



PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

ELECTORAL AREA DIRECTORS' COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

DATE: May 27, 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'
Dan Rose, Electoral Area 'E';

STAFF: Shawn Dahlen, CAO
Crystal Brown, Electoral Area Manager
Tyra Henderson, Corporate Officer
Jill Rickert, Community Services Coordinator
Katrin Saxty, Community Planner, Urban Systems
Barb Coburn, Recording Secretary

CALL TO ORDER Chair Goodings called the meeting to order at 9:58 a.m.

DIRECTOR'S NOTICE OF NEW BUSINESS:

Director Rose Natural Gas
Director Goodings Horticulture; Cypress Creek Cattlemen's Association, and the Grand Opening at Area B Water Stations

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

May 27, 2019 Agenda MOVED by Director Rose, SECONDED by Director Hiebert,
That the Electoral Area Directors' Committee agenda for the May 27, 2019 meeting be adopted, including items of New Business:

CALL TO ORDER: Director Goodings to Chair the meeting

DIRECTOR'S NOTICE OF NEW BUSINESS:

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

M-1 Electoral Area Directors Committee Minutes of April 18, 2019

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

DELEGATIONS

CORRESPONDENCE:

REPORTS:

R-1 May 7, 2019 - Development Services Department - Agriculture Land Commission
Application Trial Year - Summary of Decisions

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

DI-1 Prespatou Volunteer Ambulance and Fire Department
DI-2 Wonowon Lighting, Pavement and Possible Sidewalks (through taxation)
DI-3 Greenhouse Growers See Rebound in Acreage - Country Life in BC Article
DI-4 ALC Tour
DI-5 GIA Criteria
DI-6 Groundwater License Requirements for Non-domestic Use (referred by the Regional Board)

ADOPTION OF AGENDA (CONTINUED):

NEW BUSINESS:

- NB-1 Supply of Natural Gas to Rural residents
- NB-2 Cypress Creek Cattlemen Association
- NB-3 Horticulture
- NB 4 Grand Opening at Area B Water Stations

DIARY:

ADJOURNMENT:

CARRIED.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

- M-1 April 18, 2019 EADC meeting minutes
- MOVED by Director Sperling, SECONDED by Director Hiebert,
That the Electoral Area Directors Committee Minutes of April 18, 2019 be adopted.
- CARRIED.**

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

- BA-1 Cell Phone Towers/
Coverage
- MOVED by Director Sperling, SECONDED by Director Hiebert,
That the Electoral Area Directors Committee recommend that the Regional Board send a letter to the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) expressing concerns regarding the lack of cell phone coverage to the rural areas of the Peace River Regional District, with a copy of the letter sent to Telus.
- CARRIED.**

REPORTS:

- R-1 ALC Application Trial
- MOVED by Director Sperling, SECONDED by Director Hiebert,
That the Report from Development Services Department regarding the Agriculture Land Commission Application Trial Year - Summary of Decisions be received for discussion.
- CARRIED.**

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- DI-1 Prespatou Community
- A discussion regarding establishing a health care center, fire hall and an ambulance services for the Prespatou community ensued. Director Goodings advised that, at this time, she is working on setting up a meeting in either Fort St. John or Prespatou with BC Ambulance representatives, Michael Blatz, North Peace Land Use Planner and herself to discuss the ambulance issue with the Prespatou residents.
- It was also suggested that Director Goodings invite the Charlie Lake Fire Chief to the meeting as he would be available to discuss the issues and understands the process.
- DI-2 Wonowon Community
- Due to safety concerns, community residents from Wonowon are interested in having improvements done to their subdivision, such as lighting, pavement and sidewalks, and are looking to complete a feasibility study and have the work paid for through taxation.
- This will require funding. Item was referred to RBAC.

DISCUSSION ITEMS (CONTINUED):

DI-3
Greenhouse Growers A discussion ensued regarding an article in the May issue of the Country Life in BC that talked about the importance of pipeline-supplied natural gas to the greenhouse industry in the lower mainland.

DI-4
ALC Tour Crystal Brown, Electoral Area Manager will work with Director Rose and Director Hiebert to determine locations for the tour with the Agricultural Land Commission on June 18, 2019.

DI-5
GIA Criteria Referred to the June Electoral Area Directors Committee meeting.

DI-6
Groundwater Licensing
Requirements MOVED by Director Sperling, SECONDED by Director Hiebert,
That the Electoral Area Directors Committee recommend that the Regional Board send a letter to the Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy to request clarification on what stage the *Water Sustainability Regulation* is at; and further, that the Ministry host meetings throughout the Region to explain the purpose of the regulation, what it involves, and the process required for residents to obtain a water license.

CARRIED.

MOVED by Director Rose, SECONDED by Director Hiebert,
That staff invite Mike McConnell from the Cattlemen's Association to a future Electoral Area Directors Committee Meeting to update the Committee on the cattlemen's involvement with the *Water Sustainability Regulations* as it pertains to livestock.

CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS:

NB-1
Natural Gas MOVED by Director Rose, SECONDED by Director Hiebert,
That the Electoral Area Manager invite the BC Utilities Commission to a Committee meeting to discuss the supply of natural gas to various unincorporated areas in the Region.

CARRIED.

NB-2
Cypress Creek Cattlemen
Association The Electoral Area Manager will work with Director Goodings to assist the Cypress Creek Cattlemen Association to change the society name and members to the Cypress Community Society.

NB-3
Horticulture Staff will send out a Doodle Poll to determine an appropriate date to meet with Directors Sperling, Goodings, and Hiebert to discuss horticulture in the Region.

NB-4
Grand Opening at Area B
Water Stations Staff will arrange a ribbon cutting and grand opening ceremony at all five of the Area B water stations.

DIARY

MOVED by Director Rose, SECONDED by Director Hiebert,
That Caribou Brochure be removed from the Diary.

CARRIED.

MOVED by Director Rose, SECONDED by Director Hiebert,
That staff invite representatives from cell service providers in the region to attend an
Electoral Area Directors Committee meetings to discuss possible partnerships on cell
towers.

CARRIED.

MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Rose,
That November 4 and 5, 2019 be added to Item 7. Synergy Alberta Conference.

CARRIED.

Staff will investigate who can attend the conference, whether registration is required
and how to go about registering.

MOVED by Director Rose, SECONDED by Director Hiebert,
That 'Natural Gas' be added to the Diary.

CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:53 a.m.

Original signed by

Karen Goodings, Chair

Original signed by

Barb Coburn, Recording Secretary