring that regional library services meet the needs of our 46 member public libraries. This regional partnership makes all of our libraries stronger and brings more resources to our residents.

The Peace Library Board values contributions from all of its members at the four scheduled meetings each year. I do want to make you aware that attendance at Board meetings is addressed in the Alberta Libraries Act (31[1,2]): "A person is disqualified from remaining a member of a board if the person fails to attend, without being authorized by a resolution of the board to do so, three consecutive regular meetings of the board. If a member of a board is disqualified from remaining a member under subsection (1), the person is deemed to have resigned the person's seat on the board." Should your representative miss three consecutive meetings, the Board will advise you and ask you to appoint another individual to that position.

We welcome your representative's participation at Peace Library Board meetings. Please take note of some of the details of the Board meetings in the attached Fact Sheet and contact Linda Duplessis, Director, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Kolebaba, Chair
Peace Library Board

PEACE LIBRARY SYSTEM FACT SHEET

BOARD REPRESENTATION: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

The Peace Library System is a partnership of 38 municipalities and one Métis settlement in the Peace Region committed to making municipal tax dollars for library services go farther through cooperation and sharing.

As a member of the Peace Library System, your municipality is entitled to appoint a voting representative to the Board of Directors. Your representative can be:

- a municipal councilor, or
- a member of the public with an interest in libraries, literacy, or technology, as long as that person agrees to attend the meetings and carry information between your council and the Peace Library Board. This person could be a member of your local library board.

We ask municipalities to appoint an alternate who can attend Board meetings and vote in the absence of the designated representative.

Responsibilities

A Peace Library Board member is appointed and entrusted by local government to govern regional library services for the benefit of Peace Library System and its members. Representatives on the Board participate actively in Board business through meeting attendance, discussions and workshops, and regularly report back to their councils. Serving on the System Board is a great opportunity for councilors or other appointees to:

- learn about the range of services provided by public libraries in their community and across the region
- ensure that their residents' needs are met as libraries move ahead with technology and connectivity
- network with municipal representatives from municipal jurisdictions across the Peace Region.

Attendance: Please note that the Alberta Libraries Act [31(1,2)] states that a person is disqualified from remaining a member of the board - and deemed to have resigned their position - if they miss three consecutive regular meetings of the board, unless they are authorized by a resolution of the board to do so.

Meetings

You can expect the following time commitment to attend general board meetings:

How often? The Board of Directors meets four times a year in February, May, September, and November.

How long? Meetings are held on Saturdays beginning at 10:30 a.m. Lunch is provided by the Peace Library System, and the meetings usually end by 2:00 p.m. Overnight accommodation is provided if necessary.

Where? Board meetings are held at System headquarters in Grande Prairie or other locations that can accommodate a large group. Mileage is paid at the current province of Alberta rate.

Committees Members of the Executive, Personnel, and Plan of Service Committees are elected at the November organizational meeting.

PEACE LIBRARY SYSTEM: Working with Communities to Make Libraries Stronger

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