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Tuesday, November 13, 2018

in the Regional District Office Boardroom, 1981 Alaska Avenue, Dawson Creek, BC

Commencing at 10 a.m.

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1. CALL TO ORDER: Director Goodings to Chair the meeting
2. DIRECTOR'S NOTICE OF NEW BUSINESS:
3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:
4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:  
M-1 Electoral Area Directors' Committee Minutes of October 16, 2018 (Page 2)
5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:
6. DELEGATIONS:
7. CORRESPONDENCE:  
C-1 October 30, 2018 - Shauna Bader - Agriculture in the Peace (Page 5)  
C-2 October 18, 2018 - Wanda Maundrell, President, Chamber of Commerce - Termination of Agricultural Advisory Committee (Referred from the October 25, 2018 Board Meeting) (Page 7)
8. REPORTS:  
R-1 November 5, 2018 - Crystal Brown, Electoral Area Manager - Contract Renewal for Grant Writer Services No. 26-2017/2018 (Page 8)
9. DISCUSSION ITEMS:  
DI-1 2017 Updates to the BC Oil and Gas Commission and Agricultural Land Commission Delegation Agreement (Page 10)  
DI-2 North Peace Official Community Plan - Update  
DI-3 Don Nearhood Museum (Page 12)  
DI-4 Oversight on Highway Maintenance (Page 15)  
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DI-6 *BC Water Sustainability Act* - Groundwater Licensing Requirement  
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10. NEW BUSINESS:
11. COMMUNICATIONS:
12. DIARY: (Page 20)
13. ADJOURNMENT:



# PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

M-1

## ELECTORAL AREA DIRECTORS' COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

DATE: October 16, 2018  
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, Acting CAO  
Crystal Brown, Electoral Area Manager  
Erin Price, Bylaw Enforcement Officer  
Barb Coburn, Recording Secretary

CALL TO ORDER: The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:41 p.m.

DIRECTORS NOTICE OF NEW BUSINESS:

Director Goodings MIRR Project

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

October 16, 2018 Agenda MOVED by Director Sperling, SECONDED by Director Hiebert,  
That the Electoral Area Directors' Committee agenda for the October 16, 2018 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 July 21, 2018  
BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:  
DELEGATIONS  
CORRESPONDENCE:  
REPORTS:  
R-1 October 9, 2018 - Crystal Brown, Electoral Area Manager - Letterhead and Staff Resourcing  
Policies  
R-2 September 30, 2018 - Erin Price, Bylaw Enforcement Officer - Bylaw Enforcement Quarterly  
Update  
R-3 October 11, 2018 - Karen Goodings, Director, Electoral Area B - NDIT: Connecting BC Grants  
DISCUSSION ITEMS:  
DI-1 Economic Development Options for 2019  
DI-2 August 16, 2018 News Item - MLA Bernier Concerned About the Impact of ALR  
Recommendations on the Oil and Gas Industry  
DI-3 Municipal Participation in Planning Presentation: Recap and Next Steps  
DI-4 Proportional Representation Referendum  
NEW BUSINESS:  
NB-1 MIRR Project  
COMMUNICATIONS:  
DIARY:  
ADJOURNMENT:

CARRIED.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

M-1  
August 16, 2018 EADC  
meeting minutes

MOVED by Director Sperling, SECONDED by Director Rose,  
That the Electoral Area Directors' Committee Minutes of August 16, 2018 be adopted.  
CARRIED.

REPORTS:

R-1  
Letterhead and Staff  
Resourcing Policy

MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Sperling,  
That the Electoral Area Directors' Committee receive the attached draft Board Policies  
regarding Regional District Letterhead and Staff Resourcing for discussion.  
CARRIED.

MOVED by Director Sperling, SECONDED by Director Rose,  
That section 3.4 of the proposed Regional District Letterhead Policy be changed to  
"Regional District Board Letterhead must not contradict an established position of the  
Board" and furthermore, that the Electoral Area Directors' Committee recommends  
that the Board approve the amended Regional District Letterhead Policy.  
CARRIED.

MOVED by Director Sperling, SECONDED by Director Rose,  
That the Electoral Area Directors' Committee recommends that the Board approve the  
proposed Staff Resourcing Policy.  
CARRIED.

R-2  
Bylaw Enforcement  
Quarterly Report

MOVED by Director Sperling, SECONDED by Director Hiebert,  
That the Electoral Area Directors' Committee receive the September 30, 2018 Bylaw  
Enforcement Quarterly Update for discussion.  
CARRIED.

R-3  
NDIT - Connecting BC  
Grants

MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Rose,  
That the Electoral Area Directors' Committee receive the Northern Development  
Initiative Trust (NDIT) Connecting British Columbia program application guides for  
discussion.  
CARRIED.

MOVED by Director Sperling, SECONDED by Director Hiebert,  
That the Electoral Area Directors' Committee recommends that the Board authorize  
the Peace River Regional District Grant Writers to submit a grant application to the  
"NDIT Connecting British Columbia, Connecting Infrastructure Strategy Funding" grant  
program for each of the following communities: Wonowon, Clayhurst, Goodlow, Cecil  
Lake, Rose Prairie and Clearview, Baldonnel, Two Rivers, Tupper, Tomslake, Kelly Lake,  
Cutbank, Rolla, Progress, Sunset Prairie, Groundbirch, Jackfish and Hassler for the  
purpose of conducting a connectivity infrastructure strategy.  
CARRIED.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- DI-1  
Economic Development  
Options for 2019
- The Directors discussed possible economic development funding models for 2019.
- DI-2  
Impact of ALR  
Recommendations on Oil  
and Gas Industry
- MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Rose,  
That the Electoral Area Directors' Committee recommends that the Board invite the  
Honourable Dave Nikolejsin, Deputy Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum  
Resources to the November 8, 2018 Farmington Working Group.
- CARRIED.
- DI-3  
Municipal Participation in  
Planning
- The Directors discussed the Municipal Participation in Planning presentations that  
were conducted during June and July 2018 and decided that further research into  
Section 381 of Part 14 of the *Local Government Act* was required.
- DI-4  
Proportional  
Representation  
Referendum
- MOVED by Director Rose, SECONDED by Director Hiebert,  
That the Electoral Area Directors' Committee recommends that the Board obtain a  
legal, unbiased opinion on the pros and cons of the upcoming referendum for  
Proportional Representation Referendum, and furthermore, the information be shared  
with the public through social media.
- CARRIED.
- NEW BUSINESS:
- NB-1  
MIRR Process
- The Directors discussed the process for Ministry of Indigenous Relations and  
Reconciliation referrals.
- DIARY:
- MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Rose,  
That item 1, Internet, be removed from the Diary.
- CARRIED.
- MOVED by Director Rose, SECONDED by Director Hiebert,  
That Item 3, Meetings with Ministers and MLA's be removed from the Diary.
- CARRIED.
- NEXT MEETING
- The next Electoral Area Directors' Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday,  
November 14, 2018
- ADJOURNMENT:
- The Chair adjourned the meeting at 2:25 p.m.

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Karen Goodings, Chair

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Barb Coburn, Recording Secretary

From: Bader, Shauna F AGRI:EX [<mailto:Shauna.Bader@gov.bc.ca>]  
Sent: October-30-18 11:30 AM  
To: 'Karen Goodings'  
Subject: RE: agriculture in the Peace.

Hey, Karen!

Yes, I am aware (and excited) that there is some interest in developing a horticultural industry in the Peace Region of BC.

Some of the programs available include:

1. **Buy BC Partnership Program:** Sector/product specific marketing and promotional activities to increase consumer demand and sales of BC agrifood and seafood products within the Province. The website is: <http://iafbc.ca/buy-bc/cost-shared-funding/>
2. **BC Agrifood & Seafood Market Development Program:** Support for BC's agriculture, food and seafood sectors to undertake eligible domestic and export market development projects and activities. The website is: <http://iafbc.ca/funding-opportunities/market-development/>
3. **Food & Beverage Processing Initiative:** This program provides funding to assist with development of the food, beverage and nutraceutical processing industry. Their website is: <http://iafbc.ca/funding-opportunities/food-beverage/>
4. **Grow Local Program:** Offers funding to BC organizations to increase the ability of British Columbians to grow food locally. The website is: <http://iafbc.ca/funding-opportunities/grow-local/>
5. **AgriMarketing Program (Small & Medium-sized Enterprises):** Funding provided will assist for-profit organizations expand into international markets through activities such as marketing and advertising, food service promotions, trade seminars, technical training for buyers, market development. Open to for-profit organizations operating in the agriculture, agri-food, agri-based products sector. The website is: <http://www.agr.gc.ca/eng/programs-and-services/agrimarketing-program-small-and-medium-sized-enterprise-component/?id=1515088228849>
6. **AgriCompetitiveness Program:** Provide producers with information needed to build capacity and support the sector's development. Funding will support sector-led activities such as farmer-oriented seminars, and conferences that identify industry best practices and build the capacity of the sector, farm business management, farm safety information and tools, as well as activities which raise agricultural awareness. Open to not-for-profit organizations including associations in Canada and Indigenous organizations. The website is: <http://www.agr.gc.ca/eng/programs-and-services/agricompetitiveness-program/?id=1517335776475>
7. **AgriAssurance Program (Small & Medium-sized Enterprises):** Funding provided will assist for-profit organizations to obtain third-party certification when it is required to meet an export opportunity. Open to for-profit organizations operating in the agriculture, agri-food, agri-based products sector. The website is: <http://www.agr.gc.ca/eng/programs-and-services/agriassurance-small-and-medium-sized-enterprise-component/?id=1517865477303>
8. **Environmental Farm Plan Program (EFP):** Farmers who have an EFP are serious about learning how to reduce agriculture's impact upon the environment. Many EFP participants enjoy increased efficiency, profitability and new customers as a result of increased environmental sustainability. The website is: <http://ardcorp.ca/programs/environmental-farm-plan/>

Karen, I really believe that the elimination of the Agricultural Advisory Board (AAB) by the Peace Regional District is a detriment to agriculture in the Peace. The AAB brought together stakeholders from the various areas of agriculture and it provided an opportunity to unite agriculture because it encouraged teamwork. It was opportunity to strengthen knowledge and share resources. It is my belief that it would have been a great resource for a newly developing horticultural industry (learning from past experiences).

Cheers,  
Shauna Bader

**November 13, 2018**

From: Karen Goodings [<mailto:kgooding@pris.bc.ca>]  
Sent: Friday, October 26, 2018 5:29 PM  
To: Bader, Shauna F AGRI:EX  
Cc: Gwen Johannson; Crystal Brown; Shawn Dahlen  
Subject: agriculture in the Peace.

Hi Shauna, I am the Director of Electoral Area "B" of the Peace River Regional District. Agriculture is of high importance to most of the residents of Area B and I am very interested in working toward food security and an improvement in our ability to provide wholesome vegetables and produce for our area. Is there any programs through your ministry that we could pursue this through? There is a huge lack of support for horticulture but there is a growing interest in pursuing it. We do have a number of active local farmers markets in many of our communities that could be part of the future solution. We have a lot of advantages in this part of the Province but this requires support to make it happen.

I believe there is a role for the Provincial government in pursuing opportunities for the future.

Please contact me at your convenience to discuss any ideas on going forward.

Thanks,

Karen Goodings.

**November 13, 2018**

Board of Directors  
Peace River Regional District

RE: Termination of the Agriculture Advisory Committee

Good day PRRD Board,

The Board of Directors of the Dawson Creek Chamber of Commerce would like voice their disappointment regarding the termination of the AAC committee.

The Agriculture community continues to see pressure in many different areas of their business. Including strain on their land due to industrial growth, weed control, water supply, road and transportation issues, access to cell/internet service and in some areas land lines and other issues the PRRD is involved in or can assist in advocating change for.

The Board recognizes that any individual or group may request a delegation appearance at a scheduled PRRD board meeting but believes that there needs to be additional avenues for consultation with the agriculture industry and its leaders.

Our board would like to respectfully suggest the PRRD Board consider creating a new committee with a broader voice from the agriculture community with a modernized term of reference and specific roles and responsibilities for the committee, including specific deliverables and outcomes that are reviewed on a regular basis. The Board also acknowledges that it can be time consuming and costly to go through this process combined with the difficult task of finding qualified committee members.

The office of the Dawson Creek & District Chamber of Commerce would be pleased to participate in any way should our assistance be requested.

Respectfully,



Wanda Maundrell  
President  
Dawson Creek & District Chamber of Commerce

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November 13, 2018





# REPORT

To: Electoral Area Directors Committee

Date: November 5th, 2018

From: Crystal Brown, Electoral Area Manager

Subject: Contract Renewal for Grant Writer Services No.26-2017/2018

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## RECOMMENDATION 1:

That the Electoral Area Directors Committee recommend to the Regional Board that the Peace River Regional District Grant Writer Services Contract No.26-2017/2018 be extended to December 31, 2019 and that the Chair and Acting Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to sign the agreement and furthermore, the position be funded through Economic Development.

## RECOMMENDATION 2:

That the Electoral Area Directors Committee recommend to the Regional Board that an application be submitted to Northern Development Initiative Trust for a grant of up to \$8000 that, if successful, will be used to contract the services of a rural grant writer.

## BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

At the February 22, 2018 Regional Board meeting, the Board moved that the "Grant Writer Services, Request for Proposal #26-2017" contract be awarded to Adlard Environmental in the amount of \$79,280, excluding taxes, for a term ending December 31, 2018; to cover Grant Writing services for the Peace River Regional District. The position is currently funded through Economic Development. Funding partners include Electoral Area B, C, D, E and Hudson's Hope.

The contract's completion date is December 31, 2018 with an option to renew for a maximum of two additional one year terms to be determined on an annual basis 30 days before the completion of the contract term.

To date, the Grant Writers have worked with 47 client groups since April on 66 different projects with a cumulative value of \$621,000. They have received a total grant funding of \$265,000 and are waiting decisions on a further \$279,000.

The Grant Writers are currently working on some major capital grant for Whiskey Jack Nordic Ski Club, Dawson Creek Sportsman, School District 60 and likely Bear Mountain Nordic Ski Club, and have a dozen files currently active for submission later this year or early 2019. The Grant Writers have also been recently assigned to submit connectivity grant applications to NDIT on behalf of the PRRD for a number of rural communities.



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### ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:

1. That the Electoral Area Director's committee do not renew the contract for an additional term and issue a new request for proposals for services.
2. That the Electoral Area Directors give further direction to staff.

### STRATEGIC PLAN RELEVANCE:

- ☐ Ensure that the Solid Waste Management Plan is operating on a fiscally defensible basis.
- ☐ Ensure effective execution of Public Safety and Emergency Services initiatives.
- ☐ Foster Collaboration on services with municipalities and electoral areas.
- ☐ Establish a strategy for coordinated advocacy on identified issues.
- ☐ Manage parks and trails in the region.
- ☐ Support the agricultural industry within the regional district.
- ☒ Not Applicable to Strategic Plan.

### FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION(S):

If successful, the Grant Writer grant received from NDIT in the amount of \$8,000 will help offset the cost of the contract.

### COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATION(S):

If approved, the PRRD in partnership with the successful proponent, will initiate a communication strategy to further promote the Grant Writer service, targeting community groups that have not used the service to date.

### OTHER CONSIDERATION(S):

## BC Oil and Gas Commission and Agricultural Land Commission Delegation Agreement Updated

### EFFECTIVE: Immediately

An updated Delegation Agreement between the Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) and the BC Oil and Gas Commission (Commission) is now available on the [Commission's website](#). The agreement covers oil and gas activities and related ancillary activities within the Peace River Regional District and the Northern Rockies Regional Municipality.

Updates to the Delegation Agreement include:

Submission timelines of Schedule B reports specific to pipeline installation

- Where construction of a pipeline was completed prior to May 1, the report must be submitted by Dec. 31 of the second calendar year following the year of construction.
- Where construction of a pipeline was completed after May 1, the report must be submitted by Dec. 31 of the third calendar year following the year of construction.

Appendix I – Categories of Oil and Gas Activity and Ancillary Activity Non-Farm Uses

- Clarification on the proposed activities that are exempt from application or require application under the ALC Act for non-farm use permission; specifically:
  - Distinction of above ground and buried powerlines.
  - Sumps associated exclusively with directional drilling activities in the construction of a pipeline.

Area Calculations

- Distinction between electric powerlines using single pole structures and those that do not use single pole structures.
- Clarifying that the following do not contribute to non-farm use disturbance areas:
  - Underground and temporary above ground lines.
  - Temporary access using protective matting where no roadbed is required and compaction is minimal.
  - Areas for which a Schedule B report declaring reclamation as complete has been accepted by the Commission.

Appendix II – Guidelines for Planning Oil and Gas Activities and Ancillary Activities on ALR Lands

- Consideration should be given to locate proposed oil and gas activities or ancillary activities on non-ALR land. This option has been added to the top of the *Order of Preference* list.
- Clarification that locating activities on previously disturbed areas applies specifically to areas disturbed by non-farm use (previous or current). Areas in use for agricultural purposes are not considered disturbed within this preference hierarchy.

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*Do you want to receive Commission Industry Bulletins via email? Click [here](#) to send us a request.*

An application and submission training session will be held on July 23, 2018 at 9 a.m. at the Commission's Fort St. John office, 6534 Airport Road, for all operators submitting oil and gas activity applications.

A [Frequently Asked Questions document](#) is available on the Commission's website. Any further questions can be submitted and will be added to the document with answers included.

A backgrounder follows.

## **Should you have any questions regarding this Industry Bulletin, please contact:**

Ben Rauscher  
Environmental Specialist  
BC Oil and Gas Commission  
[Ben.Rauscher@bcogc.ca](mailto:Ben.Rauscher@bcogc.ca)  
250-794-5250

## **Backgrounder**

The original Delegation Agreement was signed in 2004 and subsequently updated in 2013 to reflect the development of unconventional oil and gas activities and the Oil and Gas Activities Act. It has since required further updates to expand the audit and reporting requirements, refine technical terms, and to improve the success rate of the Schedule B requirement. The updated agreement maintains the same purpose and process as the previous agreements:

All oil and gas activities and ancillary activity sites are considered temporary, non-farm uses in the Agricultural Land Reserve, and as such, the ALC requires the land surface to be reclaimed to its pre-development agricultural condition when no longer required for oil and gas activity.

- The Schedule A (pre-site assessment) process requires recommendations to ensure soil conservation, manage surface water, control invasive species and conduct effective reclamation.
- Appendix I identifies oil and gas activity that are exempt from ALC Act Non-Farm Use decisions as well as those that require a decision by the Commission.
  - Non-farm use proposals by a non-operator for oil and gas related activities continue to require an application condition within 24 months.
- Appendix II identifies requirements to plan the location of activities in order to minimize impacts on agricultural land and agricultural operations.
- Sites no longer required for oil and gas activities are subject to reclamation by the activity owner to the same agricultural condition.

The Schedule B (post-reclamation site assessment) must be completed and submitted to confirm that an oil and gas activity site has been reclaimed according to the requirements specified in that Schedule.



**November 13, 2018**



Don Nearhood Exhibit













## PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

D1-4  
**Handout**

From the Office of Electoral Area B, C, D and E

September 8, 2018

Ian Pilkington  
Director, Highway Maintenance Contract Renewal  
PO Box 9850 Stn. Prov. Govt  
Victoria, BC V8W 9T5

Via Email: [Ian.Pilkington@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Ian.Pilkington@gov.bc.ca)

Dear Ian,

**Re: Maintenance Contracts**

We would like to thank you for coming to the Peace area to talk about the upcoming Maintenance contracts. Having the information about the proposed changes to the contracts, such as the move to increased chemicals, changing the size of the sand that will be used, and the Prescriptive to Performance initiative, are considered to be positive.

As local government directors, we often have residents of the rural areas calling us to voice their concerns regarding the maintenance of the rural roads. This year, while maintenance continues to be an issue, it seems that the oversight of the maintenance contractors is priority number 1 for our region.

Would you have any information as to any changes being proposed by the Provincial Government on how the oversight of the contractors will be managed, and who in the regional and sub-regional offices of MOTI has the necessary training to know when the contractors have completed the maintenance in a satisfactory manner?

Although these may be questions that go beyond the normal scope of the maintenance contracts they are questions that need answers in order to know we are spending taxpayers' dollars wisely in maintaining our roads.

Sincerely

Karen Goodings  
Director Area B

Brad Sperling  
Director Area C

Leonard Hiebert  
Director Area D

Dan Rose  
Director Area E

- C. Scott Maxwell, Regional Director, Northern  
Dean Daniels, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure  
Steve Dowling, District Operations Manager  
Nikki Hogg, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure  
MLA Dan Davies  
MLA Mike Bernier

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**November 13, 2018**





## PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

DI-4  
**Handout**

From the Office of Electoral Area B

July 19, 2018

Constable Finlay  
Fort St John RCMP Detachment  
10648-100 Street  
FSJ, BC V1J 3Z6

RE: CN Rail & Truck collision

Good morning Constable Findlay,

Allow me to introduce myself. I am the elected Director for Peace River Regional District representing Area B. Over the years in which I held office, there has been many concerns brought forward regarding un-signalised railway crossings in our regional district as it pertains to the safety of the road users.

The roads don't have a lot of traffic on them but much of the traffic consists of larger trucks and vans that we count on for our economic well-being. On June 10<sup>th</sup> I sent an email to CN Rail and re-stated that there is a safety concern on these crossings. Many of the crossings are at an angle such that if you are driving a truck that has a sleeper, or you are operating a van or box truck, the line of sight is a challenge. Either you have to turn the vehicle or you must basically stand up in the truck to be able to see the rail track.

When I read that there was yet another incident where the train actually clipped the truck trailer which caused an accident I contacted the RCMP to see if I could talk to the officer that attended the scene. I understand that the driver did stop at the crossing but I have not been able to determine if the driver thought he/she had time to beat the train or if he/she simply didn't see the train. While I understand that you are probably doing the accident investigation, I am hoping that you would share with me the answer to my question.

I recognize that it would be difficult to change the road but it would be possible for CN rail to put in signals at those crossings.

Thank you for considering my request.

Sincerely,

Director Goodings

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**November 13, 2018**

**From:** Karen Goodings <kgooding@pris.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 1, 2018 4:21 PM  
**To:** contact@cn.ca  
**Cc:** Crystal Brown; Joe Bergen; Shawn Dahlen; Chair Brad Sperling  
**Subject:** Concern about line of sight.

Good afternoon, I have just left a voice mail and was asked to follow that with an email. Hopefully I will be reaching the correct person. Should you wish to contact me by phone, please call 250 262-1558 or by email at [kgooding@pris.bc.ca](mailto:kgooding@pris.bc.ca) or at karen.goodings@prrd.bc.ca.

Allow me to introduce myself to you. I am the elected person for a large unincorporated electoral area known as Area "B" of the Peace River Regional District in Northeast BC. Regional Districts are a federation of municipalities and electoral areas and in the case of the Peace River Regional District that means that we have seven municipalities and four electoral areas who come together as the Peace River Regional District Board.

I received a letter dated May 7, 2018 along with the "CN in Your Community" booklet. The letter was signed by Sean Finn and the second paragraph states "We also have our sights set on becoming the safest railway in North America. In addition to reinforcing safety as a core value amongst our 25,000 employees, we collaborate with communities and local authorities to help prevent accidents and ensure everyone's safety."

One of the communities that I represent is the unincorporated community of Prespatou. When you drive from Fort St. John to Prespatou, a distance of about 100 km, there are four crossings that have stop signs but there are no signal controlled crossings. The four crossings are on the Fort Nelson sub and the numbers of three of them are: 749.64; 747.71; 745.34. The fourth crossing was missing the number. I compliment CN for making the crossings much smoother this summer but my concern on the Line of Sight remains. If you are driving an average sized vehicle it is possible to look over your shoulder to check for oncoming train traffic, however, if you are driving a van or a larger truck such as a log or oilfield or box van, it is almost impossible to be able to check without either turning your vehicle sideways or actually getting out of your vehicle.

There have been accidents on this road in the past and the latest incident happened earlier this summer. On June 18, 2018, I contacted CN through email addressed to contact.cn.ca. to register my concern for the safety of the traveling public on this road. 10 days after I sent the email there was an accident.

The Ministry of highways responded to our enquiries and said "The vehicle that was involved in the incident with the train on the crossing on the Prespatou road did stop at the crossing during the incident, however, upon proceeding the train engine impacted the rear right corner of the trailer."

I am still waiting for the RCMP written report but was told verbally that they are not placing blame. Luckily no one was seriously injured.

However, I will reiterate the comment from Mr Finn that "we collaborate with communities and local authorities to help prevent accidents and ensure everyone's safety" and request CN to install signal controls on these crossings. These crossings are a safety issue.

Sincerely,

Karen Goodings.

**November 13, 2018**

# PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT BOARD AND COMMITTEE 2019 MEETING SCHEDULE

January 10	Dawson Creek
<i>January 17</i>	<i>EADC/RBAC</i>
January 31	Dawson Creek
February 14	Dawson Creek
<i>February 21</i>	<i>EADC/RBAC</i>
February 27 – Special Budget Meeting - Wednesday	Dawson Creek
February 28	Dawson Creek
March 14	Dawson Creek
<i>March 21</i>	<i>EADC/RBAC</i>
March 28	Fort St. John
April 11	Dawson Creek
<i>April 18</i>	<i>EADC/RBAC</i>
April 25	Dawson Creek
May 16	Dawson Creek
<i>May 23</i>	<i>EADC/RBAC</i>
May 30	Dawson Creek
June 13	Dawson Creek
<i>June 20</i>	<i>EADC/RBAC</i>
June 27	Fort St. John
July 11	Dawson Creek
<i>July 18</i>	<i>EADC/RBAC</i>
July 25	Dawson Creek
August 8	Dawson Creek
<i>August 15</i>	<i>EADC/RBAC</i>
August 22	Fort St. John
September 5	Dawson Creek
<i>September 12</i>	<i>EADC/RBAC</i>
September 19	Dawson Creek
October 10	Dawson Creek
<i>October 17</i>	<i>EADC/RBAC</i>
October 24	Dawson Creek
November 14	Dawson Creek
<i>November 21</i>	<i>EADC/RBAC</i>
November 28	Dawson Creek
December 13 - Friday	Fort St. John
<i>December 20</i>	<i>EADC/RBAC</i>

Natural Resources Forum, January 22-24 in Prince George, BC  
NCLGA Convention, May 7-10 in Williams Lake, BC  
FCM Convention, May 30 - June 2 in Quebec, QC  
UBCM Convention, September 23-27 in Vancouver, BC

Prior to the second meeting of each month a Committee of the Whole meeting is scheduled, if required.

**November 13, 2018**



## 2019 Calendar

JANUARY							FEBRUARY							MARCH							APRIL							
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New Year's Day NRF (22-24)							Family Day							31	Good Friday / Easter													
MAY							JUNE							JULY							AUGUST							
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26	27	28	29	30	31		23	24	25	26	27	28	29	28	29	30	31				25	26	27	28	29	30	31	
Victoria Day / NCLGA (7-10)							30	FCM (May 30-June 2)							Canada Day							BC Day						
SEPTEMBER							OCTOBER							NOVEMBER							DECEMBER							
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29	30						27	28	29	30	31			24	25	26	27	28	29	30	29	30	31					
Labour Day UBCM 23-27							Thanksgiving Day							Remembrance Day							Christmas / Boxing Days							

Legends: Meetings: Regional Board - DC Regional Board - FSJ Regional Board Out Reach EADC/RBAC  
 Other Conventions WEEKENDS STATUTORY HOLIDAYS PAYDAYS

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## ELECTORAL AREA DIRECTORS' COMMITTEE

### DIARY ITEMS

<u>Topic</u>	<u>Notes</u>	<u>Diarized</u>
1. Water Advisory Committee Members	Arrange a final meeting 6 to 8 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 Referenda	Water (service areas) in 2020	October 16, 2018