Board Meeting Highlights
25 May 2024

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 25 May 2024.

The 2023 Audit Findings and the Audited Financial Statements were presented for review, and were passed by the Board.

Revisions were approved for the following policies: *Staff Travel Policy, Trustee Continuing Education Policy, Acceptance of Gifts and Gratuities Policy, Continuing Education and Professional Development Policy, Performance Management and Discipline Policy, Personal Appearance Policy, Public Statements Policy, Suspensions Policy;* the *Materials Selection and Acquisitions Policy* and the *Trustee Recognition Policy* were reaffirmed with no changes.

Item for discussion included a presentation on the benefits of System membership in the Alberta Library Trustees Association (ALTA) by Hank Smit, Vice Chair of ALTA.

2023 year end reports from the Personnel and Plan of Service Committees were presented and accepted.

The CEO reported that the boiler system in the headquarters building and the airflow issues can be addressed at the same time, that the Peace River Municipal Library had their 90th anniversary and PLS will be supplying a commemorative gift, that the grant for the replacement delivery van has been approved and received, two new staff members are joining PLS and that plan of service meetings were held, that TRAC will be holding its annual advisory committee meeting in June.

Staff reported the flow of materials through Collection Services area is still improving; that version 7.5 of Polaris was rolled out and that the wireless upgrade project will be completed this summer; Consulting visits to libraries will soon start after the Symposium and Public Libraries Meeting. The Symposium will be 31 May at the Pomeroy in Grande Prairie. TD Summer Reading Club theme is “To the Stars”, with 17 member libraries signed up. Stronger Together will take place 3-4 October in Edmonton.

The PLS annual Report was approved and will be distributed to all interested parties as well as being made available on the PLS website, along with the approved audited financial statements.

Board Representatives:

Agnes Roshuk	Village of Nampa
Alain Blanchette	MD of Smoky River
Alison Bjornson	Village of Hines Creek
Amber Bean	Clear Hills County
Ann Stewart	Big Lakes County
Anna Underwood	Town of Wembley
Belinda Halabisky	County of Northern Lights
Brad Pearson	MD of Lesser Slave River
Cal Mosher	Town of Beaverlodge
Carmen Johnson	Town of Grimshaw
Carolyn Kolebaba	Northern Sunrise County
Cindy Hockley	Village of Berwyn
Clinton Froehlick	Town of Sexsmith
Dalen Richardson	MD of Fairview
Denise Joudrey	Birch Hills County
Elaine Manzer	Town of Peace River
Grant Berg	City of Grande Prairie
Greg Pasichnuk	Town of Manning
Harry Ezio	Town of Spirit River
Jacqueline Maisonneuve	Town of McLennan
James Waikle	Town of High Prairie
Kristen Smith	Saddle Hills County
Leanne Beaupre	County of Grande Prairie
Lindsay Brown	Town of Falher
Mark Liboiron	Town of High Level
Meesha Bainton	Town of Fox Creek
Michelle Farris	Town of Rainbow Lake
Nick Van Rootselaar	MD of Spirit River
Reta Nooskey	Paddle Prairie Metis Settlement
Roxann Dreger	Village of Rycroft
Stan Golob	Town of Fairview
Steve Adams	Town of Slave Lake
Tahirih Wiebe	MD of Opportunity
Tanya Boman	Town of Valleyview
Theresa Johnson	MD of Peace
Tom Burton	MD of Greenview

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Quick Facts 2024

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

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.