



PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING **MINUTES**

DATE: July 25, 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 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

Absent

Director Ackerman, City of Fort St. John
Director Bertrand, District of Tumbler Ridge

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
Trevor Ouellette, IT Manager
Jenn Baddeley, NDIT Intern
Brenda Deliman, Recording Secretary

Others

Urban Systems, Carolyn Dunn

Delegations

4.1 Blair Lekstrom

4.2 Northern Health

Dr. Ronald Chapman, Vice-President Medicine
Angela De Smit, Chief Operating Officer, Northeast
Jordan Oliver, Executive Lead, Emergency / Trauma Program (*via videoconference*)
Daphné Savoy, Northeast Physician Recruiter, Medical Affairs

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

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CW/19/07/01

MOVED Director Zabinsky, SECONDED Director Hiebert,

That the Peace River Regional District Board agenda for the July 25, 2019 Committee of the Whole meeting be adopted:

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

10:00 a.m.

4.1 Blair Lekstrom, Community Liaison *(by invitation of the Board)*

Re: Draft Partnership Agreement between BC, Canada, West Moberly First Nations and Sauteau First Nations to Recover the Central Group of Southern Mountain Caribou

11:00 a.m.

4.2 Northern Health *(by invitation of the Board)*

Re: Pre-Hospital Autolaunch Memorandum of Understanding / Northeast Targeted Medical Recruitment

Dr. Ronald Chapman, Vice-President Medicine

Angela De Smit, Chief Operating Officer, Northeast

Jordan Oliver, Executive Lead, Emergency / Trauma Program *(via videoconference)*

Daphné Savoy, Northeast Physician Recruiter, Medical Affairs

- 5. New Business**
- 6. Media Questions**
- 7. Adjournment**

CARRIED.

DELEGATIONS:

4.1
Blair Lekstrom,
Community Liaison
(by invitation of the
Board)

**DRAFT PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT BETWEEN BC, CANADA, WEST MOBERLY
FIRST NATIONS AND SAULTEAU FIRST NATIONS TO RECOVER THE CENTRAL
GROUP OF SOUTHERN MOUNTAIN CARIBOU (10:00 a.m.)**

Blair Lekstrom, Community Liaison, provided the Committee of the Whole with his report to the BC Premier regarding the draft partnership agreement on caribou recovery. Topics included:

- Objective (stakeholder engagement)
- Engagement (federal/provincial/local government)
- Industry groups (forestry, mining, oil and gas, agriculture, Guide Outfitters Association of BC, Geoscience BC, BC Snowmobile Federation)
- Community groups and organizations (Concerned Citizens for Caribou Recovery, NE Stakeholders Group, Union of BC Municipalities, BC Chamber of Commerce)
- First Nations (McLeod Lake Indian Band, Lheidli-T'enneh First Nation)
- Findings (concerns on information sharing, lack of consultation with industry/residents/user groups, lack of clarity re: agreement, job losses)
- Recommendations (proper engagement/consultation, socio-economic impact analysis, temporary moratorium, mitigate negative impact to forestry, amendments to agreement, fund caribou maternal penning/feeding programs, wolf cull program, investigate caribou captive breeding program, input from First Nations and local government, amendment to *Species at Risk Act*)

A question and answer period ensued. Topics included:

- Draft socio-economic impact analysis
- Consultation
- Engagement with McLeod Lake Indian Band and Lheidli-T'enneh First Nation
- Caribou maternal penning, caribou feeding and wolf cull programs
- Time lapse and next steps
- Impacts to forest industry

Director Fraser entered the meeting at 10:19 a.m.

DELEGATIONS: (continued)

4.1 (continued) DRAFT PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT BETWEEN BC, CANADA, WEST MOBERLY FIRST NATIONS AND SAULTEAU FIRST NATIONS TO RECOVER THE CENTRAL GROUP OF SOUTHERN MOUNTAIN CARIBOU (continued)

The question and answer period continued. Further topics included:

- Engagement with West Moberly and Sauleau First Nations (provincial involvement)
- Temporary moratorium on Zones A2 and B3 (timeline)
- Draft Section 11 Agreement

Recess The Chair recessed the meeting at 10:49 a.m.

Reconvene The Chair reconvened the meeting at 11:01 a.m.

4.2 NORTHERN HEALTH (11:00 a.m.)

Northern Health -
Dr. Ronald Chapman, Vice-President Medicine, Angela De Smit, Chief Operating Officer, Northeast, Jordan Oliver, Executive Lead, Emergency / Trauma Program, Daphné Savoy, Northeast Physician Recruiter, Medical Affairs *(by invitation of the Board)*

(1) PRE-HOSPITAL AUTOLAUNCH MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Jordan Oliver, Northern Health Executive Lead - Emergency / Trauma Program, provided the Committee of the Whole with an overview of the Pre-Hospital NE Autolaunch Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). Topics included:

- MoU partners (Northern Health Authority, Alberta Health Services, BC Emergency Health Services, Shock Trauma Air Rescue Service (STARS))
- MoU status
- Pre-hospital trauma autolaunch process (emergency patient transport)

(2) RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION

Dr. Ronald Chapman, Northern Health - VP Medicine, presented the Committee of the Whole with an update on Recruitment and Retention and Northeast Targeted Medical Recruitment. Topics included:

- Recruitment venues (rural physician, specialist and ER conferences)
- Site visits for recruits (dinners, community tours, amenity experiences)
- Exit interviews
- Locum recruitment (Fort St. John, Chetwynd, Dawson Creek, Tumbler Ridge, Fort Nelson)
- Retention (housing, schools, community stakeholder introductions, financial institutions, communication / feedback, spousal employment)
- Human Resources tracking (in practice, postings, arrivals, departures)
- Recruitment of specialist and family physicians and nurse practitioners
- Recruitment and support of locums

DELEGATIONS: (continued)

4.2 (continued) **(2) RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION (continued)**

The presentation continued. Further topics included:

- Recruiter history
- 2017-2019 activities (site visits, conferences, arrivals, departures)
- Current state (planned site visits, physicians needed per community)

A question and answer period ensued. Topics included:

- Practice-Ready Assessment (PRA) programs
- Rural communities and recruitment incentives
- RN shortage
- Specialist physicians
- Physician spouses, families

Recess The Chair recessed the meeting to luncheon at 11:58 a.m.

Reconvene The Chair reconvened the meeting at 12:59 p.m.

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Blair Lekstrom **DRAFT PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT BETWEEN BC, CANADA, WEST MOBERLY
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GROUP OF SOUTHERN MOUNTAIN CARIBOU**

CW/19/07/02

MOVED Director Goodings, SECONDED Director Zabinsky,

That the Committee of the Whole recommend to the Regional Board that a letter be forwarded to the federal Minister of Environment and Climate Change, Premier of BC, and the provincial Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development to advise that the Regional Board:

- endorses the Blair Lekstrom report titled 'The Path Forward to Recover the Caribou Plan in Northern BC' as written, and the recommendations contained therein
- encourages the immediate implementation of Recommendations 8-10 (continuation of caribou maternal penning, caribou feeding and wolf cull programs) and Recommendation 12 (work with the PRRD and District of Mackenzie to determine overarching group);
- acknowledges the implementation of Recommendation 4 (temporary moratorium on Zones A2 and B3); and

further, that the Regional Board requests a timeline for engagement and details on the process moving forward.

CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT:

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The Chair adjourned the meeting at 1:06 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 July 25, 2019 in the Regional District Office Board Room, Dawson Creek, BC.

Brad Sperling, Chair

Tyra Henderson, Corporate Officer