



PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING **MINUTES**

DATE: April 23, 2019

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 Courtoreille, District of Chetwynd
Director Fraser, District of Taylor
Director Goodings, Electoral Area 'B'
Director Hiebert, Electoral Area 'D'
Director Michetti, Village of Pouce Coupe

Alternate Directors

Alternate Director Kirby, District of Tumbler Ridge

Absent

Director Ackerman, City of Fort St. John
Director Bertrand, District of Tumbler Ridge
Director Heiberg, District of Hudson's Hope
Director Zabinsky, City of Fort St. John

Staff

Shawn Dahlen, Chief Administrative Officer
Tyra Henderson, Corporate Officer
Crystal Brown, Electoral Area Manager
Brenda Deliman, Recording Secretary

Delegation

Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development
Tom Ethier, Assistant Deputy Minister
Brian Clark, Operations Specialist
Russ Laroche, Director, Strategic Initiatives
Liaison to Premier Horgan
Blair Lekstrom

Call to Order The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

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SRD/19/04/01 (23)

MOVED Director Fraser, SECONDED Director Bumstead,
That the Peace River Regional District Board agenda for the April 23, 2019
Special meeting be adopted:

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Adoption of Agenda**
3. **Delegations**

SD-1 Caribou Recovery

Re: Section 11 Conservation Agreement and Partnership Agreement
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4. **Adjournment**

DELEGATION:

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Ministry of Forests,
Lands, Natural
Resource Operations
and Rural
Development - Tom
Ethier, Assistant
Deputy Minister,
Brian Clark,
Operations
Specialist, and Russ
Laroche, Director,
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SECTION 11 CONSERVATION AGREEMENT AND PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

Assistant Deputy Minister Tom Ethier, Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development, provided the Regional Board with an overview of the Draft Section 11 Agreement between BC and Canada to Recover Southern Mountain Caribou, and the Draft Intergovernmental Partnership Agreement for the Conservation of the Central Group of the Southern Mountain Caribou between Canada, BC, Sauleau First Nations and West Moberly First Nations. A question and answer period ensued. Topics included:

- Shared Recovery Objective (definition)
- Caribou population numbers (historical, trends, risk factors, recovery targets)
- Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC)
- Caribou habitats (matrix, critical)
- Section 11 Agreement vs. Intergovernmental Partnership Agreement (objectives, process, timelines)
- Bilateral Conservation Agreement
- Scientific data
- Greenhouse gas emissions
- Treaty rights
- First Nations Woodlands Licence

DELEGATION: (continued)

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(continued) SECTION 11 CONSERVATION AGREEMENT AND PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT
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The discussion continued. Further topics included:

- License to Cut applications
- Timber tenures and Residual Fibre Recovery
- Management of zones (sustainable resource activity areas, areas of protection, restoration and conservation, boundaries)
- Regulatory measures
- Kiskatinaw River Watershed

Recess The Chair recessed the meeting at 2:27 p.m.

Reconvene The Chair reconvened the meeting at 2:37 p.m.

The discussion continued. Further topics included:

- Impacts to residents and industry (access)
- Caribou Forestry Working Group
- Local Population Unit (LPU)
- Wildlife management strategies (captive breeding facility)
- Caribou Recovery Committee (CRC)
- Wolf predation
- First Nations and stakeholder engagement
- Dispute resolution process
- Habitat restoration projects (contracts)
- Program funding and capacity
- Indigenous Guardian Program

Recess The Chair recessed the meeting at 4:37 p.m.

Reconvene The Chair reconvened the meeting at 4:45 p.m.

The Regional Board reviewed the draft Terms of Reference for the Independent Economic Analysis for the Partnership Agreement and discussed the following topics with the delegations:

- Framework for government-to-government cooperation
- Socio-economic impacts
- Independent economic analysis of the impacts of the conservation areas (contractor)

Director Fraser left the meeting at 4:53 p.m.

DELEGATION: (continued)

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**SECTION 11 CONSERVATION AGREEMENT AND PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT
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The Regional Board recommended that the following edits be made to the draft Terms of Reference for the Independent Economic Analysis for the Partnership Agreement:

1. Part 2. Services: Inputs

Remove 'limited' from:

"Limited access to Ministry and Federal economics team for information/data queries".

2. Part 2. Services: Reporting requirements

Combine the following two statements into one statement:

"The Contractor will provide a detailed written report to the Ministry and will be available to present the report findings to the Ministry, Canada, West Moberly First Nation and Saulneau First Nation."

"The Contractor will also be available to present the report to communities, sectors and businesses that participated in the initial engagement undertaken by the Contractor."

ADJOURNMENT:

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The Chair adjourned the meeting at 5:10 p.m.

CERTIFIED a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Regional Board of the Peace River Regional District from a Special meeting held on April 23, 2019 in the Regional District Office Board Room, Dawson Creek, BC.

Brad Sperling, Chair

Tyra Henderson, Corporate Officer