



PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES

DATE: April 27, 2017

PLACE: Northern Grand Hotel, Fort St. John, BC

PRESENT:

Directors

Chair Sperling, Electoral Area 'C'
Vice-Chair Rose, Electoral Area 'E'
Director Bumstead, City of Dawson Creek
Director Goodings, Electoral Area 'B'
Director Hiebert, Electoral Area 'D'
Director Johansson, District of Hudson's Hope
Director McPherson, District of Tumbler Ridge
Director Nichols, District of Chetwynd
Director Stewart, City of Fort St. John

Alternate Directors

Alternate Director Christensen, City of Fort St. John
Alternate Director Lavoie, Village of Pouce Coupe
Alternate Director Ponto, District of Taylor

Absent

Director Ackerman, City of Fort St. John
Director Fraser, District of Taylor
Director Michetti, Village of Pouce Coupe

Staff

Chris Cvik, Chief Administrative Officer
Shannon Anderson, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Trish Morgan, General Manager of Community Services
Fran Haughian, Communications Manager / Commission Liaison
Phillip Kovacs, Solid Waste Services Manager
Claire Negrin, Assistant Manager of Development Services
Erin Price, Bylaw Enforcement Officer
Brenda Deliman, Recording Secretary

Others

Lorna Wollen, Montney

Presenters

Inspector Darryl Struthers, OIC, Peace Region Conservation Officer Services
Natural Resource Supervisor North Peace Zone, Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations

Call to Order The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

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CW/17/04/01 (27)

MOVED Director Stewart, SECONDED Alternate Director Lavoie,
That the Peace River Regional District Board agenda for the April 27, 2017 Committee
of the Whole meeting be adopted:

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Adoption of Agenda**
3. **Gallery Comments or Questions**
4. **Presentation**
 - 4.1 Ministry of Environment
Re: Illegal Dumpsites / Abandoned Vehicles
Inspector Darryl Struthers, OIC, Peace Region Conservation Officer Services
5. **New Business**
6. **Media Questions**
7. **Adjournment**

CARRIED.

PRESENTATION:

4.1

Ministry of
Environment –
Inspector Darryl
Struthers, OIC, Peace
Region Conservation
Officer Services, and
Natural Resource
Supervisor North
Peace Zone, Ministry
of Forests, Lands and
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ILLEGAL DUMPSITES / ABANDONED VEHICLES

The presenters provided information on illegal dumpsites and abandoned vehicles in the Peace River Regional District area, and requested input from the Regional Board regarding the location of chronic illegal dumpsites. A question and answer period ensued. Topics included:

- Lack of Environmental Protection Officers in the Peace
- Report all Poachers and Polluters (RAPP) hotline
- Abandoned vehicles
 - RCMP response
 - Accountability for removal and removal costs
 - Stolen vehicles
 - Auto wrecker criteria for disposal
- Chronic illegal dumpsites

Director Johansson entered the meeting at 10:10 a.m.

PRESENTATION: (continued)

4.1 (continued)

ILLEGAL DUMPSITES / ABANDONED VEHICLES (continued)

The question and answer period continued. Further topics included:

- Offences under the *Land Act*
- Environmental awareness
- Tipping / recycling fees
- Landfill hours of operation
- Public education / involvement (signage, informational materials, spring clean up programs)
- Presence of conservation officers
- Enforcement and prosecution
- Hidden security cameras

The presenters encouraged the Board to utilize the Report all Poachers and Polluters (RAPP) hotline and suggested that a Working Group be formed to catalogue an inventory of chronic illegal dumpsites.

ADJOURNMENT:

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The Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

CERTIFIED a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Regional Board of the Peace River Regional District from a Committee of the Whole meeting held on April 27, 2017 in the Northern Grand Hotel, Grand 2 Room, Fort St. John, BC.

Brad Sperling, Chair

Tyra Henderson, Corporate Officer