



PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT  
RURAL BUDGETS ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES

DATE: April 16, 2015

PLACE: Regional District Office Boardroom, Dawson Creek, BC

PRESENT: Directors  
Director Sperling, Meeting Chair  
Director Goodings  
Director Hiebert  
Director Rose

Staff  
Chris Cvik, Chief Administrative Officer  
Shannon Anderson, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer  
Trish Morgan, Manager of Community Services  
Fran Haughian, Communication Manager  
Diana Mitchell, Recording Secretary

Guests  
Peace River Cattlemen's Association re: D-1

- Mike McConnell
- Donald Dunbar
- Rene Ardill (10:17 a.m.)

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

NEW BUSINESS:

C-1    Handout – Addition to C-1 re: Dawson Creek Sportsman's Club  
NB-1   Handout – Chetwynd Midgets Hockey Team  
NB-2   Handout – Blueberry Commune – Natural Gas Grant  
NB-3   Handout – Information about Cemeteries Rules  
NB-4   Discussion - Director Hiebert re: Tate Creek referendum

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

April 16, 2015                      MOVED by Director , SECONDED by Director ,  
That the Rural Budgets Administration Committee agenda for the April 16, 2015 meeting,  
including handouts, be adopted as follows:

1.    CALL TO ORDER: *Director Sperling to Chair Meeting*
  2.    DIRECTORS' NOTICE OF NEW BUSINESS:
  3.    ADOPTION OF AGENDA:
  4.    MINUTES:  
M-1    Rural Budgets Administration Committee Meeting Minutes of March 19, 2015.
  5.    BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:
  6.    DELEGATIONS:
- 10:00am D-1    Peace River Cattlemen's Association  
Mike McConnell, Donald Dunbar, Rene Ardill  
Re: Livestock Protection Program

ADOPTION OF AGENDA: (continued)

7. CORRESPONDENCE:

C-1 Dawson Creek Sportsman's Club

- a) April 8, 2015 – additional information requested at the March 19, 2015 RBAC Meeting
- b) December 17, 2015 – original grant request
- c) Answers to questions received at the March 19, 2015 RBAC Meeting

C-2 March 2015 correspondence from the Fort St. John Community Arts Council requesting funding support.

C-3 Director Sperling (no correspondence) re: Silver Willow 4-H Club clean-up of the Peace Valley

Lookout (in 2013 and 2014 \$1,500 from Electoral Area C BC Rail was approved).

C-4 January 30, 2015 invoice from UBCM regarding 2015 membership.

8. REPORTS:

9. NEW BUSINESS:

10. COMMUNICATIONS:

11. ADJOURNMENT:

MINUTES:

M-1  
April 16, 2015 RBAC  
Minutes

MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Rose,  
That the Rural Budgets Administration Committee Meeting Minutes of March 19, 2015 be  
adopted.

CARRIED.

DELEGATIONS:

D-1  
Peace River Regional  
Cattlemen's Assoc.  
Mike McConnell, Donald  
Dunbar, Rene Ardill

Peace River Regional Cattlemen's Association re: Livestock Protection Program

The delegation provided an update on the Livestock Protection Program. Topics included:

- program results
- provincial program
- verifiers
- future costs of program

A question and answer period ensued.

MOVED by Director Goodings, SECONDED by Director Rose,  
That the Rural Budgets Administration Committee approve \$50,000 each from Electoral Areas  
B, C, D and E Fair Share, for a total of \$200,000 to the Peace River Regional Cattlemen's  
Association for 2015 funding of the Livestock Protection Program; and that, in light of the Fair  
Share negotiations with the province, further funding of the Program be referred to staff to  
report back on.

CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE:

C-1  
Dawson Creek  
Sportsman's Club funding  
request

MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Goodings,  
That the December 17, 2014 grant request and additional information from the Dawson Creek  
Sportsman's Club, regarding funding toward its indoor range project, be deferred until Fair  
Share negotiations with the Province have been completed.

CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE: continued

C-2  
FSJ Community Arts  
Council  
MOVED by Director Goodings, SECONDED by Director Sperling,  
That the Rural Budgets Administration Committee approve a grant of \$125 each from Electoral  
Areas B and Area C BC Rail, for a total of \$250 to the Fort St. John Community Arts Council to  
assist in providing programs.  
CARRIED.

C-3  
Silver Willow 4-H  
MOVED by Director Sperling, SECONDED by Director Goodings,  
That the Rural Budgets Administration Committee approve a \$1500 Electoral Area C BC Rail  
Grant to the Silver Willow 4-H Club for 2015 clean-up of the Peace Valley Lookout site.  
CARRIED.

C-4  
UBCM Membership  
MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Rose,  
That the Rural Budgets Administration Committee approve payment of \$10,807.39 from the  
Legislative Electoral Areas Budget-Membership, to the Union of BC Municipalities for 2015  
annual membership dues.  
CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS:

NB-1  
Receive.

NB-2  
Blueberry Commune  
MOVED by Director Goodings, SECONDED by Director Rose,  
That following receipt of a Natural Gas Extension Grant Application from the Blueberry  
Commune, the Rural Budgets Administration Committee approve a \$5,000 Natural Gas  
Extension Grant to the Commune.  
CARRIED.

Director Goodings noted that she will contact representatives from the Blueberry Commune to  
advise them of the Natural Gas Extension Policy and the amount that is available to them.

NB-3  
Receive.

NB-4  
Tate Creek Community Centre  
Director Hiebert reported that there is a group in Tomslake interested in going to referendum  
again to establish a service area for the purpose of providing a financial contribution for the  
operations of the Tate Creek Community Centre. The following points were made:

- the referendum failed less than 6 months ago – what has changed since then
- costs of last referendum were almost \$18,000 and were borne by all the Regional  
District tax payers as it failed
- the referendum could be tied into the regional district water function referendum taking  
place this fall – this would likely be a cost saving
- there could be backlash from the community in bringing back a referendum that failed  
once - voting the second time on a failed referendum usually results in another fail
- suggest the interested group look into doing a business plan

Director Hiebert noted that he would be meeting with the interested group.

COMMUNICATIONS:

The following comments were made:

- Silver Willow 4-H Club: request the Club send some photos of the clean-up at the Peace Valley Lookout to include in a publication
- Livestock Protection Program: staff will work on wording and joint messaging with the Peace River Cattlemen's Association
- Fort St. John Trade Show: the kitchen-like set up of the PRRD booth was done by the Fort St. John Museum – the layout was well received;
  - suggestion was made that the booth include some information on current initiatives like the GeoPark in Tumbler Ridge

ADJOURNMENT:

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

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Director Sperling, Meeting Chair

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Diana Mitchell, Recording Secretary