



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

DATE: July 21, 2016

PLACE: Regional District Office Boardroom, Dawson Creek, BC

PRESENT:

Directors: Karen Goodings, Director, Electoral Area 'B' and Meeting Chair
Leonard Hiebert, Director, Electoral Area 'D'
Dan Rose, Director, Electoral Area 'E'
Brad Sperling, Director, Electoral Area 'C'

Staff: Chris Cvik, Chief Administrative Officer
Trish Morgan, General Manager of Community and Electoral Area Services
Claire Negrin, Assistant Manager of Development Services
Fran Haughian, Communications Manager / Commissions Liaison
Erin Price, Bylaw Enforcement Officer
Barb Coburn, Recording Secretary

Call to Order Chair Goodings called the meeting to order at 11:52 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

July 21, 2016 Agenda

MOVED by Director Sperling, SECONDED by Director Rose,
That the Electoral Area Directors' Committee agenda for the July 21, 2016 meeting be adopted:
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 April 29, 2016.
Business Arising from the Minutes:
Delegations:
Correspondence:
C-1 Letter from Gloria Rounds concerns - Re: ATV user
C-2 Email from Bess Legault, B.Sc., B.I.T. – Peace Bat Conservation Project – Bat Box Pickup
C-3 Open Burning Smoke Control Regulation – Policy Update
C-4 Farmers in Canada and Monsanto - for Discussion
C-5 Ministry of Environment and dumping on Crown Land - for Discussion (Director Goodings)
C-6 Katie Berezan, Administrative Assistant, Residential Inclining Block Rate Report to
Government of BC - Request for Comments
Reports
R-1 June 3, 2016 – Chris Cvik, Chief Administrative Officer – Farmers' Advocate Office
R-2 June 7, 2016, Trish Morgan, GM of Community and Electoral Area Services – Rural
Dividend Grant Program
R-3 June 7, 2016– Claire Negrin, Assistant Manager of Development Services - Proposed
Community Engagement Process – Prespatou Rural Community Plan
R-4 June 8, 2016 – Trish Morgan, GM of Community and Electoral Area Services and Fran
Haughian, Manager of Communications/Commission Liaison – Proposed Electoral Area
community contact feed on subscription feature on the PRRD website
R-5 July 14, 2016 - Claire Negrin, Assistant Manager of Development Services - Proposed
Draft Private Campground Guidelines

ADOPTION OF AGENDA (CONTINUED):

- July 21, 2016 Agenda
(continued)
- Reports (continued)
- R-6 July 14, 2016 - Claire Negrin, Assistant Manager of Development Services - West Peace Official Community Plan (WPOCP)
- R-7 July 15, 2016 Bruce Simard, General Manager of Development Services - Development Information Signs
- R-8 July 15, 2016 - Bruce Simard, General Manager of Development Services - Discussion Paper Regarding the Review of ALR Applications
- R-9 June 30, 2016 - Erin Price, Bylaw Enforcement Officer - Bylaw Enforcement File Quarterly Update
- New Business:
- NB-1 Building Permit Bylaw (Director Sperling)
- NB-2 Value of FCM and UBCM (Director Sperling)
- NB-3 Value of NP and SP EDC (Director Sperling)
- NB-4 Rural Fringe Area Planning (Director Goodings)
- Communications:
- Diary:
- Adjournment:

CARRIED.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

- M-1
EADC meeting minutes of
April 29, 2016
- MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Sperling,
That the Electoral Area Directors' Committee Meeting minutes of April 29, 2016 be adopted.
- CARRIED.

Recess The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:05 a.m.

Reconvene The meeting reconvened at 12:35 p.m.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- C-1
ATV User Concerns
- MOVED by Director Sperling, SECONDED by Director Hiebert,
That the Electoral Area Directors' Committee recommends to the Regional Board that a letter be forwarded to the Solicitor General expressing increasing concerns regarding:
- a) the excessive trespassing on private property using off-road vehicles;
 - b) that owners of these vehicles are not adhering to the legal requirement to acquire the appropriate licencing; and
 - c) to request that the RCMP increase efforts to enforce the requirements of the *Off-Road Vehicle Act*.

CARRIED.

- C-4
Farmers I Canada and
Monsanto
- MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Rose,
That the Electoral Area Directors' Committee recommends to the Regional Board that the concerns discussed regarding the genetically modified variety of alfalfa produced by Monsanto and Forage Genetics International; i.e., the potential for contamination of existing alfalfa varieties locally that will jeopardize the livelihood of organic producers and farmers who export alfalfa products, be referred to the Agricultural Advisory Committee.

CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE (CONTINUED):

C-5
Dumping Garbage on Crown Land
MOVED by Director Sperling, SECONDED by Director Hiebert,
That the Electoral Area Directors' Committee recommends to the Regional Board that concerns regarding illegal dumping on Crown land be referred to the Solid Waste Committee to consider options of expanding its budget to deal with illegal dumping, especially abandoned and burnt vehicles.
CARRIED.

C-6
Residential Inclining Block Electricity Rate
MOVED by Director Sperling, SECONDED by Director Rose,
That the Electoral Area Directors' Committee recommends to the Regional Board that the information received regarding the Residential Inclining Block Electricity Rates be referred to the Communication Manager to get the word out to residents utilizing Regional District means.
CARRIED.

REPORTS:

R-1
Farmers' Advocate Office
MOVED by Director Rose, SECONDED by Director Hiebert,
That the Electoral Area Directors' Committee recommends to the Regional Board that:
a) Administration forward a Notice of Intent to Renew to the Farmers' Advocate Office with the offer to renew the contract for a one-year term from August 1, 2016 to July 31, 2017; and
b) the Communication Manager get the word out utilizing Regional District means to advise residents that information is available to assist people with dealing with petroleum companies and where the information can be found.
CARRIED.

R-3
Proposed Community Engagement Process - Prespatou Rural Community Plan
MOVED by Director Rose, SECONDED by Director Hiebert,
That the June 7, 2016 report from Claire Negrin, Assistant Manager of Development Services regarding the Proposed Community Engagement Process - Prespatou Rural Community Plan be referred to the August 18, 2016 Electoral Area Directors' Committee meeting.
CARRIED.

R-4
Proposed Electoral Area Community Contract Feed on Subscription Feature on the PRRD Website
MOVED by Director Sperling, SECONDED by Director Rose,
That the Electoral Area Directors' Committee recommends to the Regional Board that the Electoral Area Directors' Committee provide staff with additional time to research options to communicate with electoral area residents now that the Emergency Executive Committee resolved to authorize staff to research the availability and cost of leveraging technology to assist in communications and information gathering" and there may be advantages to having a seamless communications system that can send information out during times of emergency and for normal business operations.
CARRIED.

R-5
Proposed Draft Private Campground Guidelines
The Directors discussed the proposed guidelines for campgrounds on private property. They requested that staff make some further changes and bring it back to Electoral Area Directors' Committee for more discussion.

R-6
West Peace Fringe Area Official Community Plan
MOVED by Director Rose, SECONDED by Director Hiebert,
That the Electoral Area Directors' Committee recommends to the Regional Board that the timeline for the West Peace Fringe Area Official Community Plan be extended by one year to the end of 2017; and that the Moberly Lake Community Information mail out be approved for distribution.
CARRIED.

REPORTS (CONTINUED):

- R-7 Development Information Signs The Directors agreed to the use of coroplast for the required signs to be used by applicants to post on the development sites as noted in the Development Application Procedures and Fees Bylaw No. 2165, 2016.
- R-8 Review of ALR Applications MOVED by Director Rose, SECONDED by Director Hiebert,
That the Electoral Area Directors' Committee recommends to the Regional Board that Agriculture Land Reserve applications be forwarded to the Agricultural Land Commission without comment as a pilot project for a one-year term. CARRIED..
- Recess The meeting recessed at 2:35 p.m.
- Reconvene The meeting reconvened at 2:45 p.m.
- R-9 Bylaw Enforcement MOVED by Director Goodings, SECONDED by Director Sperling,
That the Electoral Area Directors' Committee recommends to the Regional Board that a letter be forwarded to the Agricultural Land Commission to enquire what alternate action can be taken, rather than amalgamation of the two pieces of property, to rectify issues in regards to the Samuel Ranch application. CARRIED.
- NEW BUSINESS:
- NB-1, Building Permit Bylaw NB-2 Value of FCM and UBCM; and NB-3 Value of NP and SP EDC's The Directors would like to have the collection of the School Acquisition Tax be collected through other means than the building permit process. They also discussed the value of continuing to attend the various conventions such as Federation of Canadian Municipalities and Union of British Columbia Municipalities and the value of continuing with the North Peace and South Peace Economic Development Commission. It was decided to monitor these issues over the next year and review them again after that time.
- NB-4 Meetings during UBCM MOVED by Director Rose, SECONDED by Director Sperling,
That the Electoral Area Directors' Committee recommends to the Regional Board that the Electoral Area Directors be authorized to meet with staff of the Community, Sport and Cultural Development Ministry during Union of British Columbia Municipalities to discuss issues of a purely rural nature. CARRIED.
- Adjournment: The Chair adjourned the meeting at 4:15 p.m.

Karen Goodings, Chair

Barb Coburn, Recording Secretary