



## ELECTORAL AREA DIRECTORS COMMITTEE MEETING A G E N D A

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Thursday, February 21, 2019  
in the Regional District Office Boardroom, 1981 Alaska Avenue, Dawson Creek, BC  
Commencing after the Rural Budgets Administration Committee Meeting

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1. CALL TO ORDER: Director Goodings to Chair meeting
2. DIRECTOR'S NOTICE OF NEW BUSINESS:
3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:
4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:  
M-1 Electoral Area Directors' Committee Minutes of January 17, 2019 (Page 2)
5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:
6. DELEGATIONS  
D-1 (1 p.m.) PNG - Brock John, Director Business Development and Stakeholder Relations, and Dwain McRae, ASCT, Manager of Operations - Re: Gasification
7. CORRESPONDENCE:  
C-1 January 14, 2019 - Allen Watson - Rural Sewer Issues (Page 6)  
C-2 February 14, 2019 - Kevin Strasky - Rural Addressing (Page 8)  
C-3 February 12, 2019 - Arthur Hadland - PNG Billing (Page 9)
8. REPORTS:
9. DISCUSSION ITEMS:  
DI-1 2019 Travel Arrangements
10. NEW BUSINESS:
11. COMMUNICATIONS
12. DIARY: (Page 10)
13. ADJOURNMENT:



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 exemptions 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):

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| NB-3<br>Support for Fort St. John<br>Festival Plaza | Brad Sperling, Director, Electoral Area C and Leonard Hiebert, Director, Electoral Area D will write letters of support for the development of a Festival Plaza in Centennial Park in Fort St. John. |
| NB-4<br>Meet with BC Hydro<br>President             | Director Hiebert advised the group that he was invited to meet with the President of BC Hydro during the Natural Resource Forum that is being held in Prince George from 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):

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

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Karen Goodings, Chair

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Barb Coburn, Recording Secretary

From the office of Allen B Watson



January 14, 2019

Leonard Hiebert, Dir. Area D  
PRRD



Dear Leonard:                      Re: rural sewer issue

*Since last talking to you about rural residents that live on small properties, I have researched the issue of rural waste water disposal, and would like to share my thoughts and conclusions. The small properties I refer to are those too small to have on sight sewerage disposal systems such as lagoons. These small acreages exist throughout the rural subdivisions but my focus is on small lots around our lakes. We must address this issue to prevent any further pollution to our precious few recreation lakes in the South Peace.*

*It is my understanding PRRD contributed major funding to a study of rural community needs for waste water management, that was conducted a couple of years ago. The figure of \$200,000.00 was mentioned to me. The question is, what benefit did rural tax payers get as a result of that study, and of the new waste receiving facility in Dawson Creek? The new facility in Dawson Creek has doubled the cost of removing my waste water from my holding tank on my lot at Swan Lake. There are multiple lots around the lake that must have holding tanks due to the size of the lots.*

*My cost in the past for sewerage removal has been \$5.00 per day. With the new facility, it now costs \$10.00 per day and that is with very conservative water usage. In our recent discussions with you, Mr. Dahlen, and one other staff member, I was told the PRRD had no input into setting the rates the city charged. That indicates to me, someone dropped the ball! In the future, the PRRD must attach some stipulations and strings attached when contributing funds for studies or projects that involve rural tax dollars.*

*So now the City has imposed new fees that are tailored to the oil and gas industry, who can pass on their costs, and the rural people who need to haul waste water to a facility, are forced to pay what is a ridiculous cost for any house hold. Disposal of waste water is by far my most expensive utility cost.*

*In my research, I have looked into hauling my own waste water just as I haul my own potable water, when the weather permits. With a tote tank in my truck box, I usually go to town a couple times a week and bring home water on my return – the cost is very reasonable. On the other hand, using a similar tote tank in a trailer, I could be taking waste water to the new facility in Dawson Creek. This is purely a personal activity – nothing commercial about it. Why is it so expensive for rural people to use that facility?*

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*The commercial truckers have had to double their costs at the new facility, and they pass the cost on to us. When PRRD contributed to the cost of the (study) for the new facility is when there should have been more thought into the benefit for the rural residents that have to haul their waste water off their property.*


*Just as with hauling our potable water from the city facility, there is no way we would attempt to haul our own waste water in sub zero temperatures so we would still rely on commercial truckers in most winter conditions. The whole point is to do what we can to reduce the annual cost down to an acceptable level. As a side note, it costs \$150.00 to have the commercial water truck deliver potable water, but the commercial vacuum truck cost has gone from \$175.00 to \$300.00 as a result of the new waste water receiving facility.*

*When looking into the requirements to haul my own waste water (when weather permits) I find I must sign a contract with City Hall. In that contract, I must show proof of a \$5,000,000.00 public liability insurance policy at a cost of \$1,000.00 to \$1,200.00 per year (\$3.00/day) as well as ICBC PL & PD coverage of \$5,000,00.00, plus the required cam lock hook up and a per litre charge.*

*So – where does this leave us as rural residents who helped pay for the new waste water / domestic sewerage receiving facility, but must pay a ridiculous amount to use. I suggested PRRD construct a lagoon at the Tomslake transfer station. There is room to do this but the reaction I got from you was there would have to be a referendum to approve the cost and a \$200,000.00 feasibility study. Both you and I know that would be a total waste of time and money because property owners like my self only make up 10% + - of the population. All the farmers and larger acreage owners have enough space to treat their own sewer on site, so (naturally) why would they support it.*

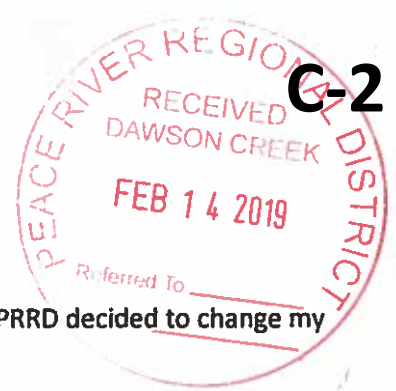
*You did mention that Pouce Coupe may be looking at up grading their lagoon system. That may be the solution we are looking for. If Pouce Coupe requests the PRRD for some funding, would you please consider rural property owners (tax payers) that need an affordable offsite facility to deal with waste water requirements.*

*Sincerely,*

  
Allen B Watson

Ps please circulate to appropriate staff members

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Good Morning, my name is Kevin Strasky

I would like to speak briefly about rural addressing

As a long-time resident of the Farmington area I was disappointed when the PRRD decided to change my address, removing Farmington and substituting Peace River Regional District

This happened about the time Canada Post closed our post office

I also would like to know why my house number is not designed in such a way that it can be located on an ordinary map

Also - I am of the opinion all rural parcels should have a locatable rural address, not just ones with houses

I have been raising these issues since the address change was implemented, just recently with Leonard Hiebert during his Farmington open house – again Leonard thank you and your group for your patience

During our exchange Mr. Hiebert also alluded to the fact that if you do not have a landline in the PRRD during a 911 call the dispatcher may not have access to the necessary special PRRD maps in order to automatically be able to locate my address

Thanks you for the opportunity to express my addressing concerns

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NG PRODUCT 90 96 C-3  
CARBON TAX + GST

Account Number: [REDACTED]  
ARTHUR HADLAND

Bill Issue Date:  
Co-Applicants:  
L HADLAND

January 29, 2019

*There is no purpose for this*

Rate Class: Residential 201C 2040 A

Meter Number	Gas Consumed		Days of Service	Meter Reading		Type	Volume Used	X	Volume to Energy Conversion Factor =		Gas Consumed GJ
	From	To		From	To						
630908	Nov 15 2018	Jan 17 2019	63	5853	6300	Actual	447		0.1143826		51.129

Previous Balance

Less Payment Dec 18 - Thank You!

61.09

61.09 CR

#### BALANCE FORWARD

Energy Charges: from Nov 15 2018 to Jan 17 2019

Basic Charge

Delivery Charge: 37.332 GJ at \$4.344 per GJ

Delivery Charge: 13.797 GJ at \$4.662 per GJ

Company Use Delivery Rider: 51.129 GJ at -\$0.043 per GJ

RSAM Delivery Rider: 37.332 GJ at \$0.143 per GJ

RSAM Delivery Rider: 13.797 GJ at \$0.059 per GJ

Commodity Charge: 51.129 GJ at \$1.779 per GJ

GCVA Commodity Rider: 51.129 GJ at -\$0.460 per GJ

Interim Rate Adj Rider: 37.332 GJ at -\$0.271 per GJ

GST

ICE FUND

Carbon Tax: 51.129 GJ at \$1.738 per GJ

GST on carbon tax: 51.129 GJ at \$0.087 per GJ

TOTAL CURRENT CHARGES - Please Pay by February 18, 2019

14.49

162.17

64.32

2.20 CR

5.34

0.81

90.96

23.52 CR

10.12 CR

15.11

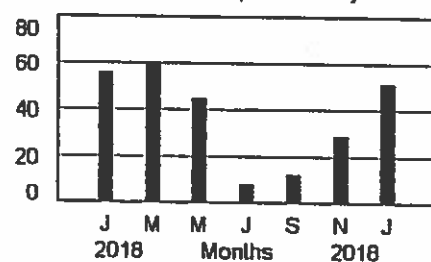
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GJ Your Consumption History



The BC Utilities Commission (BCUC) has approved changes to natural gas delivery rates effective January 1, 2019 that are greater than delivery rates previously in place.

The delivery rate increase is the result of a number of adjustments including a delivery charge increase of \$0.318/GJ for residential customers and of \$0.211/GJ for small commercial customers, and the removal of the 2018 interim delivery rate adjustment credit rider applicable to service provided in November and December 2018 of \$0.271/GJ for residential customers and of \$0.176/GJ for small commercial customers. These increases were offset in part by a \$0.084/GJ decrease in the RSAM rate rider that applies to both residential and small commercial customers.

On an annual basis, a residential customer with annual consumption of 107 GJ will see a cost increase of approximately \$54 and a small commercial customer with annual consumption of 500 GJ will see a cost increase of approximately \$152.

Check out PNG's website at: <http://savingserv.png.ca> for updated information on Energy Conservation and Innovation (ECI) programs to help residential and commercial customers reduce their energy bills. For more details on customer rates visit [www.png.ca](http://www.png.ca) or call the number on your billing statement.



Current Charges due by

Account Number

February 18, 2019

Total Amount Outstanding

\$411.88

Amount Paid

\$

1476

ARTHUR HADLAND

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#### Pre-Authorized Payment

The amount due, \$411.88, will be withdrawn from your financial institution on or after February 18, 2019

## ELECTORAL AREA DIRECTORS' COMMITTEE

### DIARY ITEMS

<u>Topic</u>	<u>Notes</u>	<u>Diarized</u>
1. Water Advisory Committee Members	Arrange a final meeting 3 months after operation begins; to close the loop.	November 16, 2017
	Arrange a tour and ribbon cutting/grand opening event upon completion of the water station	June 21, 2018
2. Cell Towers within the Region	Hold discussion with Alberta counterparts (Interprovincial Meeting)	December 14, 2017
3. Electoral Area D Referendum	Water (service areas) in 2020	October 16, 2018
4. Don Nearhood Museum	As the Peace Canyon building is being closed a new location for the display is needed	November 13, 2018
5. Oil and Gas Working Groups	Provide updates from each meeting	January 18, 2019