



PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES

DATE: January 31, 2019

PLACE: Regional District Office Boardroom, Dawson Creek, BC

PRESENT:

Directors

Chair Sperling, Electoral Area 'C'
Vice-Chair Rose, Electoral Area 'E'
Director Ackerman, City of Fort St. John
Director Bertrand, District of Tumbler Ridge
Director Bumstead, City of Dawson Creek
Director Fraser, District of Taylor
Director Goodings, Electoral Area 'B'
Director Hiebert, Electoral Area 'D'
Director Michetti, Village of Pouce Coupe
Director Zabinsky, City of Fort St. John

Alternate Directors

Alternate Director Deck, District of Chetwynd
Alternate Director Miller, District of Hudson's Hope

Absent

Director Courtoreille, District of Chetwynd
Director Heiberg, District of Hudson's Hope

Staff

Shawn Dahlen, Chief Administrative Officer
Tyra Henderson, Corporate Officer
Lyle Smith, Chief Financial Officer
Paulo Eichelberger, General Manager of Environmental Services
Trish Morgan, General Manager of Community Services
Crystal Brown, Electoral Area Manager
Fran Haughian, Communications Manager
Deborah Jones-Middleton, Protective Services Manager
Trevor Ouellette, IT Manager
Brenda Deliman, Recording Secretary

Others

Carolyn Dunn, Urban Systems

Delegations

4.1 Search and Rescue
Brian Lamond, President, North Peace SAR
Kate Mana, President, South Peace SAR
Greg Taylor, North Peace SAR

Call to Order The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

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CW/19/01/01

MOVED Director Hiebert, SECONDED Director Michetti,

That the Peace River Regional District Board agenda for the January 31, 2019 Committee of the Whole meeting, including additional items for the agenda, be adopted as amended:

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Adoption of Agenda**
- 3. Gallery Comments or Questions**
- 4. Delegation**

10:00 a.m.

4.1 Search and Rescue (SAR)

Re: Update on Search and Rescue Activities / Funding Request

Brian Lamond, President, North Peace SAR

Kate Mana, President, South Peace SAR

Greg Taylor, North Peace SAR

5. Reports

5.1 January 21, 2019 – Lyle Smith, Chief Financial Officer and Trish

Morgan, General Manager of Community Services – 2019 Economic Development Grant Requests

5.2 January 25, 2019 – Tyra Henderson, Corporate Officer – Regional Tourism

6. New Business

7. Media Questions

8. Adjournment

CARRIED.

DELEGATION:

4.1

Search and Rescue (SAR) - Brian Lamond, President, North Peace, Kate Mana, President, South Peace, and Greg Taylor, North Peace

SEARCH AND RESCUE – 10:00 a.m.

Search and Rescue (SAR) representatives provided the Regional Board with an update on SAR activities in the Regional District and requested additional funding. Topics included:

- Primary and secondary responsibilities
- Task activation process
- 2018 activities
- Provincial search and rescue incidents

DELEGATION: (continued)

4.1 (continued) **SEARCH AND RESCUE – 10:00 a.m.**

Further topics included:

- Training and equipment needs
- Search management and ground search and rescue teams
- Backcountry first aid

CW/19/01/02

MOVED Director Goodings, SECONDED Director Bertrand,
That the delegation be authorized to continue beyond the fifteen minute time limit.

CARRIED.

The delegation continued the presentation. Further topics included:

- Public education
- Fund raising efforts
- Program needs

A question and answer period ensued. Topics included:

- BC Peace Country River Rats
- Evacuation (Old Fort landslide)
- Volunteer turnover
- Partnerships (training)
- Provincial training budget

REPORTS:

5.1
January 21, 2019 –
Lyle Smith, Chief
Financial Officer and
Trish Morgan,
General Manager of
Community Services

2019 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT REQUESTS

CW/19/01/03

MOVED Director Ackerman, SECONDED Director Michetti,
That the Committee of the Whole recommend to the Regional Board that
municipal economic development projects be removed from the 2019
Economic Development function.

DEFEATED.

REPORTS: (continued)

5.1 (continued) NORTH PEACE DIVISION OF FAMILY PRACTICE, SOUTH PEACE HEALTH SERVICES SOCIETY AND HEALTH CARE SCHOLARSHIPS

CW/19/01/04

MOVED Director Bumstead, SECONDED Director Goodings,
That the Committee of the Whole recommend to the Regional Board that the draft 2019 budget include the following:

The PRRD support of the North Peace Division of Family Practice in the amount of \$75,000 for each of three years, and the financial support of the South Peace Health Services Society in the amount of \$75,000 for each of three years, will be transferred from Economic Development to Grants to Community Organizations; further, that the Health Care Scholarships in the amount of \$110,000 be funded first by depleting the surplus from the Legislative – Regional function and then transferred to Grants to Community Organizations.

AMENDED BY THE FOLLOWING

Motion to Amend

CW/19/01/05

MOVED Director Ackerman, SECONDED Director Michetti,
That the motion be amended by changing the wording following ‘North Peace Division of Family Practice’ from “in the amount of \$75,000 for each of three years” to “in the amount of \$100,000 in 2019, (reviewable in 2020 and 2021)”.

CARRIED.

Motion as Amended

The Chair called the Question to the Motion as Amended

That the Committee of the Whole recommend to the Regional Board that the draft 2019 budget include the following:

The PRRD support of the North Peace Division of Family Practice in the amount of \$100,000 in 2019, (reviewable in 2020 and 2021), and the financial support of the South Peace Health Services Society in the amount of \$75,000 for each of three years, will be transferred from Economic Development to Grants to Community Organizations; further, that the Health Care Scholarships in the amount of \$110,000 be funded first by depleting the surplus from the Legislative – Regional function and then transferred to Grants to Community Organizations.

CARRIED.

REPORTS: (continued)

5.2 REGIONAL TOURISM

January 25, 2019 –
Tyra Henderson,
Corporate Officer

CW/19/01/06
MOVED Director Rose, SECONDED Director Bertrand,
That consideration of the report dated January 25, 2019 from the Corporate
Officer regarding Regional Tourism be deferred until after the Board receives
a presentation from April Moi, Northern BC Tourism Association.

CARRIED.

Recess The Chair recessed the meeting to a Regional Hospital District Board meeting
at 11:51 a.m.

Reconvene The Chair reconvened the meeting at 4:24 p.m. Director Ackerman was not
present.

The Committee discussed the Economic Development projects proposed for
the 2019 budget year. The Chief Financial Officer committed to provide all
Directors a copy of the Economic Development spreadsheet for their use to
review and make funding decisions, for further discussion at the February 14,
2019 Board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

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The Chair adjourned the meeting at 4:34 p.m.

CERTIFIED a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Regional Board of the Peace River Regional
District from a Committee of the Whole meeting held on January 31, 2019 in the Regional District Office
Board Room, Dawson Creek, BC.

Brad Sperling, Chair

Tyra Henderson, Corporate Officer