



## Pahkisimon Nuyeháh Library System

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### Advocacy Committee Meeting MINUTES Sept 21, 2018

**In Attendance:** Darlene Morin, Chairperson; Cassandra Duff; Delilah Aubichon; Doreen Polischuk; Shirley Martin;

**Staff:** James Hope Howard, Director; Harriet Roy, Assistant Director; Ramandeep Kaur, Finance Manager and Office Administrator and Recorder

**Unable to Attend:** Laura Custer

1. Call the Meeting to Order  
The meeting was called to order by Darlene Morin at 3:07 p.m.
2. Review and Adopt the Agenda

**MOTION AC2018-01:** **Cassandra Duff / Harriet Roy**  
**That the agenda be adopted as presented.**  
/Carried

3. Review and adopt the Minutes of 1 December 2017

**MOTION AC2018-02:** **Doreen Polischuk / Delilah Aubichon**  
**That the minutes of 1 December 2017 be adopted as presented.**  
/Carried

4. Committee Mandate Briefing  
James went through the Personnel Committee Mandate briefly.
5. Business Arising from the Minutes
  - 5.1 SUMA & SARM Conventions 2018  
SUMA (Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association) and SARM (Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities) Conventions 2018 Annual Conventions were held from March 13-16 in Saskatoon. The conventions provided SARM members the opportunity to gather as a whole to vote on and debate resolutions, discuss current issues. There was a trade show afterward.
  - 5.2 SLA Saskatchewan Libraries Conference 2018, Regina  
James reported that The SLA Conference was held at the Double Tree by Hilton in Regina on Thursday, May 3rd and Friday, May 4th as part of a week-long convergence of national library leaders. The theme of the week-long event was



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“Libraries! Convergence under Living Skies”. Harriet provided a presentation on LSSAP and James provided a presentation on PNLS. Canadian Association of Research Libraries (CARL) Members Meeting was on May 1<sup>st</sup>.

### 6. Ongoing Business

#### 6.1 Federal Ministry Letters for Funding Possibilities

James reported that in 2016 James and Lorna went to INAC and discussed about funding for archives. He reported that we are unable to receive any money from the federal govt as all the funding goes to the band first and then get distributed to the schools etc. For getting funds we need to talk to the Grand Councils and to the Band Councils directly. He will be writing letters to the federal ministry once the dissolution of Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) and a plan to create two new departments get resolved.

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

James reported that an order needs to be placed for New USB's with PNLS logo. Little statues, shaped like a book has been ordered for the Northern Libraries Conference to celebrate the anniversaries.

#### 6.3 Headquarters Building and Infrastructure

James gave a detailed report which covered the following topics: we now have the defibrillator on the wall in the meeting room, with instructions for its use in the box and a video to watch; the garage door is now fixed, they adjusted the tension and it should be checked annually; heating for the upstairs was discussed; Kirk Riese will check the lights in the stacks. Exit lights were replaced. Before snow somebody needs to go on the roof and check the leakage and gutters. We now have the defibrillator on the wall in the meeting room with instructions for its use in the box and a video to watch. Staff will watch the video in the next Monday morning staff meeting. AED signs are placed in the building.

#### 6.4 Website and Social Media Updates and Engagement

James reported that the framework of the PNLS website is at the SILS level now. SILS Consortium has developed a new app now, which is available on iPhone and Android. It has a barcode tap; if you tap your card it will give you the barcode. Teacher packages have been uploaded on the Wiki. Nothing much is going on the website as PNLS consultant is not here.

#### 6.5 Ministry of Education / PLLO Saskatchewan Libraries Review and Public Engagement

James reported that Ministry of Education and PLLO have put together a panel to review the libraries. This panel consists of regional libraries' directors and MLAs. Public Libraries review committee is setting a meeting with regions. Alice Hopkins from Provincial Library; Jeff Barber, Director of Regina Public



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Library; Kim Hebig from Wheatland Public Library and Terry Dennis, MLA are on the review committee. Our Executive Committee will meet the committee. Prospective dates are: Nov 16, 17; Nov 30; Dec 1. Four general engagement topics are:

- Role responsibility Clarity (Including PLLO and Municipal Governance)
- Governance, Legislation
- Impact of fiscal pressure
- Future state of libraries.

### 6.6 Community Outreach Opportunities

Possibilities of Going to table sales, Community gatherings and Volunteering on the Ice Volves games were discussed.

## 7. Fundraising Targets

7.1 Northern Saskatchewan Libraries Archives / Archival Fundraising and Lobbying  
James reported that we have met our fundraising goal for the Archives. Fund raising was done in June. Around \$1,000 was raised during this event. James talked to Jeane from Chinook and she suggested the idea to talk the Provincial Archive branches in Saskatoon and in Regina about funding and we might can tie the PNLs archive to get dedicated funding. SCAA is more project related one time funding.

## 8. New Business

### 8.1 PNLs Makerspace Kits

James reported that we now have Buttons Maker Kit, Ozobot kit and going to place an order for little Robots, Cubelets.

### 8.2 CRA Charity Advocacy Changes (Canada Without Poverty AG Canada, 2018 ONSC 4147)

The Canadian Revenue Agency's restriction on charities that they spend no more than 10 per cent of their time on political advocacy was called an unconstitutional limit on freedom of expression by a Canadian Supreme Court judge, Justice Ed Morgan.

## 10. Policy Review and Approval

None to report.

## 11. Other Business

None

## 12. Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be in coordination with the next Executive Committee meeting.

## 13. Adjournment: Darlene Morin adjourned the meeting at 4:14 p.m.