



## Board Meeting Highlights February 27, 2021 (via Zoom)

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 held a full Board meeting on 27 February over Zoom and those in the headquarters building were able to see the new AV equipment in action.

The CEO provided an update on the pandemic response in PLS and the work experience sessions for two LIT practicum students coming up soon. A discussion was had around the schools packages and some cancellations thereof. Updates were also provided on TAL, ALTA and TRAC (The Regional Automation Consortium). The 2020 Annual Report to Municipal Affairs was provided for discussion as well as the annual reports for the service points for which PLS is the Board. Additionally, discussion was had around how PLS can support Paddle Prairie Metis Settlement.

Revisions were approved to the following policies: *Finance Policy for Library Service Points, Hours of Service Policy for Library Service Points, Library Use Policy for Library Service Points, Personnel Policy for Library Service Points, Records Management Policy for Library Service Points, Selection Purchase Deselection Policy for Library Service Points, Legislative Bylaws of the PLS Board for its Library Service Points.* Additionally, new policies *Cell Phone Allowance Policy* and *Working Alone Policy*, were approved.

The Consulting Services Manager reported that the Summer Reading Program will now be managed provincially by TAL. Consulting has continued virtually and Coffee Chats resume in March. The LibPAS annual reports completed by libraries were finished and submitted by the deadline of 28 February. Statistics were provided on the usage of eResources during 2020 which showed a marked increase, between 17% and 89% increase depending on the provider.

The IT Services Manager reported that the server replacement project has been completed. The SuperNet transition is expected to begin in May 2021 with most completing transition by June. Microsoft Teams has been rolled out to HQ staff.

The Technical Services Manager reported that the 2020/21 rollover went smoothly and has been completed. Interlibrary loan access to the patron side of Relais has been restored by the Branch. The courier department has a number of zippered canvas book bags that they are looking to give away. With the new supervisor getting up to speed, cataloguing should be back up to normal levels soon.

### Present:

Carolyn Kolebaba (Chair)  
Gena Jones  
Cindy Hockley  
Lorrie Shelp  
Denise Joudrey  
Peter Frixel  
Ray Skrepnek  
Lindsay Brown  
Meesha Bainton  
Linda Waddy  
Chris Thiessen  
Roxie Chapman  
Dennis Sukeroff  
Brent Anderson  
Brian Gilroy  
Camille Zavisha  
Sandra Miller  
Brad Pearson  
Sunni-Jeanne Walker  
Marie-Anne Jones  
Cheryl Novak  
Belinda Halabisky  
Sandra Eastman  
Michelle Farris  
Roxann Dreger  
John Moen  
Clinton Froehlick  
Raoul Johnson  
Harry Ezio  
Elaine Garrow  
Tanya Boman  
Anna Underwood

Northern Sunrise County  
Town of Beaverlodge  
Village of Berwyn  
Big Lakes County  
Birch Hills County  
Clear Hills County  
MD of Fairview  
Town of Falher  
Town of Fox Creek  
County of Grande Prairie  
City of Grande Prairie  
MD of Greenview  
Town of Grimshaw  
Town of High Level  
Town of High Prairie  
Village of Hines Creek  
Village of Hythe  
MD of Lesser Slave River  
Town of Manning  
Town of McLennan  
Village of Nampa  
County of Northern Lights  
MD of Peace  
Town of Rainbow Lake  
Village of Rycroft  
Saddle Hills County  
Town of Sexsmith  
MD of Smoky River  
Town of Spirit River  
MD of Spirit River  
Town of Valleyview  
Town of Wembley

### Regrets:

Brendan Powell  
Elaine Manzer  
Vacant  
Vacant

MD of Opportunity  
Town of Peace River  
Village of Donnelly  
Village of Girouxville

### Absent:

Stan Golob  
Reta Nooskey  
  
Joy McGregor

Town of Fairview  
Paddle Prairie Métis  
Settlement  
Town of Slave Lake

### Quick Facts 2020

Population Served: 175,246  
Members: 38 municipalities & 1 Métis Settlement  
Member Public Libraries: 46  
Contracting Schools: 50  
Chair: Carolyn Kolebaba (Northern Sunrise County)  
CEO: Louisa Robison

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Peace Library System acknowledges Treaty 8 territory as well as the Métis Nation of Alberta. Peace Library System libraries are located on territory that provided a travelling route and home to many Indigenous peoples.