



PRL BOARD TALK

Highlights of the Parkland Regional Library Board Meeting

NOVEMBER 9, 2017

Elder-in-Residence

Parkland introduced Roy Louis as our Elder-in-Residence for the Parkland region. A member of the Samson Cree Nation, Roy is descended from a family of traditional leaders. Roy will be available to our member libraries for programs, consultation, and knowledge sharing.

Organizational Meeting

Parkland's board has 29 new members. Board Members in attendance elected the new executive committee, and Board Chair. Debra Smith was re-appointed Board Chair by acclamation.

Executive Committee

The Executive Committee has many new faces, along with a few returning members.

Debra Smith, Board Chair (Village of Loughheed)

Dana Depalme, Red Deer County

Deb Cryderman, City of Camrose

Jason Alderson, West Country (Town of Rocky Mountain House)

Kevin Ferguson, West Central (Town of Ponoka)

Janine Stannard, South East (County of Paintearth)

Stephen Levy, North East (Town of Sedgewick)

Ray Olfert, Central (Town of Blackfalds)

Bob Green, South (Town of Carstairs)

Sharolyn Sanchez, South Central (Town of Penhold)

2018 Budget Approval

Parklands 2018 budget requisition increase of 1% has been overwhelmingly approved by municipalities.

PRL Governing Service Points

There is interest in Parkland taking on governance of two new outlet libraries. Current policy states that Parkland will not take on any more outlets. The board has requested that the Executive Committee investigate possibilities and report back.

2018 Board Meeting Dates

February 22 – Approve 2017 annual report, review strategic plan.

May 24 – Approval of 2017 Audit

September 13 – Approval of 2019 Budget

November 8 – Organizational Meeting

Alberta Library Conference 2018

Parkland will pay cover costs for 3 board members and the board chair to attend this conference in Jasper, Alberta. Corby Parsons (Village of Caroline), Dana Kreil (Lacombe County), and Rosella Peterman (Town of Bashaw) will attend ALC 2018.

2018 PLSB Symposium

February 23-24 Public Library Services Branch's will host a symposium focused on topics relevant to library board trustees. Topics include: the Libraries Act, employment standards, OH&S, board & staff relations, personnel policies, minimum wage and salary grids, benefits, etc. Space is limited with only 125 seats. Parkland will provide travel funds to help our members attend.

Community News from Trustees

Blackfalds Library Board submitted a budget to council that would allow them to completely eliminate card fees.

Coronation has started plenty of new programming for children and youth. They have had up to 18 kids show up for their chess club, with regular attendance hovering around 10-12. Create Club has been very popular, and they have a Lego table coming soon to engage creative minds.

Next Meeting: February 22, 2018, 1:00 PM.