



PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

ELECTORAL AREA DIRECTORS' COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

DATE: January 17, 2019
PLACE: Regional District Office Staffroom, Dawson Creek, BC
PRESENT:

DIRECTORS: Karen Goodings, Electoral Area 'B' (Chair)
Brad Sperling, Electoral Area 'C'
Leonard Hiebert, Electoral Area 'D' (via telephone)
Dan Rose, Electoral Area 'E'

STAFF: Shawn Dahlen, CAO
Crystal Brown, Electoral Area Manager
Tyra Henderson, Corporate Officer
Fran Haughian, Communications Manager
Erin Price, Bylaw Enforcement Officer
Barb Coburn, Recording Secretary

CALL TO ORDER: The Chief Administrative Officer called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

ELECTION OF CHAIR The Chief Administrative Officer called for nominations for the office of Chair for 2019-2020.

Director Sperling nominated Director Goodings for the office of Chair for 2019-2020
Director Rose seconded the nomination.

Director Goodings accepted the nomination. Hearing no other nominations the Chief Administrative Officer declared Director Goodings Chair of Electoral Area Directors' Committee for 2019-2020.

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR The Chief Administrative Officer called for nominations for the office of Vice Chair for 2019-2020.

Director Sperling nominated Director Hiebert for the office of Vice Chair for 2019-2020
Director Rose seconded the nomination.

Director Hiebert accepted the nomination. Hearing no other nominations the Chief Administrative Officer declared Director Hiebert Vice Chair of Electoral Area Directors' Committee for 2019-2020.

CALL TO ORDER Chair Goodings called the meeting to order at 10:19 a.m.

DIRECTOR'S NOTICE OF NEW BUSINESS:

Director Rose Species at Risk brochure
Board Procedure Bylaw
Director Sperling Letter of support for Fort St. John
Meeting with President of BC Hydro next week in Prince George

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

January 17, 2019 Agenda MOVED by Director Rose, SECONDED by Director Sperling,
That the Electoral Area Directors' Committee agenda for the January 17, 2019 meeting
be adopted, including items of New Business:
Call to Order: The CAO will call the meeting to order
Election of Chair (Elected Director will assume the Chair)
DIRECTOR'S NOTICE OF NEW BUSINESS:
ADOPTION OF AGENDA:
ADOPTION OF MINUTES:
M-1 Electoral Area Directors' Committee Minutes of December 20, 2018
BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:
DELEGATIONS
D-1 (10:30 a.m.) Mike McConnell - Cattlemen's Association - Water Licensing Requirements
CORRESPONDENCE:
REPORTS:
R-1 December 31, 2019 - Erin Price, Bylaw Enforcement Officer - Bylaw Enforcement Quarterly
Update
DISCUSSION ITEMS:
DI-1 ALR Applications
DI-2 Farmington Oil and Gas Working Group
NEW BUSINESS:
NB-1 Board Procedure Bylaw
NB-2 Species at risk brochure
NB-3 Letter of support for a new facility in Fort St. John
NB-4 Meeting with President of BC Hydro in Prince George next week
DIARY:
ADJOURNMENT:

CARRIED.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

M-1 MOVED by Director Sperling, SECONDED by Director Hiebert,
December 20, 2018 EADC That the Electoral Area Directors' Committee Minutes of December 20, 2018 be
meeting minutes adopted.

CARRIED.

BUSINESS ARISING:

BA-1 MOVED by Director Sperling, SECONDED by Director Rose,
Registration of That the agenda be varied to discuss BA-1 after the Delegation presentation.
Groundwater

CARRIED.

REPORTS:

R-1 Bylaw Enforcement Erin Price, Bylaw Enforcement Officer reviewed the recent activities on some of the
Update enforcement files she is working on.

Director Goodings requested that a meeting be set-up with William and Anna Reimer
in Fort St. John to discuss their options for removing the unwanted trailer off of their
property.

DELEGATION:

D-1
Water Licencing
Requirements

Mike McConnell of the Cattlemen's Association, attended the meeting to discuss the new requirements under the *Water Sustainability Act* regarding licencing 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. He pointed out that there are two very different definitions for streams, one in the *Water Sustainability Act* and another in the *Forest Practices Code of British Columbia Act*.

Mr. McConnell also suggested that people should wait until after the regulations are finalized before applying for a water licence. There remains some confusion around the requirements for livestock and residential water usage, as well as the definition of groundwater. The Cattlemen's Association is lobbying to have water used for livestock exempt from licencing.

The Directors will be writing letters from their respective Electoral Areas to the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy regarding the issue of water licencing and will ask for clarification on the proposed regulations, definitions and its expectations. Director Rose will hand deliver a copy of the letter sent from the Board to Ministry of Forests, Lands Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development and the letters from each Electoral Area Director to the Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy next week during the BC Natural Resources Forum being held in Prince George.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

DI-1
ALR Applications

The Directors discussed the process for ALC applications for exclusions and subdivisions within the ALR. Crystal Brown, Electoral Area Manager will work with Development Services staff to prepare a report for the next Electoral Area Directors' Committee meeting.

DI-2
Farmington Oil And Gas
Working Group

Director Hiebert gave an update on the last Oil and Gas Working Group meeting held in Farmington.

MOVED by Director Sperling, SECONDED by Director Rose,
That the Oil and Gas Working Group meetings be placed on the Diary.

CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS:

NB-1
Species at Risk

The Directors reviewed two brochures developed by Communications Department regarding concerns for species at risk. Director Rose will work with Fran Haughian, Communications Manager, to combine the brochures into one, which Director Rose will present to the January 31, 2019 Board meeting.

NB-2
Board Procedure Bylaw

The Directors reviewed the Board procedure Bylaw.

NEW BUSINESS (CONTINUED):

NB-3 Brad Sperling, Director, Electoral Area C and Leonard Hiebert, Director, Electoral
Support for Fort St. John Area D will write letters of support for the development of a Festival Plaza in
Festival Plaza Centennial Park in Fort St. John.

NB-4 Director Sperling advised the group that he was invited to meet with the President of
Meet with BC Hydro BC Hydro during the Natural Resource Forum that is being held in Prince George from
President January 22 to 24, 2019.

RECESS The meeting recessed at 12:27 p.m.
RECONVENE: The meeting reconvened at 1:03 p.m.

DISCUSSION ITEMS (CONTINUED):

DI-3 Crystal Brown, Electoral Area Manager distributed an update on resolutions from the
Updates last three Electoral Area Directors' Committee meetings.

A discussion regarding video and audio recordings for public meetings ensued. Tyra Henderson, Corporate Officer will investigate the various means of recording meetings and the associated logistics and costs then report back to this committee.

DIARY The directors reviewed the Diary.

ADJOURNMENT: The Chair adjourned the meeting at 1:13 p.m.

Karen Goodings, Chair

Barb Coburn, Recording Secretary