



Remembering Fred Jarvis

The Peace River Regional District dedicated a page on the January 10, 2019 Board meeting agenda to the late Fred Jarvis.



Delegations

1. North River Midstream external affairs officer, Jay Morrison, updated the Board on the Brookfield, North River and Tupper West Expansion projects in the Region.
2. Steelhead LNG Vice President Corey Goulet, presented the Kwispaa LNG project, a liquefaction, storage and export facility at Sarita Bay on Vancouver Island, and a separate pipeline project which is proposed to begin in Chetwynd and end at Sarita Bay.
3. Jane Butters and Mona Lowther introduced the Tumbler Ridge Mountain Bike Association to the Board. The newly founded Tumbler Ridge non-profit society vision is to create a world-class mountain biking mecca in Tumbler Ridge and the Peace Region.
4. Catie O'Neal and Kiel Giddens from TransCanada updated the Board on the Coastal GasLink Project, advising that all necessary regulatory permits have been obtained for the project, \$2.8 billion worth of pipeline construction contracts have been awarded, and 20 project and community agreements with Indigenous bands have been signed.
5. Aaron Cahill and Bethany Ladd presented an overview of the UBC Energy and Environment Research Initiative. This is a research collaborative based out of UBC Vancouver whose mission is to better understand the environmental impacts of shale gas development, focusing on fugitive gas migration.

PRRD Board Requests an Alternative UBCM Meeting Location

The Regional Board will write a letter to Mayor Jack Crompton of Whistler, BC to express disappointment in his letter addressed to Canadian Natural Resources Ltd. regarding climate change. A second letter will be sent to UBCM requesting that Whistler and Victoria not be considered as viable UBCM conference host communities, as the locations are not central for those travelling from other regions in BC.

ALR Applications

1. The Regional Board supported the Trevor Kersey ALR subdivision application to proceed to the Agricultural Land Commission. The applicant is applying to subdivide a 76-acre parcel located near Taylor BC in Area D into four residential lots ranging in size from 7 to 50 acres.
2. The Board refused the Mark Woloschuk ALR subdivision application to proceed to the ALC, as the proposal is not consistent with the OCP which states that non-agricultural uses should be directed away from existing agricultural areas.
3. The Regional Board supported the McNary ALR subdivision application to proceed to the Agricultural Land Commission. The applicant is applying to subdivide his 19.40-acre property into two residential lots.

Grants to Community Organizations, Special Events

The North East Native Advancing Society grant request for \$2000 to host a career forum and award banquet was approved.

Remuneration Bylaw

The Remuneration and Expense Bylaw was adopted and will be revisited in six months. The PRRD Remuneration Bylaw provides direction for payment of remuneration and expenses for the Regional Board Chair, Directors, Alternates, and Commissioners.

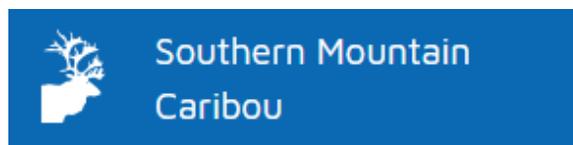
Farmers Advocate Review

MNP presented their findings of the Review of the Farmers Advocate Office to the Board.

Short Term recommendations included renewing the FAO agreement and funding for a transitory period of one and a half to two years, to continue to strengthen relationships with stakeholders, and to increase the use of methodical reporting tools to gain a better understanding of the demographics served by the FAO.

Long term recommendations included exploring alternative service delivery models, cost recovery models and expanding the scope of services.

Recommendations made by MNP as part of the evaluation will not be considered until staff have consulted the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources and the Ministry of Agriculture on their willingness to continue the program.



The Peace River Regional District met with Provincial Government Representatives about Caribou

On January 23, 2019 representatives from the PRRD and Concerned Citizens for Caribou Recovery met with the Provincial Ministers of Environment and Forests and Lands at the BC Natural Resources Forum.

The meeting concluded with a commitment from the Province to initiate public and stakeholder engagement in early February on the draft Partnership Agreement to recover caribou in the Peace region. As part of the engagement, the Province committed to sharing data and analyses on potential impacts of the Agreement and made a commitment to work with the PRRD to evaluate impacts of the Agreement on Peace communities. The Agreement will not be finalized until engagement is complete and potential impacts on communities and workers are understood. The PRRD has requested confirmation of the public engagement schedule from the Province.

Electoral Area Happenings

Delegations

Mike McConnell of the Cattlemen's Association, attended the January 17, Electoral Area Directors Committee meeting to discuss the new requirements under the Water Sustainability Act regarding licensing groundwater for non-domestic purposes. Although Mr. McConnell has had meetings and discussions with provincial officials, it is still unknown what the expectations of the new regulations will be. The Electoral Area Directors will be sending letters to the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy to ask for clarification on the proposed regulations, definitions and its expectations.

Electoral Areas Support South Peace Health Services Society Initiatives

Electoral Area Directors of Area "E" and Area "D" supported the Peace Health Services Society Bulterys Community House project with a \$25,000 grant from each Electoral Area. The \$50,000 grant will go towards purchasing and renovating patient and health professional accommodations.

Electrical Extension Grant

A Fair Share Electrical Extension Grant was approved for \$2,682 for Raymond Smith from Electoral Area E, Fair Share Funds.

Cemetery Grants

A grant was authorized to the Sunset Prairie Cemetery Association in the amount of \$1,200, for the purposes of annual maintenance and upkeep of the grounds at the Sunset Prairie Cemetery. A multi-year grant was authorized in the amount of \$1,240 to the Sunset Prairie Cemetery, for three years beginning in 2019, payable from Electoral Area E, Cemetery Grants. A grant was authorized in the amount of \$1,200, to the Tomslake and District Recreation Commission for the purposes of annual maintenance and upkeep of the Tomslake Cemetery.

Funding Commitment for a New Chetwynd Library

A funding commitment of \$753,756 from Electoral Area E, Peace River Agreement funds for the purpose of constructing a new library in Chetwynd was endorsed at the Board on January 31st. The PRRD has also applied for a federal grant through the Rural and Northern Communities Program for this project which could cover up to 90% of project costs.

Rural Loan Request

A loan, with a term of 10 years, in the amount of \$181,000 from the Rural Loans Fund, was authorized contingent on the approval of Whiskey Jack Nordic Ski Club's grant application to the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program to the Whiskey Jack Nordic Ski Club to build a day lodge in Beatton Park.

Grow Series on Co-operative Development

Electoral Area B and Area C supported the Young Agrarians and the Northern Cohort with a \$1000 grant from each Electoral Area. The Grow Series workshop was held in Fort St John January 26-27. 14 regional farmers were in attendance to learn about co-operative development and to develop skills to enhance their farm financial management.

South Peace District Crime Prevention Association

A three-year grant to the South Peace District Crime Prevention Association from Electoral Area D in the amount of \$1,400 per year, beginning in 2019, was authorized.

Youth Travel Grants

The Chetwynd Secondary School Senior Boys Volleyball team received a youth travel grant in the amount of \$150 to assist with the costs to attend provincials that were held in Prince George from November 22 – 24, 2018.

The Dawson Creek Secondary Grade 9 Girls Volleyball team received a youth travel grant in the amount of \$250, to assist with the costs to attend provincials that were held in Surrey, BC from November 16-17, 2018.



February 14, 2019

10:00 | Dawson Creek

February 27, 2019

Special Budget Meeting

10:00 | Dawson Creek

February 28, 2019

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