



PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT
February 22, 2017
Electoral Area 'D' – Roundtable Meetings
Kelly Lake Community Hall @ 6:30 PM

Present:

Director Leonard Hiebert, Electoral Area 'D'

Staff:

Fran Haughian, Communications Manager/Commission Liaison

Others:

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| Curtis Belcourt | Lois Duke | Barb Belcourt |
| Iva Tuttle | Sheldon | Liz |
| Tania Horseman | Brenda | Norman Calliou |
| Beverly Hommy | Sterling Belcourt | Kelsey Berlasty |
| Monique Homy | Chris? Belcourt | Gordon Belcourt |
| Jack Belcourt | Tony Savard | Christina Letendre |
| Cliff Calliou | F. Hamblor | Anita Savard |
| Marjorie Belcourt | Alma Wine? | Evelyn Belcourt |

Comment: You have good attendance because you come out and told us ahead of time.

Comment: Is there an election coming up?

Response: No, not locally, the provincial election is in May.

Revised Building Bylaw

Comment: Does not affect your community.

Fire and Ambulance

Question: Can you be here if we have a fire?

Response: Director will sit down with Alberta side to see if we can set up some agreements.

Comment: Very important.

Response: Ambulance service is important, local government needs to work on this.

Comment: Ambulance drivers should study maps to know where we live. You should make them do it. Put pressure on the province to understand the area.

Comment: We should have an ambulance in the community.

Response: We have to convince BC Ambulance to do this, the community would need a building to house the ambulance.

Comment: There are people in area that are medics. The government should pay them to stand by.

Response: BC Ambulance determines this. A medic with all the training, BC Ambulance would have to make an agreement. My role is to advocate for the community to BC Ambulance.

Question: You're our voice for the community, will you use your voice?

Response: Yes

- Question: When can we have Beaverlodge or Hythe come?
Response: We need to set up an agreement.
Comment: Tomslake Fire Department took 12 years to get an agreement to go to Gundy. Alberta willing to help with cross border agreements.
Comment: Our phones are from Alberta.
Comment: What about people who have Alberta addresses?
Response: Starting point-talk to County about agreements then talk to BC to get an order in council from BC Government, it just makes sense.
Comment: Lives have been lost because the ambulance couldn't get here.
Response: Preventing these types of stories from happening is my goal.
Question: Can you sue them?
Response; No
- Comment: We need to gather as a community and get the information and be organized.
Comment: Mapping-Revenue Canada does not know who we are, we need our communities mapped better.
Response: MOTI does this and I am taking this issue forward to them to get it sorted out.

Solid Waste

- Comment: Cannot afford to take garbage to transfer station, should be included in taxes. Being disposed of on back roads now, not good for environment.
Response: I will talk to Solid Waste Committee about concerns.
Comment: Some people don't have cars.
Comment: We get charged for tires.
Comment: Tires can be dropped for free in Pouce and at Kal Tire in Dawson Creek.
Comment: How can you make tipping fees added to taxes?
Comment: Oil companies are littering on side of the road, leaving pipes and signs at old sites, rusting away going into water. Truck chains, garbage, cars, machines left on backroads. Government should check serial numbers and fine them.
Response: BC Government needs to get a stronger system to deal with this. New guy seems to be communicative. 3 Ministry's involved.
Comment: The logging area near here is littered with oil and anti-freeze jugs(10 gallon jugs), metal, garbage, steel. OJ Road.
Question: Is there a Provincial Ministry that goes to look at Oil and Gas, logging, mushroom pickers job sites to see if they clean up?
Question: Is there opportunities for the community to check for the Ministry's? In Alberta they get fined if they don't clean up.
Response: OGC holds oil companies accountable. Call OCG and let them know.
Comment: People getting sick because oil and gas activity and water tastes bad.
Comment: PRRD should help people with sewage problems in the community.
Comment: There is a house that can light their water on fire.
Response: Talk to OCG

- Comment: We don't complain as it backfires and we lose jobs and contracts.
Comment: Loggers coming so close to community and burning. They say they consulted us but didn't. LP/Canfor West Fraser coming. Breathing issues.
Comment: There is no fire protection here when they burn.
Comment: Two big piles will be burnt soon. They don't stay when they burn, they light them and leave. One is close to the transfer station.
Response: Don't know who, ask Director?. CC me your emails to Ministry (Tony Savard).

Question Period at Board Meetings

- Comment: Do we have to be there?
Response: Yes but can come as delegation.

Community Center

- Comment: Community Center is still an issue, the process since AGM in 2015. People voted and then the PRRD decided it wasn't a valid meeting or membership drive. Kelly Lake Society said they met the requirements. All the things that happened were never checked by you or staff.
Response: Don't understand Society Act.
Comment: Please take this bylaw to PRRD, it is not fair, voting and non-voting. We want to put proper people in that will take care of people. We want you to take a lead role in listening to us.
Response: That's a whole day discussion, we will set a meeting up to deal with this issue when I can bring staff.
Comment: When can meeting be set up?
Response: Anytime after March 7, I will bring staff who have been involved.
Comment: Who funds Society?
Response: PRRD, through taxation,
Comment: Not appropriate at this meeting.
Comment: It needs to be dealt with.
Comment: I like how it is going.

Transfer Station

- Comment: Closing at 2 is a problem, Tuesday/Friday
Question: Why do we have to separate so much when recycling?
Comment: Can't the attendant do the sorting?
Comment: Give the young lady more hours.
Comment: Can't take oil cans there-plastic jugs-aerosol cans-washer/dryers. Spring/Fall pick up of big appliances.
Comment: Share sheds being used.
Comment: Work programs for our community run through PRRD so kids have a job. It's a federal program.
Response: We could maybe advocate for them.
Comment: Lots of cars in bush, clean up Kelly Lake.

- Response: There is not an 'Unightly Premises" bylaw in the area. Belsum buys cars for scrap metal, call private people to clean up cars.
- Comment: The PRRD is not here to clean up our yards.
- Comment: Big trucks and workers speed and there are big potholes now bypassing the weigh scales, kids can't ride bikes.
- Response: I will talk to the RCMP, MOTI
- Comment: Kids don't ride bikes because of dogs.
- Comment: work trucks speed and slide around through community starting at 5am, they drive during road bans and wreck roads. 5pm-8pm as well.
- Comment: In Alberta citizens have speed trap videos.
- Response: Transportation would need to address.
- Comment: Cops never come out.
- Response: We only have four rural areas, it would be \$680,000 per year to increase to four more RCMP.
- Police and Ambulance come together for safety and to block roads(generally)
- Comment: Cops came to ambulance, is this normal?
- Comment: Not plowing side roads very well in winter, potholes bad in summer. They don't clear well or put enough sand. They block driveways.
- Comment: In Alberta thy have to plow seniors' driveways.

Groundwater Project

- Comment: In this area as well?
- Response: Talking about process for south, want drilling logs to help inform us but the oil companies have proprietary ownership of the water logs.
- Comment: They should not be able to disturb our water, can you test our water?
- Response: Will call Northern Health to clarify, Northern Health will give out sample bottles and test.
- Comment: Homeowners have to test their own water, Northern Health said so.
- Comment: We can't afford to get water tested.
- Response: I will look into getting testing kits in the community.
- Comment: Moose shot around here have growths on them. Moose are sick, inards are black.
- Comment: Conservation does nothing when we report sick moose.
- Response: I will talk to Ministry of Environment.

Scholarships

- Comment: Rural - going onto secondary school/training.
- Comment: Why can't our kids get them? We got to school in Alberta.
- Response: Never thought about it.

Team Sports travel to Provincials-Grant

- Question: Local gal plays hockey in Ontairo, can she be funded?
- Response: We usually fund teams.

Question: Grant for gym equipment?

Response: NDTT

Comment: Training to fight fires.

Comment: Forestry coming next month to talk to community.

Response: I would write letter of support for forestry to come meet with you.

Comment: Kelly Lake used to take care of fires and work.

Response: PRRD doesn't fund training programs-provincial-federal.

Comment: Community should focus on training local and not bring outside people, we should create jobs.

Comment: Kids on technology too much.

Comment: We need to be dedicated to do things with kids and do cultural things hunting, tanning, spiritual etc.

Comment: Parents need to support the event, adults need to lead kids, we have to be the change and interact with youth.

Comment: Kids should learn their language-Cree

Comment: There is an app for that.

Comment: How can the community help you? Action Plan

Response: I am accessible, email me your ideas.

Comment: We lost our language through the school system.

Comment: Half of people here don't live here but we are here because we care about our community. We need to work together. This is my home even though I live in Grande Prairie.

Comment: Center may not be run perfect but I like what is going on. More people should be involved. It's a start and anything that happens is good. We need to sit down and talk.

Comment: We want to have family council run community.

Comment: All I want is old lady's to have exercise.

Comment: It takes the whole community, please share your expertise

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm