



PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING **MINUTES**

DATE: March 28, 2019

PLACE: North Peace Cultural Centre Carpet Room, Fort St. John, BC

PRESENT:

Directors

Chair Sperling, Electoral Area 'C'
Director Bertrand, District of Tumbler Ridge
Director Bumstead, City of Dawson Creek
Director Courtoreille, District of Chetwynd
Director Goodings, Electoral Area 'B'
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 Hansen, City of Fort St. John
Alternate Director Houley, Electoral Area 'E'

Absent

Vice-Chair Rose, Electoral Area 'E'
Director Ackerman, City of Fort St. John
Director Fraser, District of Taylor

Staff

Shawn Dahlen, Chief Administrative Officer
Tyra Henderson, Corporate Officer
Lyle Smith, Chief Financial Officer
Paulo Eichelberger, General Manager of Environmental Services
Crystal Brown, Electoral Area Manager
Fran Haughian, Communications Manager
Erin Price, Bylaw Enforcement Officer
Kelsey Bates, Recording Secretary

Delegations

4.1 RCMP

Corporal Brendan Harkness, District of Hudson's Hope RCMP Detachment
Staff Sergeant Steve Perret and Sergeant Dave Tyreman, City of Fort St. John RCMP Detachment
Staff Sergeant Damon Werrell, City of Dawson Creek RCMP Detachment

Call to Order The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

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CW/19/03/01

MOVED Director Hiebert, SECONDED Director Michetti,
That the Peace River Regional District Board agenda for the March 28, 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. **Delegations**

10:00 a.m.

4.1 RCMP

Re: Rural Policing Priorities

Corporal Brendan Harkness, District of Hudson's Hope RCMP Detachment

Sergeant Scott Hromadnik, District of Chetwynd RCMP Detachment

Staff Sergeant Steve Perret and Sergeant Dave Tyreman, City of Fort St.

John RCMP Detachment

Staff Sergeant Damon Werrell, City of Dawson Creek RCMP Detachment

5. **Reports**
6. **New Business**
7. **Media Questions**
8. **Adjournment**

CARRIED.

DELEGATIONS:

4.1

City of Fort St. John
RCMP Detachment -
Staff Sergeant Steve
Perret and Sergeant
Dave Tyreman

POLICING PRIORITIES – FORT ST. JOHN DETACHMENT

Staff Sergeant Steve Perret and Sergeant Dave Tyreman from the Fort St. John
RCMP Detachment provided its 2018 annual report. Topics included:

- Detachment complement
- Current vacancy pattern
- Calls for service (municipal vs. rural)
- Criminal Code offences (municipal vs. rural)
- Rural (Criminal Code offences, violent crimes, property crimes, theft, impaired, *Controlled Drug and Substances Act*)

A question and answer period ensued. Topics included:

- High collision areas (Taylor Hill)
- Crime reporting by residents

DELEGATIONS: (continued)

4.1 (continued)

Corporal Brendan
Harkness, Hudson's
Hope RCMP
Detachment

POLICING PRIORITIES – HUDSON'S HOPE DETACHMENT

Corporal Brendan Harkness from the Hudson's Hope RCMP Detachment provided its 2018 policing report. Topics included:

- Staffing levels
- Community engagement
- Calls for service (assault, property crime, impaired driving, motor vehicle collisions)
- 2018-2019 Annual Performance Plan (traffic safety, property related offences, youth)
- 2019-2020 Annual Performance Plan (property crime, traffic safety, schools/youth, accountability and governance, employee wellbeing)

Corporal Harkness advised that Chetwynd Detachment Sergeant Hromadnik was covering the Hudson's Hope detachment so was unable to attend, and provided a written report.

Staff Sergeant
Damon Werrell,
Dawson Creek RCMP
Detachment

POLICING PRIORITIES – DAWSON CREEK DETACHMENT

Staff Sergeant Damon Werrell from the Dawson Creek RCMP Detachment provided its 2018-2019 year end report. Topics included:

- Staffing resources
- Crime trends (calls for service)
- Community policing initiatives (DARE classes, local ceremonies, fall fair, Christmas Choir)
- Crime prevention initiatives (BAIT car program, school bus driver and foreign student workshops)
- Annual strategic priorities (crime reduction, impaired driving, organized crime enforcement, internal communication)
- 2019 priorities (organized crime, property crime reduction, mental health)

A question and answer period ensued. Topics included:

- Increase in rural crime (organized crime)
- Alexa's Team (impaired driving)

ADJOURNMENT:

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The Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:03 a.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 March 28, 2019 in the North Peace Cultural Centre Carpet Room, Fort St. John, BC.

Brad Sperling, Chair

Tyra Henderson, Corporate Officer