



**PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT
ELECTORAL AREA DIRECTORS' COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

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DATE: June 19, 2014
TIME: 10 a.m.
PLACE: Regional District Office Boardroom, Dawson Creek, BC

PRESENT:

Directors: Karen Goodings, Electoral Area 'B' and Meeting Chair
Arthur Hadland, Electoral Area 'C'
Leonard Hiebert, Electoral Area 'D'
Jerrilyn Schembri, Electoral Area 'E'

Staff: Chris Cvik, Chief Administrative Officer
Shannon Anderson, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Barb Coburn, Recording Secretary

Guests: Kathy Sawchuk, Superintendent, School District 59
Allan Van Tassel, Director of Operations, School District 59

Call to Order Chair Goodings called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Vary the Agenda MOVED by Director Hadland, SECONDED by Director Schembri,
That the agenda be varied to deal with D-1 at this time.

CARRIED.

DELEGATIONS:

D-1 The Chair introduced Kathy Sawchuk, Superintendent and Allan Van Tassel, Director of
School District 59 Operations for School District No. 59 who are here today to update the Directors on the status of
bussing in the south Peace region.

Ms. Sawchuk briefly explained that the transportation portion of the total School District budget is being reduced annually; and therefore, they have devised a contingency plan. She also explained that, due to the declining enrolment, School District No. 59 receives funding protection from the Province. They have been able to set aside a portion of that funding in a reserve to assist with potential future funding shortfalls as part of the contingency plan. Some of the funds were used to upgrade infrastructure, such as heating systems, roofing and to the implementation of an energy management plan.

Mr. Van Tassel reviewed the current process for the scheduling of busses. Changes are constantly being made to the bus schedule as schools close, families move in or out of the district, etc. A recent third-party review determined that bussing in the South Peace School District is operating efficiently. A few suggestions are being reviewed for possible implementation in the future. It will be a challenge to accommodate students in the One Island Lake area.

The School District is currently in Phase 4 of the four-phase plan that the district has been implementing over the past three years. Most of the closed schools have been have sold. Efforts are on-going for the sale of Tate Creek School to the community. At this time O'Brien school is being utilized by the City of Dawson Creek and the School District.

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DELEGATIONS (CONTINUED):

D-1 (continued) A discussion ensued regarding teacher recruitment, the affect work camps have on the district,
School District 59 the various formulas being used to determine school requirements, and the efforts of the district
to lobby for changes. School District No. 59 is 'holding its own'; therefore, the delegates thanked
the Directors for the offer to assist with funding for bussing but declined any assistance from the
Regional District at this time.

The Directors thanked the delegates for the update and wished them success with their plans for
the future. The delegates left the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

June 19, 2014 Agenda MOVED by Director Hadland, SECONDED by Director Hiebert,
That the Electoral Area Directors' Committee agenda for the June 19, 2014 meeting, be adopted,
including items of new business:
Call to Order: Director Goodings to Chair the meeting
Director's Notice of New Business:
Adoption of Agenda:
Adoption of Minutes:
M-1 Electoral Area Directors' Committee Meeting Minutes of May 22, 2014
Business Arising from the Minutes:
Delegations:
D-1 Kathy Sawchuk, Superintendent and Allan Van Tassel, Director of Operations, regarding Changes
to School Bus Transportation within School District No. 59.
Correspondence:
C-1 Email from Leah Mellott, General Manager, Electoral Area Administration, Regional District of North
Okanagan, regarding her General Manager position.
Reports:
R-1 June 13, 2014 report from Jodi MacLean, Assistant Manager of Development Services regarding
One Island Lake Water Monitoring.e
New Business:
NB-1 Primer Letter
NB-2 Highway Patrols at Pink Mountain
NB-3 Powerful Coalition Forming - the Flip Side
NB-4 Proactive Bylaw Enforcement
NB-5 Invasive Plant Manager update
Diary:
Adjournment:

CARRIED.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

M-1 MOVED by Director Hadland, SECONDED by Director Schembri,
EADC Meeting Minutes of That the Electoral Area Directors Committee minutes of May 22, 2014 be adopted.
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CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE:

C-1 MOVED by Director Hadland, SECONDED by Director Hiebert,
General Manager, Electoral That staff investigate the General Manager, Electoral Area Administration position and prepare a
Area Administration report for the next Electoral Area Directors' Committee meeting.

CARRIED.

REPORTS:

R-1 The Directors reviewed the report from the BC Lake Stewardship and Monitoring Program on One Island Lake. It was noted that the report was well done and very interesting. The Directors requested that a copy of the report be distributed to all Directors.

Adjournment MOVED by Director Hadland, SECONDED by Director Hiebert,
That the meeting adjourn.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Karen Goodings, Chair

Barb Coburn, Recording Secretary