



PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES

DATE: February 13, 2020

PLACE: Regional District Office Boardroom, Dawson Creek, BC

PRESENT:

Directors

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 Courtoreille, District of Chetwynd
Director Fraser, District of Taylor
Director Goodings, Electoral Area 'B' (*via teleconference*)
Director Heiberg, District of Hudson's Hope
Director Hiebert, Electoral Area 'D'
Director Michetti, Village of Pouce Coupe
Director Zabinsky, City of Fort St. John

Alternate Directors

Alternate Director Wylie, Electoral Area 'C'

Absent

Chair Sperling, Electoral Area 'C'

Staff

Shawn Dahlen, Chief Administrative Officer
Tyra Henderson, Corporate Officer
Lyle Smith, Chief Financial Officer
Kelsey Bates, Deputy Corporate Officer
Paulo Eichelberger, General Manager of Environmental Services
Trish Morgan, General Manager of Community Services
Kevan Sumner, General Manager of Development Services
Crystal Brown, Electoral Area Manager
Gerritt Lacey, Solid Waste Services Manager
Trevor Ouellette, IT Manager
Jennifer Baddeley, NDIT Intern
Brenda Deliman, Recording Secretary

Presenters

4.1 Ministry of Indigenous Relations & Reconciliation
Dale Morgan

4.1 Peace River Regional District
Paulo Eichelberger and Gerritt Lacey

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

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CW/20/02/01

MOVED Director Bumstead, SECONDED Director Zabinsky,
That the Peace River Regional District Board agenda for the February 13, 2020
Committee of the Whole meeting be adopted:

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Adoption of Agenda**
- 3. Gallery Comments or Questions**
- 4. Presentations**
 - 4.1 Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation
Re: Land Transfers Update: Blueberry River and Saulneau First Nations
Dale Morgan, Regional Manager
 - 4.2 January 23, 2020 – Paulo Eichelberger, General Manager of
Environmental Services – 2019 Recycling Services Contract Financial
Report
- 5. Reports**
 - 5.1 January 16, 2020 – Kevan Sumner, General Manager of Development
Services – Temporary Use Permit Alternatives
 - 5.2 January 14, 2020 – Crystal Brown, Electoral Area Manager – Resource
Industries in Northeast BC
- 6. New Business**
- 7. Media Questions**
- 8. Adjournment**

CARRIED.

GALLERY COMMENTS:

LAND TRANSFERS – BLUEBERRY RIVER AND SAULNEAU FIRST NATIONS

GC-1 Graham O’Day spoke to Item 4.1 (Land Transfers – Blueberry River & Saulneau First Nations) advising that letters of concern and an 1,800 signature petition, regarding the transfer of Red Creek and Charlie Lake lands to the Blueberry First Nations, had been hand delivered to the Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation at the Parliament Buildings by North Peace MLA, Dan Davies. Mr. O’Day voiced his disappointment that a response was not received directly from the Minister, but from Mr. Dale Morgan, a Regional Manager for the Ministry.

GALLERY COMMENTS: (continued)

**LAND TRANSFERS – BLUEBERRY RIVER AND SAULTEAU FIRST NATIONS
(continued)**

- GC-2 A Charlie Lake resident provided further comment on the proposed Charlie Lake land transfers to the Blueberry River First Nations. Concerns were shared that the land transfer could lead to unrestricted development, which could adversely impact the health and sustainability of the lake and lake access for recreationists. It was further commented that members of the Blueberry First Nations did not have an interest in obtaining the Charlie Lake parcels, and that consultation with band members should occur.
- GC-3 Julie Bannerman advised that her residence borders the Charlie Lake lands proposed for transfer to the Blueberry River First Nations. Ms. Bannerman commented that she had proposed to purchase a neighbouring lot approximately 18 years ago but was advised that the lot was protected as a watershed and its sale would prevent the PRRD from protecting it; further, that Charlie Lake was developed to its limit. In January, the Blueberry River First Nations presented plans to build 16 elder homes in the area. Ms. Bannerman stated she did not oppose the treaty land entitlement process but had concerns that the PRRD and the Province would have no control over future development or the protection of the lake following the land transfer of these specific parcels.
- GC-4 James Little introduced himself as a professional agrologist/professional forester and advised that he had 18 years experience as a land consultant. Mr. Little advised that the majority of lands within the Red Creek parcels proposed for treaty land entitlement transfer were not in the ALR, so he found it questionable if the lands could be used for agriculture. Mr. Little shared concerns that the Charlie Lake parcels proposed for transfer had been protected as a watershed for the past 52 years and were not designated for any other use. Mr. Little stated that he did not see that these treaty land entitlement transfers would protect the land base, particularly the Charlie Lake watershed.

PRESENTATIONS:

4.1

Ministry of
Indigenous Relations
& Reconciliation –
Dale Morgan,
Regional Manager

LAND TRANSFERS – BLUEBERRY RIVER AND SAULTEAU FIRST NATIONS

The Committee of the Whole was provided with an overview of Blueberry River First Nations Land Transfers from the Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation. Topics included:

- Types of land transfers (Treaty Land Entitlement (TLE), Site C Land Agreements)
- Stakeholder engagement process
- Blueberry River First Nations parcels
- Next steps

A question and answer period ensued. Topics included:

- TLE, Site C Lands, and Additions to Reserve (ATR)
- West Moberly First Nations, Halfway and Prophet River First Nation
- Crown vs. private land
- Impacts to recreation areas, trails, boat launches, trap lines
- Detailed mapping (include roads, campsites, etc...)
- Regulatory framework and land transfer process (Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada)
- Public consultation
- Feedback from the PRRD on uses of identified areas

CW/20/02/02

MOVED Director Ackerman, SECONDED Director Heiberg,
That the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Regional Board contact Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada to ascertain whether a Regional District is considered to be a local government as it relates to the federal framework in negotiating Additions to Reserve (ATR).

CARRIED.

Recess

The Chair recessed the meeting to a Regional District Board meeting at 11:02 a.m.

Reconvene

The Chair reconvened the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

PRESENTATIONS: (continued)

- 4.2 2019 RECYCLING SERVICES CONTRACT FINANCIAL REPORT
January 23, 2020 –
Paulo Eichelberger,
General Manager of
Environmental
Services and Gerritt
Lacey, Solid Waste
Services Manager
- The Regional Board received the 2019 Recycling Services Contract Financial Report from the PRRD General Manager of Environmental Services and Solid Waste Services Manager. Discussion points included:
- Transportation and storage costs
 - Comingling vs. separation costs
 - Curbside recycling
 - District of Tumbler Ridge conveyor / baler system
 - Solid Waste Management Plan review
 - Lifespan of landfills
- Recess The Chair recessed the meeting to luncheon at 12:33 p.m.
- Reconvene The Chair reconvened the meeting at 1:02 p.m. Directors Ackerman and Bumstead were not present in the meeting.

REPORTS:

- 5.2 RESOURCE INDUSTRIES IN NORTHEAST BC
January 14, 2020 –
Crystal Brown,
Electoral Area
Manager
- The Committee of Whole agreed by consensus that Item 5.2 (report dated January 14, 2020 from the Electoral Area Manager titled ‘Resource Industries in Northeast BC’) be deferred to a future Committee of the Whole meeting.
- 5.1 TEMPORARY USE PERMIT ALTERNATIVES
January 16, 2020 –
Kevan Sumner,
General Manager of
Development
Services
- The Committee of the Whole agreed by consensus that it be recommended that the Regional Board refer Item 5.1 (report dated January 16, 2020 from the General Manager of Development Services titled ‘Temporary Use Permit Alternatives’) to the Electoral Area Directors’ Committee.

ADJOURNMENT:

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The Chair adjourned the meeting at 1:03 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 February 13, 2020 in the Regional District Office Board Room, Dawson Creek, BC.	
_____ Brad Sperling, Chair	_____ Tyra Henderson, Corporate Officer

