



# Board Meeting Highlights May 28, 2022

*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 28 May, 2022.

Year-end committee reports were presented, including the Chair’s report, the Personnel and the Plan of Service Committee reports. Additionally, the Annual Report infographic and the PLS by the Numbers reports were presented, and the Audited Financial Statements for the 2021 fiscal year were presented and approved by the Board.

The CEO reported that visits have been made to most councils and visits to member boards have begun. She reported on the TRAC Advisory Committee meeting that was held in May. She reported on the Sixties Scoop presentation that will be presented in 2022, originally scheduled for 2020 and postponed due to COVID. As well, progress was reported on bringing the Paddle Prairie library back online, despite moving some target dates due to flooding in the area. She initiated a discussion of potential benefits of fitting the building to run with solar power. Additionally, she reported on the work of the Indigenous Outreach workers and the activities that have done to bring library service to on-reserve/on-settlement populations.

The Technical Services Manager reported that acquisitions has been slow and requests libraries spend their allotments regularly. As well, one courier van and one consulting vehicle will be replaced soon.

The IT Services Manager reported that the next Polaris upgrade is scheduled for June and that IT Services is doing in-person visits. She also reported that due to supply chain issues, technology purchases are resulting in backorders.

The Consulting Services Manager reported consulting visits continued in person. She reported that TD Summer Reading club has 26 libraries signed up for the theme, “Once Upon A Time”. She reported planning for the 2022 Stronger Together conference, the Public Libraries meeting and the training being delivered to library managers.

Revisions were approved for the following policies: *Data Security Policy, Internet and Electronic Mail Acceptable Use Policy.*

The Capital Plan for 2022-2026 was presented and approved. The Advisory Committee meeting minutes for Northern Sunrise County, Clear Hills County and County of Northern Lights were presented.

**Quick Facts 2022**  
Population Served: 178,009  
Members: 37 municipalities & 1 Métis Settlement  
Member Public Libraries: 46  
Contracting Schools: 34  
Chair: Carolyn Kolebaba (Northern Sunrise County)  
CEO: Louisa Robison

**Present:**

Carolyn Kolebaba, Chair	Northern Sunrise County
Cindy Hockley	Village of Berwyn
Ann Stewart	Big Lakes County
Denise Joudrey	Birch Hills County
Amber Bean	Clear Hills County
Dalen Richardson	MD of Fairview
Stan Golob	Town of Fairview
Lindsay Brown	Town of Falher
Meesha Bainton	Town of Fox Creek
Mike O’Connor	City of Grande Prairie
Karen Rosvold	County of Grande Prairie
Tom Burton	MD of Greenview
Colleen Sklapsky	Town of Grimshaw
Brent Anderson	Town of High Level
Alison Bjornson	Village of Hines Creek
Brad Pearson	MD of Lesser Slave River
Agnes Roshuk	Village of Nampa
Belinda Halabisky	County of Northern Lights
Tahirih Wiebe	MD of Opportunity
Theresa Johnson	MD of Peace
Elaine Manzer	Town of Peace River
Michelle Farris	Town of Rainbow Lake
Roxann Dreger	Village of Rycroft
Elaine Garrow	MD of Spirit River
Tanya Boman	Town of Valleyview
Anna Underwood	Town of Wembley

**Regrets:**

James Waikle	Town of High Prairie
Greg Pasichnuk	Town of Manning
Clint Froehlick	Town of Sexsmith
Vacant	Village of Donnelly
Vacant	Village of Girouxville

**Absent:**

Gena Jones	Town of Beaverlodge
Reta Nooskey	Paddle Prairie Métis Settlement
Margaret Jacobs	Town of McLennan
Kirsten Smith	Saddle Hills County
Kimberly Hughes	Town of Slave Lake
Harry Ezio	Town of Spirit River
Alain Blanchette	MD of Smoky River

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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.*