



Compiled List of Comments and Questions

Farmington, Rolla, Kelly Lake, Tomslake and Pouce Coupe 2019

Yellow Highlighted Text – Answers provided after the Roundtable Meeting

Green Highlighted Text – Answers provided at the Roundtable Meeting

Solid Waste

1. Why isn't there a transfer station inside Dawson Creek so that I can drop off my bags of garbage when I come to town? For example, have a transfer station at the regional district office in Dawson Creek. It would allow rural residents to interface with the government on a regular pace.

2. Why can't we have electronics at the transfer station? Lots of electronics being dumped in the bush and along the road.

Answer: The PRRD is piloting electronics collection at three transfer stations. This pilot began in 2018. The plan is to monitor for one year and based on the outcome, expand the program to more transfer stations (including Kelly Lake) in 2020. In the meantime, electronics may be brought to the Tomslake Transfer Station at 15093 Old Edmonton or the DC Recycling in Dawson Creek, located 925 100 Ave.

3. The main gates at the Kelly Lake transfer station is dark. The attendant has to get out of their car in the dark and open the gate. Cannot see if there are bears in the area. People have to go with the attendant in the morning to open the gate.

Answer: The PRRD will be installing additional lighting at the transfer station in 2019.

4. Staples have come out of the posts and bears can get in now at the Kelly Lake Transfer Station.

Answer: The PRRD will investigate and have the posts repaired.

5. What other emergency system does the Kelly Lake transfer station attendant have other than their phone? Working alone procedures?

Answer: The contractor has an intensive work alone policy to ensure the safety of their staff which includes (but is not limited to) tasks they must not do when working alone, requirement for two hr check-ins and availability of response personnel to reach the worker



in under 30 minutes.

6. Someone dumped ashes in the bulk waste pit at the Kelly Lake transfer station and Michelle sent the attendant into the pit to dig out ashes.

Answer: This claim has been addressed under the new lead hand hired by the contractor.

7. During one of the snow storms, the road was snowed in and Michelle wanted the attendant to park her car and walk in.

Answer: This has been addressed with the contractor, and the process will no longer occur.

8. The attendant used to park her car next to the share shed for security reasons, but Michelle made her move the car over to the other side of the transfer station. Now if there is an emergency such as a bear, the attendant has nowhere to go and can't get out.

Answer: It has been communicated through the new lead-hand that staff should park in the site in such a manner that they felt safe while also not obstructing the share shed.

9. In the subdivision, there is a big pile of garbage and it is getting bigger from people illegally dumping.

Answer: There are a couple of options:

- It is highly recommended that anyone witnessing illegal dumping report immediately to the "Report All Poachers & Polluters" or R.A.P.P. line at 1-877-952-7277. This aids in Provincial enforcement of illegal dumping on Crown/Public lands, something that the PRRD does not have jurisdiction over. If it isn't reported, there is not much that can be done.
- Should a group of volunteers wish to perform a community clean-up in the subdivision, there is now an option under the "Waived Tipping Fee Policy," which allows people to contact staff at the PRRD in order to be able to bring waste material we can accept to our facility, free of charge. We highly recommend that members wishing to do so contact Solid Waste staff at 250-784-3200. Please remind folks that this is strictly for community clean-ups, not clean-up of private lands.

10. Curtis is constantly cleaning up garbage being dumped at the gate. The birds get into the garbage and spread it everywhere. Not a matter of hours or the transfer station being too expensive. The individuals dumping can afford the money, but are choosing not to pay.

Answer: The contractor for the PRRD has been advised to report any incidences of illegal dumping they witness. While the clean-up is appreciated, if the dumping occurs on PRRD property, this behavior can be addressed through bylaw enforcement.



11. I have never seen garbage left at the gate of the Tomslake Transfer Station. Yes it is costing us more, but it is a lot better than what we had. Over the last year they have changed what they take and how they take it and it is a lot better. The people that complain don't want it in their back yard.

12. What is the cost to operate the landfill?

Answer: Depending on the landfill, the operation budget is between \$580,000 and \$1,695,000. This cost includes the contractor supplied equipment and qualified staff to operate and properly manage landfill operations. Landfill operations include attendant services, site management, constructing cells, compacting waste, and covering waste.

13. Who gets the money for the recycling collected at the rural transfer stations?

Answer: The rural transfer stations operate the Recycle BC recycling program, a provincial stewardship program. The Peace River Regional District receives the revenue that is generated from the recycling collected. In 2017, the PRRD received \$3,634.92 in revenue from Recycle BC material.

911 Civic Addressing

14. What does 911 civic addressing have to do with calling 911? I want 911 to come to where phone is, not my house.

Answer: The 911 Civic Address is used in the 9-1-1 system as a base means in locating your position or locating an emergency. It allows emergency services to properly be dispatched to the correct location. NG-911 is being implemented into dispatch centers across the Country and North America to allow centers to absorb more information in the coming years.

15. When I put my civic addressing into Google I want it to show my address.

Answer: The PRRD has tried to contact Google to update the addressing in the region, unfortunately without any resolve. The method or data they are using is from a source other than the PRRD and we have no control over what Google uses. As of right now the PRRD is unaware of a process that would allow us to completely update our data to Google.

16. How is 911 civic addressing assigned?

Answer: A 911 Civic Address is assigned off of a pre-established grid numbering system that uses a mathematical formula to calculate the assigned civic address along an officially named road.



17. The next step in 911 is getting standard sizes. Who is in charge of signs? A lot of people have home made ones and you can not see them.

Canada Post

Why is my community address the “Peace River Regional District” instead of Farmington?

Answer: Mailing addresses and 911 Civic address are 2 different things but can be the same. When Canada Post switched over from a Post Office to rural mail boxes and address went from rural route to a civic address the name became “Peace River Regional District” because the PRRD has no defining boundary for the community of Farmington. Since this change the PRRD has adopted the DRA locality boundaries as a defined area locality

Oil and Gas Activity/ Farmington Working Group

18. Do we have any bylaws for Farmington to control the development? Noise, light pollution, odors, I don't see the local government stepping up.
19. Noise order out and the Farmington Working Group is working on a light order.
20. We need to have more patrolling or policing for the roads. You are taking your own life in your hands with so much traffic.
21. When companies don't bond the road and then we get an inch of rain, the road becomes out of commission.
22. Last year when we did the presentation to the board we asked for a referee and we still haven't gotten one. All of the issues are compounding.
23. Last week there were five trucks in the ditches because they are not graded or plowed properly.
24. No one is ensuring that the trucks are not destroying the roads.
25. Where do you go when someone does damage to your property?
26. Some of the non-maintained roads gets upgrades from Encana but they don't fix the drainage and it causes the farmers to lose money by flooding and soil erosion.
27. Earthquake from fracking, if they do damage to your foundation or septic tank, who pays for the damage?



28. I have been told by oil and gas companies to prove that it's our fault, we will fix it if you can prove it was us. We are up against a stone wall. We are not going to hire a lawyer.
29. The last earthquake was 4.6. That level does damage. Because people in the municipalities don't feel it, it is not taken seriously.
30. We were not in an earthquake zone before and now we are.
31. It's not the farmers that destroy the roads, we don't farm in the rain.
32. It's the constant 24 hrs every day noise, hum in the background. Different frequencies can be more irritating the farther you are away.
33. Would like to have our concerns brought higher up.
34. I wish the Regional Board and public had as much interest in us as they do the caribou. The caribou get all of the attention.
35. If we had absolute support from the PRRD, then perhaps the PRRD could do something as a local government. Only the rural directors give a damn about what is going on.
36. Erosion control is a big issue. Farmers losing a lot of good top soil.
37. The next Farmington Working Group meeting is February 12th, with industry. Someone from the Ministry will be there. We are trying to deal with these exact things that we are talking about.
38. What are we going to do for energy when we run out of natural gas?
39. This carbon tax, what happens to all of the money? Does it go into general revenue or is it set aside?
40. How long do you think this level of drilling will go on? Will it increase here in Farmington?
41. I'm at the point that I cannot take another year living here.
42. Why is the PRRD allowing oil and gas to dig big burrow pits? They are trying to prevent buying water from anyone else. The PRRD should be stopping that. One company is digging four holes and they are going to flood the entire land. As the PRRD you must have some sort of say. If you push them hard enough you can fight back and win, but not everyone wants to push that hard. The PRRD needs to get some control back.



43. During hunting season can anyone with a hunting license shoot a caribou?
44. No one has come to Kelly Lake and talked to us about what is going on. No one lets us talk. They talk on our behalf.
45. The province wants to have the discussion behind closed doors. There is a lot of information out the PRRD not being involved in the decision making process brings out the fear in people.
46. All of the roads that industry made gave caribou a disadvantage. Fields that used to be prime caribou habitats are now lease roads and no caribou. The wolves are not on even playing footing anymore. If you only address one section of the entire chain it does not work.

Emergency Response

47. Is PEP still in business?
Answer: No, its Emergency BC
48. In order to make the mustard center work you need a land line. In order to keep that land line in this hall, it is our second largest expense in our entire budget because we are deemed to be commercial.
Answer: Will check the other community halls as well to see if they are in the same situation.
49. Kelly Lake is doing a two day workshop on emergency preparedness.

Farmers' Advocacy Office

50. The FAO is the only group that is looking after the interest of the farmers. It could use more funding and should include some legal counsel. I think it is critically important for it to stay.
51. I was interviewed and I want to know who else was interview.
Answer: It was confidential. Only the consultant knows. A good cross section of people that they talked to.
52. The question that I found disturbing was should industry fund the positon. NO, there has to be a branch that all industries fall under it and it is neutral with no affiliation with who is paying the bill. You have more than just oil and gas that goes onto peoples' land.

Natural Gas



53. I would like to see the Tomslake natural gas project that started ten years ago finished before moving onto another one.

54. The lines go past my house and makes a big circle. We need to fill in the gaps.

55. Do you have natural gas in Kelly Lake?

Answer: NO. With the new housing project we would defiantly want it.

56. Will PNG do secondary lines? I was told they don't do them anymore.

Potable Water Systems: Farmington/Kelly Lake

57. Do you know possible of other sites that might have better water in the area for Farmington?

Answer: No, it's all the same water aquifer.

58. Dawson Creek is not obligated to supply water. There is an agreement for twenty years for access only.

59. Would Kelly Lake be interested in a community water system?

Answer: Yes

60. Are there grants available to help pay for the construction of a water system?

Answer: Yes

Telus

61. A lot of land lines are disappearing. At some point there needs to be some sort of directory for cell phone numbers.

Rural Policing

62. Any improvements for rural policing?

Answer: Still working on it. Having a meeting with Saddle Hills in April to discuss their model.

63. At UBCM, there was a resolution about RCMP. Has there been any more road way? Don't go and reinventing the wheel, go look at Alberta. Find ways to free up police by allowing other occupations to do work.

Answer: UBCM Response There are currently no plans at the provincial level to expand the role of sheriffs or other peace officers such that they could assume more police-type functions. In some British Columbia municipalities, police agencies have implemented alternatives to supplement front-line policing such as RCMP auxiliary constables and Community Safety Officers in Vancouver. Enforcement when delivered by a sworn police officer provides the opportunity for police to perform the full range of enforcement duties



and respond to a number of potential other offences. Police are also able to make arrests and lay charges under the Criminal Code of Canada

- 64. We need the fake cop car back in Pouce Coupe.
- 65. Dawson Creek is looking at cutting three positions. There is a concern about the police officer that is supposed to cover rural.
- 66. Always down tow-three police officers, now they will be down six. What happens when someone is sick? What happens to the rural?

Water License

- 67. I'll start charging them storage if they start charging us a fee for usage. They are no farther ahead than they were three years ago. New scenarios keep coming up that the government to go back and charge it.
- 68. One size does not fit all. They don't know the difference between ground water and surface water. Four years of insufficient planning has gotten this far and four more years won't get them any further.
- 69. The lady at the college said without licensing anyone can access your well. How are they going to get to my well without trespassing?
- 70. I don't mind paying for a license to use the water but not for drinking it or paying for the cattle to drink it.

Other

- 71. Do you think that these roundtables are useful?
Answer: Yes, we need to get the information out to the public so they know what we are subjective to.
- 72. There needs to be a way of advertising the roundtables to more people.
- 73. These roundtables are great, and he loves the board highlights in the Mirror. Great job.
- 74. Can Kelly Lake students apply for the health care scholarships?
- 75. Someone burned a truck in the Kelly Lake Community Center parking lot.
- 76. Street lights have not been installed yet in Kelly Lake.



77. The cattle guard on the road is really old and is ruining tires on vehicles. Get rid of them and put in speed bumps instead. Lots of speeding.

78. During the February 14th Board meeting, there was a motion put forward for the PRRD to conduct a feasibility for an indoor field house. The field house would need to meet certain standards. Without doing a feasibility we wouldn't know if there is a need to have one located in NE BC, where would it go, who would operate it, how much it would cost, etc. I think about all of the money that we are spending on doctors, and what about the health of our community. The cost of health care is every expensive so let's start at the beginning. Even Northern Health says that we are not as healthy as our southern counterparts.