



PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

ELECTORAL AREA DIRECTORS' COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

DATE: June 18, 2019

PLACE: Regional District Office Boardroom, Dawson Creek, BC

PRESENT: **Directors**

Director Goodings, Meeting Chair
Director Sperling
Director Hiebert
Director Rose

Delegations

Chris Hawkins, PRRD Grant Writer
Mike McConnell, BC Cattlemen's Association

Staff

Shawn Dahlen, Chief Administrative Officer
Crystal Brown, Electoral Area Manager
Tyra Henderson, Corporate Officer
Jenn Baddeley, Corporate Services NDIIT Intern
Trish Morgan, General Manager of Community Services
Edward Albury, Fire Chief, Charlie Lake Fire Department
Lyle Smith, Chief Financial Officer, 11:45 am
Suzanne Garrett, Corporate Services Coordinator

Call to Order The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:00 am

DIRECTORS NOTICE OF NEW BUSINESS:

Director Hiebert	Report on the May 30 th FCM Conference
Director Sperling	Comments on oil and gas template
Director Rose	Identify topics for discussion at UBCM Conference

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

June 18/19 Agenda MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Rose,
That the Electoral Area Directors' Committee agenda for the June 18, 2019 meeting,
including Director's new business, be adopted as amended:

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - Director Goodings to Chair the Meeting
2. **DIRECTORS NOTICE OF NEW BUSINESS:**
3. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**
4. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**
M-1 Electoral Area Directors' Committee Meeting Minutes of May 27, 2019
5. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**
6. **DELEGATIONS:**
D-1 (10:30) Chris Hawkins – PRRD Grant Writer
D-2 (11:00) Mike McConnell – Cattlemen's Association – Water Licensing
7. **CORRESPONDENCE:**
8. **REPORTS:**
R-1 June 10, 2019 – Trish Morgan, GM of Community Services – Proposed
Expansion of Charlie Lake Fire Protection Service Area – Information Package.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA (continued):

June 18/19 Agenda
(continued)

9. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- DI-1 GIA Criteria
- DI-2 Meeting Invites
- DI-3 EADC/RBAC Meeting Dates

10. NEW BUSINESS:

- NB-1 Director Hiebert report on May 30 FCM Conference
- NB-2 Comments on oil and gas template
- NB-3 Identify topics for discussion at UBCM Conference

11. COMMUNICATIONS:

12. DIARY:

- DA-1 Diary Items

13. ADJOURNMENT:

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

M-1
May 27/19 EADC
Minutes

MOVED by Director Rose, SECONDED by Director Sperling,
That the Electoral Area Directors' Committee Meeting Minutes of May 27, 2019 be adopted.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

BA-1 Telus

MOVED by Director Sperling, SECONDED by Director Hiebert,
That the Electoral Area Directors Committee recommends to the Regional Board that a meeting be requested, during the 2019 UBCM Convention, with the Honourable Jinny Sims regarding the lack of cell phone coverage, broadband internet and land line service to the rural areas in the region, specifically in regard to resident safety and emergency communications.

CARRIED

The Board, at its June 13th meeting, resolved to forward a letter to the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC), expressing these concerns, with a copy to Telus. Without changing the intent of the letter, it was suggested that two additional points be included in the letter (1) Telus has no competition, therefore residents have no choices as to carriers, and (2) request that Telus provide maps indicating coverage service gaps.

Vary the Agenda

MOVED by Director Sperling, SECONDED by Director Rose,
That the agenda be varied to deal with D-1 (Grant Writer Delegation) at this time.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS:

D-1
Chris Hawkins

Mr. Hawkins provided the Committee with an update on the Grant Writer Program.
Topics included:

- Organizations do not always follow up with Grant Writer after initial contact
- 2 outstanding grant applications from 2018 (waiting for approval confirmation).
- 6 workshops held in region, well attended with over 90 participants
- Applied for \$7 million in grants – 26 organizations; 43 possible grants
- Grant Writer program could be better utilized

D-1 (continued) It was suggested that organizations be reminded of services available from the Grant Writer Program through Facebook and include information in all grant letters sent to applicants.

Mr. Hawkins left the meeting at 10:50 am

REPORTS:

R-1
June 10, 2019-
Proposed Expansion –
CL Fire Protection
Service Area Report

MOVED by Director Sperling, SECONDED by Director Rose,
That the Electoral Area Directors' Committee receive the report titled 'Proposed Expansion of Charlie Lake Fire Protection Service Area – Information Package' for discussion.

CARRIED

At the April 9, 2019 Special EADC meeting, the Committee suggested staff examine the following tiered tax rates for fire protection services:

- Properties < 13 km will pay the same tax rate as the current service area
- Properties > 13 km will pay 50% of the tax rate of the current service area

It was felt that 50% would not meet financial requirements for equipment, capital, purchases and construction.

D-2
Mike McConnell

Mr. McConnell, BC Cattlemen's Association, attended to provide an update on water licensing requirements. Topics included:

- Producers from Quesnel south want the ability to obtain a water license – they feel it provides additional security for landowners
- Cattlemen want to have a Livestock Watering Act regulation in place
- Dugouts – Provincial perception is dugouts are filled by groundwater seepage. Have not taken into account the north is different – clay soils prevent seepage.

Mr. McConnell left the meeting at 11:30 am

R-1 (continued)

Discussion ensued regarding Road Rescue / First Medical Responder (EMR) services. Charlie Lake Fire Department staff would handle day to day i.e. band-aid to heart attack incidents. Staff are trained pursuant to Worksafe BC requirements. There was no mention in the report regarding potential liability impacts to the Regional District.

MOVED by Director Sperling, SECONDED by Director Hiebert,
That a report be brought back to the Electoral Area Directors Committee defining costs for fire protection at 75% taxation rates for properties outside the 13 km Charlie Lake Fire Protection Service area and address liability impacts of said service to the Regional District.

CARRIED

Staff will schedule a meeting, in August, with mutual aid partners, the City of Fort St. John and District of Taylor, to discuss the proposed expansion of the Charlie Lake Fire Protection Area, Road Rescue and First Medical Responder services.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

DI-1
GIA Criteria

The Chief Financial Officer advised that the Grants-in-Aid policies will be undergoing a review in the near future at which time this issue could be addressed.

Recess The meeting recessed for luncheon at 12:05 pm
Reconvene The meeting reconvened at 1:00 pm

DI-2 Directors and staff have been experiencing technical difficulties with the meeting
Meeting Invites calendar and invitations. Staff are working on a process and resolution to address
the issues.

DI-3 MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Sperling,
EADC/RBAC Meeting That the Electoral Area Directors Committee meeting scheduled for July 18 be
Dates cancelled.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS:

NB-1 FCM Conference Director Hiebert provided an update on the FCM Conference he attended on May 30
(Handout) to June 2 in Quebec City. Key topics of interest:

- New fire suppression apparatus
- G3 Grain terminal in Quebec City Harbour
- Relationship between local government and Federal Government
- Waste to Energy
- Farm Hub Speaker series – connecting communities through agriculture –
municipal leaders discuss the importance of farming to citizens they represent.

NB-2 comments on Director Sperling reminded Directors that he would be accepting comments on the
oil and gas template oil and gas template until early July.

NB-3 topics for UBCM MOVED by Director Sperling, SECONDED by Director Rose,
Conference That the Electoral Area Directors Committee recommends to the Regional Board that
a meeting be requested with the Premier regarding value-added products from
resources and access to rail cars, during the 2019 UBCM Convention.

CARRIED

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| Topic 1 | consider incentives to producers to develop manufacturing plants in BC
to reduce reliance on importing and exporting resources from/to other
provinces and countries |
| Topic 2 | Ensure CN Rail complies with legal obligation to provide producers and
communities with adequate, consistent service and timely access to rail cars. |

MOVED by Director Rose, SECONDED by Director Hiebert,
That the Electoral Area Directors Committee recommends to the Regional Board that
a meeting be requested with the Minister of Agriculture regarding Livestock
Watering Regulation and access to rail cars, during the 2019 UBCM Convention.

CARRIED

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| Topic 1 | Ensure CN Rail complies with legal obligation to provide producers and
communities with adequate, consistent service and timely access to rail cars. |
| Topic 2 | Livestock Watering Act Regulation – request that the regulation be completed
by the end of 2019, and that producers be exempt from groundwater licensing
for livestock watering until the regulation is complete. |
| Topic 3 | Agriculture tenure on Crown Land – develop regulations recognizing the rights
of tenure holders |

Topic 4 Agriculture issues with China – refusal to accept canola and pork products from Canada – provide assistance to producers affected and find new markets for products.

NB-3 (continued)

MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Rose,
That the Electoral Area Directors Committee recommends to the Regional Board that a meeting be requested with the Minister of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development regarding fibre shortage and the *Water Sustainability Act*, during the 2019 UBCM Convention.

CARRIED

Topic 1 Forestry sector status – address the current fibre shortage in the market resulting in job losses and mill closures across the province.

Topic 2 *Water Sustainability Act* – exclude livestock watering from groundwater licencing requirements; change definition of “stream”, each Ministry has a different definition - needs to be consistent in all legislation/regulations. Change definition of “domestic use” – community halls and schools, water is used for by the people, this differs from commercial use.

MOVED by Director Sperling, SECONDED by Director Rose,
That the Electoral Area Directors Committee recommends to the Regional Board that a meeting be requested with the Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy regarding solid waste, and recycling, during the 2019 UBCM Convention.

CARRIED

Topic 1 Recycling – confirm with Province where recyclable materials end up.

Topic 2 Waste to Energy – support for the development of waste to energy systems

MOVED by Director Sperling, SECONDED by Director Hiebert,
That the Electoral Area Directors Committee recommends to the Regional Board that a meeting be requested with the Minister of Education regarding school funding, during the 2019 UBCM Convention.

CARRIED

Topic 1 school closures – allocate more funding towards schools in the region.

MOVED by Director Rose, SECONDED by Director Hiebert,
That the Electoral Area Directors Committee recommends to the Regional Board that a meeting be requested with the Minister of Citizen's Services regarding connectivity, during the 2019 UBCM Convention.

CARRIED

Topics 1 improve connectivity to small and rural communities by ensuring that local providers are investing in and maintaining local landlines, mobility towers and broadband services, to ensure resident safety and emergency communications.

MOVED by Director Sperling, SECONDED by Director Rose,
That the Electoral Area Directors Committee recommends to the Regional Board that a meeting be requested with the Minister of Public Safety regarding mandatory fire inspection, during the 2019 UBCM Convention.

CARRIED

Topic 1 Amend the new Fire Safety Act to remove the “mandatory” requirements on regional districts to take on responsibilities for fire inspections and enforcement and make them optional. Not feasible due to size of region, sparseness of population, lack of personnel to conduct inspections.

NB-3 (continued) MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Rose,
That the Electoral Area Directors Committee recommends to the Regional Board that
a meeting be requested with the Minister of Health regarding medevac services,
during the 2019 UBCM Convention.

CARRIED

Topic 1 Air Ambulance – ensure that the Peace region has sufficient and adequate
access to medevac services.

COMMUNICATIONS: None

DIARY:

DIA-1 Item 8 - add Rural Municipal Conference to the Diary - scheduled for November
Diary (continued) 12-15, 2019.

Water Advisory Committee tour has been scheduled as follows:
Fey Spring and Boundary – June 28
Prespatou and Buick – July 2
Place on Board agenda in the event other Directors wish to attend.

Committee Report MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Rose,
That the recommendations from the Electoral Area Directors Committee meeting of
June 18, 2019 be recommended to the Regional Board for approval.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT The Chair adjourned the meeting at 2:10 pm

Original signed by

Karen Goodings, Chair

Original signed by

S. Garrett, Corporate Services Coordinator