



PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

FEBRUARY BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

DATE: February 22, 2018

PLACE: Regional District Office Boardroom, Dawson Creek, BC

PRESENT:

Directors

Chair Sperling, Electoral Area 'C'
Vice-Chair Rose, Electoral Area 'E'
Director Bumstead, City of Dawson Creek
Director Fraser, District of Taylor
Director Goodings, Electoral Area 'B'
Director Hiebert, Electoral Area 'D'
Director Johansson, District of Hudson's Hope
Director McPherson, District of Tumbler Ridge
Director Nichols, District of Chetwynd
Director Stewart, City of Fort St. John

Alternate Directors

Alternate Director Christensen, City of Fort St. John
Alternate Director Lavoie, Village of Pouce Coupe

Absent

Director Ackerman, City of Fort St. John
Director Michetti, Village of Pouce Coupe

Staff

Chris Cvik, Chief Administrative Officer
Shawn Dahlen, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Tyra Henderson, Corporate Officer
Kim Frech, 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
Phillip Kovacs, Solid Waste Services Manager
Claire Negrin, Planning Services Manager
Brenda Deliman, Recording Secretary

Others

Rob Brown, Dawson Creek Mirror
Lorraine Michetti, Pouce Coupe, Mayor

Austin Cozicar, Dawson Creek Mirror

Delegations

D-1 BC Hydro
Megan Harris
Charles Young

D-2 Alaska Highway Community Society
Bud Powell
Heather Sjoblom
April Moi

Delegations

D-3 Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations, & Rural Development
Chris Addison
Michel Lavallee

Call to Order The Chair called the meeting to order at 11:31 a.m.

DIRECTORS' NOTICE OF NEW BUSINESS:

Chair Sperling Greyhound Passenger Bus Route Reduction

Chief Administrative 2018 Economic Development
Officer

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

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RD/18/02/01 (22)

MOVED Director Hiebert, SECONDED Director Johansson,
That the Peace River Regional District Board agenda for the February 22, 2018
meeting, including Director's new business and additional items for the
agenda, be adopted as amended:

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Directors' Notice of New Business**
3. **Adoption of Agenda**
4. **Gallery Comments or Questions**
5. **Adoption of Minutes**
M-1 Regional Board Meeting Minutes of February 8, 2018
6. **Business Arising from the Minutes**
7. **Delegations**

11:30 a.m.

D-1 BC Hydro

Re: Peace Region Electricity Supply (PRES) Project
Megan Harris, Stakeholder Engagement Lead
Charles Young, Project Manager

1:30 p.m.

D-2 Alaska Highway Community Society (AHCS)

Re: AHCS Activity Update
Bud Powell, Chair
Heather Sjoblom, Manager / Curator
April Moi, Administrator

2:00 p.m.

D-3 Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development

Re: Peace-Liard Prescribed Fire Strategy
Chris Addison, Director of Resource Management
Michel Lavallee, Section Head, Fish and Wildlife
Katlyn White, Engagement Biologist, Fish and Wildlife

RD/18/02/01 (22)
(continued)

Adoption of Agenda: (continued)

8. Petitions

9. Correspondence

- C-1 February 6, 2018 – District of Taylor – Solid Waste Transportation Fees
- C-2 February 9, 2018 – Village of Pouce Coupe – Peace River Local Government Association Meeting

10. Reports

- R-1 February 12, 2018 – Chris Cvik, Chief Administrative Officer – Northeast Water Strategy – Water Knowledge Forum
- R-2 ALR Subdivision Application 158/2017 (Haney)
- R-3 February 15, 2018 – Director Goodings, Electoral Area 'B' – JK Solutions Ltd. Contract Extension
- R-4 February 14, 2018 – Brenda Deliman, Secretary of Legislative Services – Notice of Closed Session
- R-5 February 15, 2018 – Tyra Henderson, Corporate Officer – South Peace Health Services Society Delegation
- R-6 February 15, 2018 – Crystal Brown, Electoral Area Manager – Recommendations from the February Electoral Area Directors' Committee Meeting
- R-7 February 16, 2018 – Chris Cvik, Chief Administrative Officer – Notice of Information Session – Temporary Use Permits

11. Bylaws

B-1 Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2309, 2018 (Gardner)

Consideration of First and Second Readings

- a) January 25, 2018 report from Christina Hovey, North Peace Land Use Planner; and
- b) "Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2309, 2018"

B-2 Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2316, 2018 (Cannabis-Related Business)

Consideration of First Reading

- a) February 8, 2018 report from Bruce Simard, General Manager of Development Services, and Christina Hovey, North Peace Land Use Planner; and
- b) "Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2316, 2018"

12. Schedule of Events

- a) Strategic Plan
- b) Agenda Preparations Schedule
- c) Schedule of Events

13. New Business

- NB-1 February 8, 2018 – Paulo Eichelberger, General Manager of Environmental Services – Recommendations from the February 1, 2018 Solid Waste Committee Meeting
- NB-2 Chair Sperling – Greyhound Passenger Bus Route Reduction
- NB-3 Chief Administrative Officer – 2018 Economic Development

14. Appointments

- a) 2018 List of Board Appointments

15. Consent Calendar (for consideration and receipt)

- MA-1 Chetwynd Public Library Regular Board Meeting Minutes of November 28, 2017
- MA-2 Chetwynd Public Library Annual General Meeting Minutes of January 31, 2017
- MA-3 Medical Scholarship Criteria Select Committee Meeting Minutes of October 25, 2017
- MA-4 Rural Budgets Administration Committee Meeting Minutes of December 14, 2017
- MA-5 Farmers' Advocate Management Committee Meeting – Draft Record of Discussion – January 23, 2018
- MA-6 Rural Budgets Administration Committee Meeting Minutes of January 24, 2018
- CA-1 February 5, 2018 – BC Hydro – Dawson Creek / Chetwynd Area Transmission (DCAT) Project
- CA-2 February 1, 2018 – District of Tumbler Ridge – Nursing Program in the Northeast

RD/18/02/01 (22)
(continued)

Adoption of Agenda: (continued)

15. Consent Calendar (continued)

CA-3 February 7, 2018 – Hudson’s Hope Health Care & Housing Society – Assessing the Need for Seniors’ Supportive Housing in Hudson’s Hope

CA-4 February 9, 2018 – North Central Local Government Association (NCLGA) – 2018 NCLGA Convention

CA-5 February 7, 2018 – Union of BC Municipalities – Gas Tax Strategic Priorities Fund Application – Kelly Lake Community Centre

CA-6 February 7, 2018 – Union of BC Municipalities – Gas Tax Strategic Priorities Fund Application – Whiskey Jack Ski Club

CA-7 February 9, 2018 – Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development – Referral Response Timelines

CA-8 January 30, 2018 – Village of Pouce Coupe – Nursing Program in the Northeast

CA-9 February 13, 2018 – District of Tumbler Ridge – Wolverine Forest Service Road

RA-1 Building Permit Report for January 2018

RA-2 February 14, 2018 – Tyra Henderson, Corporate Officer – Items Previously Released from Closed Meeting

16. Notice of Motion (for the next meeting):

17. Media Questions (on agenda items and business discussed at the meeting)

18. Adjournment

CARRIED.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

M-1

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

RD/18/02/02 (22)

MOVED Director Nichols, SECONDED Director McPherson,
That the Board Meeting Minutes of February 8, 2018 be adopted.

CARRIED.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

BA-1
February 7, 2018 –
Minister of
Agriculture’s
Advisory Committee

STAKEHOLDER MEETING – REVITALIZATION OF THE AGRICULTURAL LAND RESERVE AND AGRICULTURAL LAND COMMISSION

RD/18/02/03 (22)

MOVED Director Goodings, SECONDED Director Rose,
That a representative from the Minister of Agriculture’s Advisory Committee be invited to meet with the Regional Board, prior to the April 30, 2018 deadline to provide online comments, to discuss the revitalization of the Agricultural Land Reserve and Agricultural Land Commission; and further, that the Committee be advised that the invitation is not exclusive to Regional Board meeting dates.

CARRIED.

DELEGATIONS:

D-1

BC Hydro - Megan
Harris, Stakeholder
Engagement Lead,
and Charles Young,
Project Manager

BC HYDRO – PEACE REGION ELECTRICITY SUPPLY PROJECT

The Regional Board received a presentation from BC Hydro regarding the Peace Region Electricity Supply Project. Topics included:

- project background
- project scope / location
- proposed route
- transmission line design
- project schedule
- Licence of Occupation

A question and answer period ensued. Topics included:

- Dawson Creek – Chetwynd Area Transmission (DCAT) Project
- kilovolts
- transmission line structure types (steel vs. traditional wooden structures)
- a desire for BC Hydro to host an open house / information meeting
- road access options
- substation
- traffic impacts
- invasive plants
- vegetation plan (clearing, removal)

Recess

The Chair recessed the meeting to luncheon and a Regional Hospital District Board meeting at 12:07 p.m.

Reconvene

The Chair reconvened the meeting at 1:13 p.m.

VARY AGENDA:

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RD/18/02/04 (22)

MOVED Director Hiebert, SECONDED Director Nichols,

That the agenda be varied to deal with items R-1 and R-3 at this time.

CARRIED.

REPORTS:

R-1
February 12, 2018 –
Chris Cvik, Chief
Administrative
Officer

NORTHEAST WATER STRATEGY – WATER KNOWLEDGE FORUM

RD/18/02/05 (22)
MOVED Director Goodings, SECONDED Director McPherson,
That a member(s) of the Water Stewardship Committee be authorized to
attend the Northeast Water Strategy – Water Knowledge Forum on March 13
– 14, 2018 in Fort St. John, BC.

CARRIED.

R-3
February 15, 2018 –
Director Goodings,
Electoral Area 'B'

JK SOLUTIONS LTD. – CONTRACT EXTENSION

RD/18/02/06 (22)
MOVED Director Goodings, SECONDED Director Hiebert,
That the contract in the amount of \$15,000 awarded to JK Solutions Ltd. for
additional works performed on the Rural Roads Revisited project, be
increased to \$20,177.19 to accommodate additional preparation time and
report production; and, further that the additional funds of \$5,177.19 be paid
for by Electoral Area 'B'.

CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE:

C-1
February 6, 2018 –
District of Taylor

DISTRICT OF TAYLOR – SOLID WASTE TRANSPORTATION FEES

RD/18/02/07 (22)
MOVED Director Fraser, SECONDED Director Bumstead,
That the correspondence dated February 6, 2018 from the District of Taylor
regarding solid waste transportation fees, be referred to the Solid Waste
Committee.

CARRIED.

C-2
February 9, 2018 –
Village of Pouce
Coupe

PEACE RIVER LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION MEETING

RD/18/02/08 (22)
MOVED Alternate Director Christensen, SECONDED Director Hiebert,
That those Directors who wish to attend the Peace River Local Government
Association Meeting on March 28, 2018 in Pouce Coupe, BC, be authorized to
do so.

CARRIED.

REPORTS:

R-2
January 16, 2018

ALR SUBDIVISION APPLICATION 158/2017 (HANEY)

RD/18/02/09 (22)

MOVED Director Hiebert, SECONDED Director Rose,
That the Regional Board support ALR Subdivision Application 158/2017 (Haney), and authorize the application to proceed to the Agricultural Land Commission on the condition that the proposed subdivision has a maximum parcel size less than 3.6 hectares.

CARRIED.

R-4
February 14, 2018 –
Brenda Deliman,
Secretary of
Legislative Services

NOTICE OF CLOSED SESSION

RD/18/02/10 (22)

MOVED Director Nichols, SECONDED Director Hiebert,
That item R-4 be referred to the end of the meeting.

CARRIED.

R-5
February 15, 2018 –
Tyra Henderson,
Corporate Officer

SOUTH PEACE HEALTH SERVICES SOCIETY

RD/18/02/11 (22)

MOVED Director Bumstead, SECONDED Director Goodings,
That, as enabled by Board Procedure Bylaw No. 2200, 2015, Section 24 (e) Petitions and Delegations, the Board waive compliance with Section 24(d)(ii) which limits delegations to three per meeting and authorize staff to schedule a delegation from the South Peace Health Services Society as a fourth delegation to either the March 8, 2018 or March 22, 2018 Regular Board meeting.

CARRIED.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE FEBRUARY 15, 2018 ELECTORAL AREA DIRECTORS' COMMITTEE MEETING

R-6
February 15, 2018 –
Crystal Brown,
Electoral Area
Manager

GRANT WRITER SERVICES – CONTRACT AWARD (Recommendation No. 1)

RD/18/02/12 (22)

MOVED Director Goodings, SECONDED Director Hiebert,
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, specifically Electoral Areas B, C, D, E, and Hudson’s Hope and Taylor, and that the Chair and Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to sign the contract on behalf of the Peace River Regional District.

CARRIED.

REPORTS: (continued)

R-6 (continued)

GRANT WRITER SERVICES – CONTRACT AWARD (continued)
(Recommendation No. 1)

In response to Director Fraser, the Electoral Area Manager provided background information regarding the recommendation to award the Grant Writer Services contract to Adlard Environmental, including scoring matrix, Electoral Area Directors' Committee review, price, availability, and service to the PRRD and community groups.

BC RURAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY – ONLINE ENGAGEMENT
(Recommendation No. 2)

RD/18/02/13 (22)

MOVED Director Hiebert, SECONDED Director Nichols,
That a response be provided to the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development request for feedback regarding the BC Rural Development Strategy to state that communication, education, health and transportation are key factors to be addressed in the development of a strategy to attract, retain and create opportunities for youth and young adults in rural communities.

CARRIED.

AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE WORKSHOP (Recommendation No. 3)

RD/18/02/14 (22)

MOVED Director Hiebert, SECONDED Director Nichols,
That Director Hiebert be authorized to speak at the Agricultural Advisory Committee workshop on February 27, 2018 in Kelowna, BC regarding the successes and challenges of having an Agricultural Advisory Committee established.

CARRIED.

Director Johansson left the meeting at 1:27 p.m.

PRESENTATION:

D-2

Bud Powell, Chair,
Heather Sjoblom,
Manager / Curator,
and April Moi,
Administrator

ALASKA HIGHWAY COMMUNITY SOCIETY

The Regional Board received a presentation on the activities of the Alaska Highway Community Society. Topics included:

- Alaska Highway Corridor nomination
- Heritage Strategy project
- 'Signposts & Promises' book project

REPORTS:

R-7
February 16, 2018 –
Chris Cvik, Chief
Administrative
Officer

TEMPORARY USE PERMIT – INFORMATION SESSION

RD/18/02/15 (22)
MOVED Director Hiebert, SECONDED Alternate Director Lavoie,
That those Directors who wish to attend the Temporary Use Permit
information session at 1:00 p.m. on February 23, 2018 at the Regional District
office in Dawson Creek, BC, be authorized to do so.

CARRIED.

BYLAWS:

B-1
January 25, 2018

ZONING AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 2309, 2018 (GARDNER)

RD/18/02/16 (22)
MOVED Director Goodings, SECONDED Director Rose,

1. That “Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2309 (Gardner), 2018” be read a first
and second time this 22nd day of February, 2018; and
2. That a Public Hearing be held pursuant to the *Local Government Act*; and
3. That the holding of the Public Hearing be delegated to the Director of
Electoral Area ‘C’; and
4. That approval be subject to registration of a restrictive covenant on title
for a landscaped no-build buffer along the north property line; and
5. That approval be subject to relocation of the driveway from the eastern
side of the property to the middle of the property.

CARRIED.

B-2
February 8, 2018

**ZONING AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 2316, 2018 (CANNABIS-RELATED
BUSINESS)**

RD/18/02/17 (22)
MOVED Director Fraser, SECONDED Director Bumstead,
That “Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2316 (Cannabis-Related Business), 2018”
be read a first time this 22nd day of February, 2018.

CARRIED.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

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The Regional Board directed that the Peace River Local Government
Association Meeting to be held on March 28, 2018 in Pouce Coupe, BC be
added to the Schedule of Events.

NEW BUSINESS:

**RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE FEBRUARY 1, 2018 SOLID WASTE
COMMITTEE MEETING**

NB-1
February 8, 2018 –
Paulo Eichelberger,
General Manager of
Environmental
Services

**SOLID WASTE PLAN MONITORING & ADVISORY COMMITTEE
(Recommendation No. 1)**

RD/18/02/18 (22)

MOVED Director Rose, SECONDED Director Goodings,
That staff be authorized to contact Mr. Colin Meek to determine if he is
interested in sitting on the Solid Waste Plan Monitoring and Advisory
Committee as an agricultural representative.

CARRIED.

BESSBOROUGH LANDFILL CONTRACT NO. 04-2015 (Recommendation No. 2)

RD/18/02/19 (22)

MOVED Director Rose, SECONDED Director Bumstead,
That the purchasing policy be waived and staff be authorized to increase the
scope of work under the 2015/2016 Design and Contract Administration
Services for the Bessborough Landfill Contract No. 04-2015 with GHD Inc., to
include the following:

- a) design, preparation of construction documents, tender services, contract
administration, and construction oversight for the construction of
Bessborough Landfill Phase 3B cell in 2019 at a cost of \$25,012 (excluding
taxes) and Phase 1 cell in 2019 at a cost of \$25,012 (excluding taxes); and
- b) preparation of an Environmental Management Plan for Bessborough
Landfill at a cost of \$2,936 (excluding taxes); and
- c) preparation of a Leachate Management Plan for Bessborough Landfill at a
cost of \$34,279 (excluding taxes).

CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS: (continued)

NB-1 (continued) LONE PRAIRIE WASTE TRANSFER STATION (Recommendation No. 3)

RD/18/02/20 (22)

MOVED Director Rose, SECONDED Director Bumstead,

That, in order to establish the Lone Prairie Waste Transfer Station, subject to subdivision approval by the Agricultural Land Commission, and Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, staff be authorized to proceed with the following:

- a) conduct the legal and topographical survey of a portion of private land located near the intersection of Lone Prairie Road and Highway No. 29 for the purpose of creating construction drawings for tender; and
- b) negotiate a corresponding lease agreement to be entered into with the landowner for 25 years at \$5,300/year (subject to renegotiation every 5 years); and
- c) that upon completion of a) and b) the Chair and Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to sign the Lease Agreement on behalf of the Regional District.

CARRIED.

LEBEL WASTE TRANSFER STATION (Recommendation No. 4)

RD/18/02/21 (22)

MOVED Director Rose, SECONDED Director Bumstead,

That, in order to establish the Lebel Waste Transfer Station, subject to subdivision approval by the Agricultural Land Commission, and Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, staff be authorized to proceed with the following:

- a) conduct the legal and topographical survey of 0.607 hectare of land located at the intersection of Triangle Road and Old Alaska Highway for the purpose of creating construction drawings for tender; and
- b) prepare a Purchase and Sale Agreement to be entered into with the landowner [550633 BC Ltd.] for a sale price of \$60,000; and
- c) that upon completion of a) and b) the Chair and Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to sign the Purchase and Sale Agreement on behalf of the Regional District.

CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS: (continued)

NB-1 (continued) **NORTH PEACE REGIONAL LANDFILL GAS COLLECTION & CONTROL SYSTEM –
CONTRACT AWARDS (Recommendation No. 5)**

RD/18/02/22 (22)

MOVED Director Bumstead, SECONDED Director Rose,

- a) That the purchasing policy be waived and GHD Inc. be direct awarded a contract for technical oversight and data management during 2018 for the operation and maintenance of the gas collection and control system at the North Peace Regional Landfill at a cost of \$39,635 (excluding taxes); and
- b) That Epscan Industries Ltd. be direct awarded a contract for the monitoring, inspection, and routine maintenance during 2018 for the operation and maintenance of the gas collection and control system at the North Peace Regional Landfill at an estimated cost of \$32,883 (excluding taxes).

CARRIED.

**2018 REGIONAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT BUDGET
(Recommendation No. 6)**

RD/18/02/23 (22)

MOVED Alternate Director Lavoie, SECONDED Director McPherson,

That the 2018 Regional Solid Waste Management budget be accepted, as presented, and forwarded to the Regional Board for consideration in the 2018 Annual Financial Plan.

CARRIED.

NB-2
Chair Sperling

GREYHOUND PASSENGER BUS ROUTE REDUCTION

The Regional Board discussed the reduction of Greyhound passenger bus routes and options to mitigate the resulting impacts to residents. Chair Sperling advised he would contact the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure to convey the PRRD's disappointment in the decision which leaves rural residents in remote northern communities with decreased mobility options and request that all affordable alternatives be considered.

DELEGATION:

D-3
Ministry of Forests,
Lands, Natural
Resource Operations
and Rural
Development - Chris
Addison, Director of
Resource
Management, and
Michel Lavallee,
Section Head, Fish
and Wildlife

PEACE-LIARD PRESCRIBED FIRE STRATEGY

The Regional Board received a presentation from the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development regarding the Peace-Liard Prescribed Fire Strategy. Topics included:

- project background
- co-operation and partnerships
- prescribed fire values
- plan and process
- stakeholder engagement
- Stable Planning Document and standardized burn permit application process
- future steps

A question and answer period ensued. Topics included:

- range / tenure holder consultation
- notification to adjacent landowners
- determining factors in size of prescribed burn

CONSENT CALENDAR:

CONSENT CALENDAR

RD/18/02/24 (22)

MOVED Director Fraser, SECONDED Alternate Director Christensen,
That the February 22, 2018 Consent Calendar be received.

CARRIED.

REPORT:

February 14, 2018 –
Brenda Deliman,
Secretary of
Legislative Services

NOTICE OF CLOSED SESSION

RD/18/02/25 (22)

MOVED Director Fraser, SECONDED Alternate Director Christensen,
That the Board recess to a Closed Meeting for the purpose of discussing the following items:

Agenda Item M-1 – February 8, 2018 Closed Meeting Minutes (CC Section 97(1)(b))

Agenda Item R-1 – 2018 Budget – Staffing Considerations (CC Section 90 (1)(c))

CARRIED.

Recess

The Chair recessed the meeting to a Closed Session at 2:32 p.m.

Reconvene The Chair reconvened the meeting open to the public at 3:33 p.m.

NOTICE OF MOTION

NoM-1
Director Fraser

NCLGA RESOLUTION - RURAL EDUCATION

RD/18/02/26 (22)

MOVED Director McPherson, SECONDED Alternate Director Christensen, That notice of the following motion for consideration at the March 8, 2018 Board meeting, for approval and submission to the North Central Local Government Association convention, be received:

WHEREAS approximately one third of British Columbia students attend rural schools, defined as being in communities outside of Greater Victoria, the Lower Mainland, and Kelowna, with a population of less than 15,000;

AND WHEREAS the Ministry of Education solicited input from parents, teachers, and the public at large in 2016 as part of a ‘Status Check on Rural Education’ seeking feedback to inform a rural education strategy to guide rural education and planning for the future;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the NCLGA and UBCM request that Premier John Horgan direct the Ministry of Education to publicly release the results of that Status Check on Rural Education in the form of an unredacted report on the findings and to actively pursue any recommendations made toward the creation of a rural education strategy which places priority on availability of affordable transportation to schools and equality of education available in both rural and urban areas;

CARRIED.

NoM-2
Chair Sperling

BC HYDRO – COMMUNITY MEASURES AGREEMENT

Chair Sperling provided notice of his intent to introduce a motion at the March 8, 2018 Board meeting regarding a Community Measures Agreement between BC Hydro and Electoral Area C and advised that the motion would be included on the agenda when published for review by members of the Board prior to its introduction at the March 8th meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

NB-3
Chief Administrative
Officer

2018 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Regional Board discussed options for the provision of economic development in 2018. Topics included:

- benefits to region
- municipal council input

NEW BUSINESS: (continued)

Director McPherson left the meeting at 3:46 p.m.

NB-3 (continued)

2018 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (continued)

The Chief Financial Officer presented a working copy of the economic development function spreadsheet for the Board's information. The effect of including specific potential projects was illustrated by inserting or removing them from the spreadsheet, to show the impact on the tax requisition on the electoral areas and municipalities. The Chief Administrative Officer advised that all options were dependent on the participation of all municipalities and electoral areas, as withdrawal from the function or project would impact the requisitions imposed on the remaining participants.

By consensus, the Board directed its member to seek approval for participation in some or all projects and to provide authorization to the Chief Financial Officer by not later than Tuesday, February 27th to allow for preparation of the financial plan bylaw for the March 8th meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 4:12 p.m.

CERTIFIED a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Regional Board of the Peace River Regional District from a meeting held on February 22, 2018 in the Regional District Office Board Room, Dawson Creek, BC.

Brad Sperling, Chair

Tyra Henderson, Corporate Officer