



PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

ELECTORAL AREA DIRECTORS' COMMITTEE MEETING **MINUTES**

DATE: Thursday, March 21, 2019

PLACE: Regional District Office Boardroom, Dawson Creek, BC

PRESENT: **Directors**
Karen Goodings, Electoral Area 'B' (Chair)
Brad Sperling, Electoral Area 'C'
Leonard Hiebert, Electoral Area 'D'
Dan Rose, Electoral Area 'E'

Staff

Shawn Dahlen, Chief Administrative Officer
Crystal Brown, Electoral Area Manager
Tyra Henderson, Corporate Officer
Fran Haughian, Communications Manager
Paulo Eichelberger, General Manager of Environmental Services
Erin Price, Bylaw Enforcement officer
Naomi Donat, Recording Secretary

Call to Order The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:57 a.m.

DIRECTORS NOTICE OF NEW BUSINESS:

Director Hiebert Field House
Area resident's concerns regarding blocked culverts

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

March 21, 2019 MOVED by Director Rose, SECONDED by Director Hiebert,
Agenda That the Electoral Area Directors' Committee Agenda for the March 21, 2019
meeting, including Director's new business, be adopted as amended:

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Director Goodings to Chair meeting
2. **DIRECTORS' NOTICE OF NEW BUSINESS:**
3. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**
4. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**
M-1 Electoral Area Directors' Committee Minutes of February 21, 2019
5. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**
6. **DELEGATIONS:**
D-1 (10:30 a.m.) Kathleen Connolly, Dawson Creek Chamber of Commerce - Update
on the AB Synergy Group Conference and Alberta's Farmers' Advocacy Office
D-2 (11:00 a.m.) Jeremy Siggs - Commercial Hemp Decortication and Processing
Facility
D-3 (11:30 am) Shaely Wilbur, Acting President, South Peace Health Services Society

– Health Care Accommodation Funding Update

ADOPTION OF AGENDA (CONTINUED):

7. **CORRESPONDENCE::**
C-1 Rural Crime Watch Letters
8. **REPORTS:**
R-1 February 8, 2019 Report from Paulo Eichelberger, GM of Environmental Services-North Pine Tower – Follow-up to Engineering Study and Next Steps
R-2 March 11, 2019 Report from Erin Price, Bylaw Enforcement Officer-Sign Bylaw Information
9. **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**
DI-1 Farmers' Advocacy Office – Status of Ministerial Commitment
DI-2 PRLGA Meeting – Chair, Speakers and Speaking Notes
DI-3 Remuneration Bylaw
DI-4 Agricultural Land Commission Tour
DI-5 Groundwater Licensing
10. **NEW BUSINESS:**
NB-1 Field House
NB-2 Resident's concerns re: blocked culverts
11. **COMMUNICATIONS:**
12. **DIARY:**
DIA-1 Diary Items
13. **ADJOURNMENT:**

CARRIED

Recessed The meeting recessed at 9:59 AM

Reconvened The meeting reconvened at 10:35 AM

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

M-1 MOVED by Director Sperling, SECONDED by Director Hiebert,
Feb. 21/19 EADC That the Electoral Area Directors' Committee Meeting Minutes of February 21, 2019
Minutes be adopted.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

BA-1 Director Hiebert requested that a meeting be set up with Shawn Trottier at Louisiana
235 Road concerns Pacific to get more information on the tests being conducted on Road 235 and the
 results found.

DELEGATIONS:

D-1 MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Sperling,
Kathleen Connolly, That the Synergy Alberta Conference scheduled for the fall of 2019 be diarized.
Dawson Creek
Chamber of
Commerce

CARRIED

D-2
Jeremy Siggs,
Commercial Hemp
Decortication and
Processing Facility

Mr. Siggs was unable to attend and has requested that his delegation be rescheduled.

D-3
Shaely Wilbur, South
Peace Health Services
Society

Ms. Wilbur submitted a booklet including a project update, architectural drawings, and a donor/pledge form.

CORRESPONDENCE:

C-1
March 7, 2019,
Dawson Creek Rural
Crime Watch, Cell
service availability

MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Sperling,
That Telus be invited to attend an Electoral Area Director's Committee meeting to speak on opportunities for providing better landline maintenance and cell phone service in rural areas of the South Peace.

CARRIED

REPORTS:

R-1
February 8, 2019,
Report from Paulo
Eichelberger, GM of
Environmental
Services-North Pine
Tower-Follow-up to
Engineering study and
Next Steps

MOVED by Director Rose, SECONDED by Director Sperling,
That the February 8, 2019 report summarizing the findings of the North Pine Tower Study and plans for public advertising for tower rental space be received, and further that the Electoral Area Director's Committee recommend to the Regional Board that a Request for Expressions of Interest be issued to identify parties interested in renting space on the North Pine Tower.

CARRIED

R-2
March 11, 2019,
Report from Erin Price,
Bylaw Enforcement
Officer-Sign Bylaw
Information

MOVED by Director Sperling, SECONDED by Director Rose,
That the report "Sign Bylaw Information" dated March 11, 2019 be referred to the Regional Board.

CARRIED

It was recognized that signage rules implemented through the Agricultural Land Commission would supersede any PRRD signage bylaws on land within the Agricultural Land Reserve.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

DI-1
Farmers' Advocacy
Office

MOVED by Director Sperling, SECONDED by Director Hiebert
That Director Rose be authorized to contact the Deputy Minister of Agriculture and the Deputy Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources to request funding to extend the Farmers' Advocacy Office contract for a period of 3-6 months (April – June or September, 2019) to provide adequate time to form a working group dedicated to the redesign of the Farmers' Advocacy Office service and funding model using recommendations from the 2019 Farmers' Advocacy Office Evaluation, and further, report back to the Board.

CARRIED

Recess
Reconvened

The meeting recessed at 11:28 AM
The meeting reconvened at 12:50 PM

DI-2
PRLGA Meeting

The Peace River Local Government Association meeting is scheduled for March 28, 2019 in Fort St. John. As the Regional District is the host municipality, Director Goodings will act as chair for the meeting.

Speaking notes for the Area Directors will be prepared by Tyra Henderson, Corporate Officer, or Fran Haughian, Communications Manager.

DI-3
Remuneration Bylaw

MOVED by Director Rose, SECONDED by Director Hiebert
That the remuneration bylaw discussion be added to the Regional Budget Administration Committee meeting agenda as New Business.

CARRIED

DI-4
Agricultural Land
Commission Tour

MOVED by Director Sperling, SECONDED by Director Hiebert
That the Electoral Area Directors' Committee recommend to the Regional Board that the Minister of Agriculture be invited to participate in a tour of the Peace region, with the Regional Board and Agricultural Land Commission, to view the impact of oil and gas activity on ALR lands.

CARRIED

DI-5
Groundwater
Licensing

Updates from the Province, regarding the extension for groundwater licensing, have been posted to the PRRD website.

NEW BUSINESS:

NB-1
Field House

Director Hiebert will discuss with Mr. Rogers whether or not to proceed with a sub-regional needs assessment for a field house.

NB-2
Resident's concerns-
blocked culverts

The Regional District has received a letter from Patrick Collins regarding blocked culverts. Director Hiebert advised he will contact the District Manager, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure to refer the concerns.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

DIARY:

DIA-1

MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Sperling,
That the Fall 2019 Synergy Alberta Conference be added to the Diary.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 1:50 p.m.