

**PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT
EMERGENCY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**



DATE: Tuesday, June 30, 2015

PLACE: Regional District Offices, Dawson Creek, BC

PRESENT: Director Brad Sperling, Electoral Area 'C' – Meeting Chair
Director Karen Goodings, Electoral Area 'B'
Director Leonard Hiebert, Electoral Area 'D'
Director Lori Ackerman, City of Fort St. John
Director Dale Bumstead, City of Dawson Creek
Chris Cvik, Chief Administrative Officer

Staff

Dan Ross, Protective Services Manager
Trish Morgan, General Manager of Community and Electoral Area Services
Jill Rickert, Community Services Coordinator
Suzanne Garrett, Corporate Services Coordinator

1) Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 10:10 am

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

2) Adoption of the Agenda MOVED by Director Bumstead, SECONDED by Director Goodings, that the Emergency Executive Committee agenda for the June 30, 2015 meeting be adopted as follows:

1. **Call to Order:**
2. **Notice of New Business:**
3. **Adoption of the Agenda:**
4. **Adoption of the Minutes:**
 - M-1 Emergency Executive Committee Meeting Minutes of February 19, 2015
5. **Business Arising from the Minutes:**
6. **Correspondence:**
 - C-1 April 17, 2015 Emergency Management BC re: update on the Alert Ready Project
7. **REPORTS:**
 - R-1a) Emergency Program background information for reference
 - R-1b) Rural Emergency Management presentation
 - R-2 June 25, 2015 report from Jill Rickert, Community Services Coordinator re: 2015 Search and Rescue grant applications.
 - R-3 June 22, 2015 report from Trish Morgan, General Manager of Community and Electoral Area Services re: information items
8. **NEW BUSINESS:**
9. **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION:**
 - I-1 Emergency Incident Register
 - I-2 June 18, 2015 Snow Survey and Water Supply Bulletin
 - I-3 2014 Earthquake Preparedness Consultation Report
 - I-4 2014 Fire Season debrief
10. **Adjournment:**

CARRIED.

MINUTES:

- 3) M-1 EEC Mtg. Minutes of Feb 19, 2015
- MOVED by Director Goodings, SECONDED by Director Bumstead, that the Emergency Executive Committee Meeting Minutes of February 19, 2015 be adopted.

CARRIED.

REPORTS:

- 4) R-1a) & b)
- Discussion ensued regarding dam safety. Under the Dam Safety Regulation (BC 163/2011) BC Hydro, as the permit holder, is required to prepare and maintain emergency plans. However there is no requirement for BC Hydro to include public education, public notification procedures or to assist in the coordination of emergency response and recovery efforts to ensure the safety of those residing downstream.

MOVED by Director Ackerman, SECONDED by Director Goodings, That the Emergency Executive Committee recommends that “dam safety” be forwarded to the Community Measures Agreement conversations with a request that BC Hydro provide adequate funding to the Regional District for the continued review and update to its emergency plan to include public education, public notification procedures to ensure the safety of residents living downstream of the dam, plus ongoing annual funds to ensure it continues.

CARRIED.

MOVED by Director Goodings, SECONDED by Director Ackerman, That “dam safety” be forwarded to Marilyn Chiang, Senior Policy Analyst, 2015 UBCM Convention for discussion at the Electoral Area Directors Forum.

CARRIED.

It was noted that 60 to 80 acre “dams” are being constructed on land for industrial Use. If the owner is diverting water from a stream they require a permit. The Regional District is only notified if the landowner proposes to construct the dam on agricultural lands.

Staff will follow-up on:

- are neighbours being advised?
- if the Regional District is approving these facilities, are we accepting any liability?

- 5) R-2 re: SAR grant applications
- MOVED by Director Bumstead, SECONDED by Director Hiebert, That upon review of the 2015 Search and Rescue Grant applications, the Emergency Executive Committee refers the following organizations to the Search and Rescue Grant allocation meeting scheduled for 10:00 am, July 14, 2015.

- Chetwynd Search and Rescue Society
- North Peace Search and Rescue
- South Peace Search and Rescue; and
- Tumbler Ridge Search and Rescue

CARRIED.

6) R-3 re: Information Items 2015 Summer Weather prediction – above normal temperatures. Increases the demand on power consumption – air conditioners. With higher temperatures some residents may be more vulnerable, i.e. elderly, does Northern Health have a list of residents that may require additional assistance.

Staff will follow-up with Northern Health.

7) Adjournment: MOVED by Director Bumstead, SECONDED by Director Goodings,
That the meeting adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 11:55 am

Brad Sperling,
Chair

Suzanne Garrett,
Corporate Services Coordinator