



PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

AUGUST SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

DATE: August 23, 2019

PLACE: Regional District Office Boardroom, Dawson Creek, BC

PRESENT:

Directors

Chair Sperling, Electoral Area 'C'
Vice-Chair Rose, Electoral Area 'E'
Director Ackerman, City of Fort St. John
Director Bumstead, City of Dawson Creek
Director Fraser, District of Taylor
Director Goodings, Electoral Area 'B'
Director Zabinsky, City of Fort St. John

Alternate Directors

Alternate Director Deck, District of Chetwynd
Alternate Director Rogers, Electoral Area 'D'
Alternate Director Smith, Village of Pouce Coupe

Absent

Director Bertrand, District of Tumbler Ridge
Director Courtoreille, District of Chetwynd
Director Heiberg, District of Hudson's Hope
Director Hiebert, Electoral Area 'D'
Director Michetti, Village of Pouce Coupe

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
Jennifer Baddeley, NDIT Intern
Brenda Deliman, Recording Secretary
Suzanne Garrett, Recording Secretary

Presenters

Lorne Brownsey
Cassie Doyle
Blair Lekstrom

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

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SRD/19/08/01

MOVED Director Zabinsky, SECONDED Director Rose,
That the Peace River Regional District Board agenda for the August 23, 2019
Special meeting be adopted:

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

10:00 a.m.

SD-1 Next Steps – Caribou Conservation in the Peace Region

Lorne Brownsey

Cassie Doyle

Blair Lekstrom, Community Liaison to Premier Horgan

5. **Reports**

SR-1 August 19, 2019 – Director Rose, Electoral Area 'E' – Invitation for Consultant to
meet with Solid Waste Committee on Solid Waste Management Plan Review

SR-2 August 20, 2019 – Tyra Henderson, Corporate Officer – Notice of Closed Session

6. **Media Questions** (on agenda items and business discussed at the meeting)
7. **Adjournment**

CARRIED.

PRESENTATION:

SD-1

Lorne Brownsey,
Cassie Doyle, and
Blair Lekstrom,
Community Liaison
to Premier Horgan

CARIBOU CONSERVATION IN THE PEACE REGION

The Regional Board received a verbal presentation from Lorne Brownsey,
Cassie Doyle and Blair Lekstrom regarding Caribou Conservation in the Peace
Region.

Cassie Doyle introduced herself as a consultant to the Deputy Minister of
Environment and Climate Change Canada and advised that she had been
engaged to assist in upcoming works surrounding caribou conservation.
Specifically to design an engagement process with provincial representatives,
community leaders and stakeholders, inform and advise federal
representatives, and support the finalization of the draft Partnership and
Section 11 Agreements.

Lorne Brownsey introduced himself as an aboriginal relations consultant
engaged by the Premier of BC to assist in the caribou conservation project
alongside Blair Lekstrom, Community Liaison to Premier Horgan. Specifically
to facilitate engagement with local government, First Nations, industry, and
stakeholders to establish a pathway to concluding the draft Partnership and
Section 11 agreements.

PRESENTATION: (continued)

SD-1 (continued)

CARIBOU CONSERVATION IN THE PEACE REGION (continued)

Mr. Brownsey proposed that a Leadership Table consisting of First Nations leaders, federal and provincial government Deputy Ministers, local government, and senior executive representatives from resource sectors in the region be created so that all parties have the opportunity to engage in respectful, informed and inclusive dialogue regarding the protection of caribou and mitigation of impacts to the broader community, with a view to conclude the draft Partnership and Section 11 Agreements. He further suggested that impacts to industry and forestry sectors, alternative sources of fibre supply, future sustainable resource activity, traditional knowledge, and economic impacts be considered as topics of discussion. From the Leadership Table would stem complementary dialogue at a technical level and future discussions as the implementation of the Section 11 and Partnership Agreements unfold.

A dialogue with the Regional Board ensued. Topics included:

- Economic impacts analysis (lack of community engagement)
- Local knowledge (backcountry users, farmers)
- Potential to alter draft Section 11 and Partnership Agreements
- Agreements for caribou recovery in Alberta
- Terms of Reference
- 2019 federal election (drop of writ, environmental stakeholders, timeline to develop Leadership Table)
- Informed engagement vs. consultation
- Environmental concerns vs. impacts to industry sectors
- Alternative options to habitat protection (maternal penning, feeding and wolf cull programs)
- Relationship with First Nations leaders
- Temporary moratorium on Zones A2 and B3
- Other species at risk

Recess

The Chair recessed the meeting at 11:25 a.m.

Reconvene

The Chair reconvened the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

PRESENTATION: (continued)

SD-1 (continued) CARIBOU CONSERVATION IN THE PEACE REGION (continued)

SRD/19/08/02

MOVED Director Ackerman, SECONDED Director Goodings,
That Blair Lekstrom, Community Liaison to the Premier, be advised that the Regional Board is willing to participate in the proposed Caribou Conservation Leadership Table consisting of representatives of the federal, provincial and local governments, First Nations, and the resource industry, on the condition that the invited participants be actively involved in the development of the Terms of Reference, which have not yet been drafted nor discussed.

CARRIED.

REPORTS:

SR-1 SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN REVIEW

August 19, 2019 –
Director Rose,
Electoral Area 'E'

SRD/19/08/03

MOVED Director Rose, SECONDED Director Goodings,
That the Solid Waste Committee Chair, Dan Rose, formally invite the Solid Waste Management Plan Update/Renewal project manager from Morrison Hershfield to attend the August 28, 2019 Solid Waste Committee meeting for a maximum two hour Solid Waste Management Plan Renewal and Review project kick off session; further, that Board members not named to the Solid Waste Committee be invited to attend the Solid Waste Committee meeting to hear the delegation.

CARRIED.

SRD/19/08/04

MOVED Director Ackerman, SECONDED Alternate Director Smith,
That the Solid Waste Management Plan Update/Renewal project manager from Morrison Hershfield be invited to attend the September 19, 2019 Committee of the Whole meeting to discuss the Solid Waste Management Plan Review project.

CARRIED.

SR-2 NOTICE OF CLOSED SESSION

August 20, 2019 –
Tyra Henderson,
Corporate Officer

SRD/19/08/05

MOVED Director Rose, SECONDED Director Ackerman,
That the Regional Board recess to a Closed Meeting for the purpose of discussing the following item:

Agenda Item R-1 – Farmer's Information Service (CC Section 90(2)(b))

CARRIED.

Recess The Chair recessed the meeting to a Closed Session at 11:50 a.m.

Reconvene The Chair reconvened the meeting at 12:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

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The Chair adjourned the meeting at 12:30 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 August 23, 2019 in the Regional District Office Board Room, Dawson Creek, BC.

Brad Sperling, Chair

Tyra Henderson, Corporate Officer