



# Pahkisimon Nuyeh'áh Library System

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## Pahkisimon Nuyeh'áh Library System Advocacy Committee Meeting Minutes 23 September 2022

### In attendance:

**Board:** Delilah Aubichon, Chair; Richard Thommes, Vice-Chair; Laura Custer; Barb Flett; Michelle Gale; Darlene Morin

**Staff:** James Hope Howard, Director; Harriet Roy, Assistant Director; Linda Collins (by Zoom).

**Regrets:** Sean Molloy

### 1. Call to Order and Land Acknowledgement

The meeting was called to order by D. Aubichon at 3:03PM. The land acknowledgement was recited.

### 2. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was reviewed and the following were added:

6.3 Enabling Accessibility Fund (EAF) Application Discussion

8.4 Northern Saskatchewan Archives Displays at Alex Robertson Public Library (Saskatchewan Culture Days, Sept. 23–Oct. 16)

8.5 SLA One Book One Province Author Reading Planning (March 2023)

**Motion: ADV2022-09-23-01**

**To approve the agenda as amended**

**M. Gale/B. Flett  
/Carried**

### 3. Approval of Minutes, 10 June 2022

The minutes of the 10 June, 2022 meeting was reviewed and there were no errors or omissions.

**Motion: ADV2022-09-23-02**

**To approve the minutes as presented**

**B. Flett/R. Thommes  
/Carried**

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### 4. Business Arising from the Minutes

#### 4.1 Summer Literacy Camp 2022 Coordinator Training, July 5

This year, the Coordinator of the Literacy Camp was Jordan Kolbeck. James attended the training and it went very well. There were packages assembled and distributed.

#### 4.2 SLA + SPRA + SRPA Library Park Passes Pilot Project Wrap-up

The pilot project went from June 1 to September 15, and it did very well. There were 40 passes for our area, with a total of 30 being checked out. The consensus was that it should be extended for next year, and include the provincial passes.

#### 4.3 Harold Johnson Fund Established

The Harold Johnson Fund has been established and currently has just under \$1,500 collected. There has been a lot of interest in the fund, and we have made it easier by using the e-transfer option for donations. The library is waiting on the family to guide us on the future of the donations.

### 5. Ongoing Business

#### 5.1 PNLS Branded Items / Stationary / Merchandise / Etc.

We have been looking for items that we can use for branding of the library, the most recent being a water bottle with our PNLS logo on it. Lisa also has a machine that can transfer our logo to mugs. These will be looked at for our conference.

Pens are always a good option. USB drives were a hit from past conferences.

Any other ideas are very welcome.

#### 5.2 Community Outreach Opportunities

##### 5.2.1 Sponsorships and Donations

We haven't had any requests for sponsorships in the last few months. The most recent Mayor of La Ronge, Colin Ratushniak, has left the area for a new job. He sent a

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lovely thank-you card for our donation to the Pride Parade.

There will be a by-election for a new mayor, and then a second by-election to fill the councillor position left vacant by the mayor election.

Because of the various by-elections in Saskatoon, we will likely have a blackout on part of the Indigenous Subject Headings. James went through the reasoning for the headings changes, and how it would affect the listing of subject headings.

### 5.2.2 Library Establishment Anniversary

#### Acknowledgements

We are updating our file for the major library milestone years, both ours and the Member Libraries.

We will look at a permanent installation for each library, possibly a plaque with information regarding the library.

We will need to check with Graham, regarding the anniversary dates that may be in the archives.

### 5.3 PNLS Website and Social Media Updates and Engagement

#### 5.3.1 PNLS Website Governance Section Development

James has been working on this section and he has uploaded various PDF copies of the AGMs and annual audits. For those that are missing, Linda will check with Grant Thornton for copies.

The Executive and Sub-Committee Minutes are being uploaded as well. Those from the last board meetings will be uploaded after they have been signed off at this meeting.

### 5.4 Ministry of Education Libraries Sector Plan Progress Update

#### 5.4.1 Directors & PLLO Meeting, August 25

August 25 was the latest meeting. The first year was statistics and comparisons between provinces. Establish commonalities. Focus meetings are continuing.

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## **6. Fundraising Activities and Targets**

### **6.1 PNLS HQ Archives Fundraiser Book Sale, August 5–12**

We mostly had books this time, rather than a full yard sale. We were able to get rid of a lot of books, and earned just under \$400.00 over the course of the sale. Once books have been through the book sale three times, we will then dispose of them.

### **6.2 Fundraising Sources Brainstorming and Discussion**

The provincial government is our primary source of annual funding. Harriet has been very successful in fundraising for her programs, and the current SaskPower grant is in its last year.

### **6.3 Enabling Accessibility Fund (EAF) Application Discussion**

Linda shared the briefing notes of the grant application. It is a grant from the Federal Government to access money for accessibility issues. The project cannot go over 24 months, the grant application cannot be for any more than \$100,000.00, and have to match 20% of the \$100,000 maximum available.

It would enable us to upgrade the front walkway and exit doors. Linda will do the grant under the community accessibility space. Are there any other items that are suitable to be added to the grant?

Linda will work on the quotes and letters of support from the community.

## **7. Policy Review and Approval**

There are no policies ready to come to the table yet.

## **8. Other Business**

### **8.1 PNLS Online Information Package 2022-23 Now Available**

The package is now on the front page of our website. Letters went out to many different places—schools, libraries, boards and others—that can use the information. We have also sent out a paper survey to learn whether there is help needed for any of the libraries, such as training, inventories, or workbees.

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### **8.2 Northern Saskatchewan Archives Provincial Archivist Visit and SCAA Award Presentation, July 19**

We had a visit from Carol Radford-Grant, the Provincial Archivist. Graham Guest received a Lifetime Recognition Award. It was a very good turnout.

### **8.3 Northern Saskatchewan Archives Displays at LLRIB Cree Gathering, August 23–25**

Graham has been doing a number of displays for the Cree gatherings.

### **8.4 Northern Saskatchewan Archives Displays at Alex Robertson Public Library (Saskatchewan Culture Days, Sept. 23–Oct. 16)**

Graham has a permanent display done that is available at the Alex Robertson Library. He will change out portions on a regular basis, as needed.

### **8.5 SLA One Book One Province Author Reading Planning (March 2023)**

Sean Stares from Alex Robertson Public Library is on the SLA Programming Committee. Next year's OBOP author, Michelle Good, will be doing a reading of their book "Five Little Indians", based on the true stories of residential children who were relocated to British Columbia.

## **9. Next Meeting**

To be decided at the Executive Committee meeting, September 24, 2022.

## **10. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:16PM by D. Aubichon.

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