



PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT  
REGIONAL PARKS COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES

DATE: February 6, 2017

PLACE: Regional District Boardroom, Dawson Creek, BC

PRESENT: Directors  
Director Dan Rose, Meeting Chair  
Director Karen Goodings (via telephone)  
Director Don McPherson (via telephone)

Staff  
Trish Morgan, General Manager of Community and Electoral Area Services  
Bryna Casey, Parks and Rural Recreation Coordinator  
Barb Coburn, Recording Secretary

Guests  
Inge-Jean Hansen, Wildlife Biologist, Independent Researcher and  
Brian Patterson, Wildlife Biologist, Hemmera eDNA  
Re: Invasive Species Detection in Aquatic Environments

ABSENT: Directors  
Director Rob Fraser

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 1:22 p.m.

VARY THE AGENDA MOVED by Director Goodings, SECONDED by Director Rose,  
That the agenda be varied to hear from the delegates at this time  
CARRIED.

D-1  
eDNA Presentation The delegates explained the process and advantages of using eDNA to identify all species found in water courses. It is a cost-effective, time-saving, non-invasive accurate means of identifying aquatic species. Only three samples are required to be collected and filtered then sent to a lab for processing and reporting back rather than collecting samples over several years as was the practice in the past.

ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR Trish Morgan, General Manager of Community and Electoral Area Services called of nominations for Chair of the Regional Parks Committee.

Director Goodings nominated Director Rose for the office of the Chair for 2017, Director McPherson seconded the nomination. Director Rose accepted the nomination.

Trish Morgan declared Director Rose Chair of the Regional Parks Committee for 2017.

Trish Morgan, General Manager of Community and Electoral Area Services called of nominations for Vice-Chair of the Regional Parks Committee.

Director Rose nominated Director Goodings for the office of the Vice-Chair for 2017, Director McPherson seconded the nomination. Director Goodings accepted the nomination.

Trish Morgan declared Director Goodings Vice-Chair of the Electoral Area Directors' Committee for 2017.

Chair Rose assumed the Chair at 2:05 p.m.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

October 24, 2016  
Agenda

MOVED by Director Goodings, SECONDED by Director McPherson,  
That the Regional Parks Committee agenda for the February 6, 2017 meeting be adopted.

Call to Order  
Director's Notice of New Business  
Adoption of the Agenda  
Minutes  
M-1 Regional Parks Committee Meeting Minutes of October 24, 2016  
Business Arising from the Minutes  
Delegations  
D-1 Inge-Jean Hansen, Wildlife Biologist, Independent Researcher and Brian Paterson, Wildlife Biologist, Hemmera eDNA – Invasive Species Detection in Aquatic Environments  
Correspondence  
C-1 December 14, 2016 – Re: eDNA Background  
C-2 December 14, 2016 – Re: eDNA Poster  
Reports  
R-1 January 16, 2017 – Bryna Casey, Parks and Rural Recreation Coordinator – 2017 Recreational Trails Grants-in-Aid Allocations  
R-2 January 25, 2017 – Bryna Casey, Parks and Rural Recreation Coordinator – 2017 Regional Parks Budget  
R-3 January 25, 2017 – Bryna Casey, Parks and Rural Recreation Coordinator – 2017 Parks Maintenance Contracts Pre-Budget Allocation  
New Business  
Adjournment

CARRIED.

MINUTES:

M-1  
October 13, 2016

MOVED by Director McPherson, SECONDED by Director Goodings,  
That the Regional Parks Committee Meeting minutes of October 24, 2016 be adopted.

CARRIED.

REPORTS:

R-1  
2017 Recreational  
Trails Grants-in-Aid  
Allocations

MOVED by Director McPherson, SECONDED by Director Goodings,  
That staff draft a proposed change to the policy, requesting that recreational groups applying for a Recreational Trails Grants-in-Aid include provide an inventory of all equipment owned by that group.

CARRIED.

MOVED by Director Goodings, SECONDED by Director McPherson,  
That the Regional Parks Committee recommends to the Regional Board that the 2017 Recreational Trails Grants-in-Aid be provided as follows:

Bear Mountain Nordic Ski Association	\$46,142.83
Blizzard Bike Club	\$7,155.33
Wolverine Nordic and Mountain Society	\$8,034.00
Northland Trail Blazers Snowmobile Club	\$13,667.84

CARRIED.

MOVED by Director McPherson, SECONDED by Director Goodings,  
That the Regional Parks Committee recommends to the Regional Board that the application received from the Dawson Creek Ski and Recreation Association be referred to the Rural Budgets Administration Committee for consideration.

CARRIED.

REPORTS (CONTINUED):

R-3  
2017 Parks  
Maintenance Contracts  
Pre-Budget Allocation

MOVED by Director Goodings, SECONDED by Director McPherson,  
That the Electoral Area Directors' Committee recommends to the Regional Board that pre-budget approval for the following contracts be authorized in the 2017 budget, with contracts starting as early as March 1 and extending as late as October 31, for a one-year term with an option to extend the contract for two additional years with satisfactory results, up to maximum amounts as follows:

Blackfoot Regional Park (Stacey Lajeunesse)	\$8,662.50
Minaker River Regional Park (Dave Wiebe Contracting)	\$23,908.50
Spencer Tuck Regional Park (Morgan Rae Contracting)	\$14,812.88
Montney Centennial Regional Park (Morgan Rae Contracting)	\$20,911.28

CARRIED.

MOVED by Director McPherson, SECONDED by Director Goodings,  
That the Electoral Area Directors' Committee recommends to the Regional Board that CAO or Chair be authorized to sign the Parks Contracts for Maintenance as per the purchasing policy.

CARRIED.

Adjournment: The Chair adjourned the meeting at 3:15 p.m.

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Director Rose, Chair

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Barb Coburn, Recording Secretary