



PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES

DATE: October 26, 2017

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 McPherson, District of Tumbler Ridge
Director Stewart, City of Fort St. John
Director Nichols, District of Chetwynd

Alternate Directors

Alternate Director Christensen, City of Fort St. John
Alternate Director Heiberg, District of Hudson's Hope
Alternate Director Lavoie, Village of Pouce Coupe

Absent

Director Ackerman, City of Fort St. John
Director Johansson, District of Hudson's Hope
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
Bruce Simard, General Manager of Development Services
Crystal Brown, Electoral Area Manager
Fran Haughian, Communications Manager
Phillip Kovacs, Solid Waste Services Manager
Brenda Deliman, Recording Secretary

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

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CW/17/10/01

MOVED Alternate Director Lavoie, SECONDED Director Stewart,
That the Peace River Regional District Board agenda for the October 26, 2017
Committee of the Whole meeting be adopted:

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Adoption of Agenda**
- 3. Gallery Comments or Questions**
- 4. Reports**
 - 4.1 October 18, 2017 – Bruce Simard, General Manager of Development Services – Discussion Report Regarding Proposed Federal Government *Cannabis Act*
 - 4.2 October 19, 2017 – Tyra Henderson, Corporate Officer – Public Consultation on Cannabis Regulation in BC
 - 4.3 October 19, 2017 – Chris Cvik, Chief Administrative Officer – PRRD Activity Update #3
- 5. DVD PRESENTATION: [Time Permitting]**
 - 5.1 'Policy Governance Model: An Introduction by John and Mariam Carver'
- 6. New Business**
- 7. Media Questions**
- 8. Adjournment**

CARRIED.

REPORTS:

4.1
October 18, 2017 –
Bruce Simard, General
Manager of
Development Services

PROPOSED FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CANNABIS ACT

The Regional Board considered the proposed Federal Government *Cannabis Act*.
Topics of discussion included:

- Business licensing
- BC minimum age vs Alberta minimum age
- Zoning and Official Community Plan considerations (retail / dispensary locations)
- Public consumption
- Liquor Control and Licensing as a model
- Consultations
- Crown land

REPORTS: (continued)

4.1 (continued)

PROPOSED FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CANNABIS ACT (continued)

CW/17/10/02

MOVED Director Nichols, SECONDED Director McPherson,

That the Committee of the Whole recommend to the Regional Board that the Regional District host a consultant facilitated workshop and invite member municipalities and the Northern Rockies Regional Municipality, to explore the matter of “cannabis-related business”, with the goal of developing a consistent regulatory scheme that could be considered by Northeast BC jurisdictions.

CARRIED.

4.2

October 19, 2017 –
Tyra Henderson,
Corporate Officer

PUBLIC CONSULTATION – CANNABIS REGULATION IN BC

CW/17/10/03

MOVED Director Fraser, SECONDED Director McPherson,

That the Committee of the Whole receive the discussion paper titled “Cannabis Legalization and Regulation in British Columbia” produced by the British Columbia Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General, September, 2017 for discussion.

CARRIED.

The Regional Board considered the “Cannabis Legalization and Regulation in BC” discussion paper. Topics of discussion included:

- Local government consultation
- Appropriate minimum age
- Public consumption
- Drug impaired driving
- Municipal smoking bylaws
- Distribution and retail models
- Possession limits
- Recreational use
- Coordination with Alberta (minimum age, taxation, policing)
- Quality control
- Liquor Control and Licensing as a model
- Personal cultivation

CW/17/10/04

MOVED Director Fraser, SECONDED Director Stewart,

That the Committee of the Whole recommend to the Regional Board that it respond to the Province of BC consultation on Cannabis Legalization and Regulation in British Columbia recommending that the Province implement a minimum age of nineteen to buy, grow, and publicly possess non-medical cannabis for the Province of BC.

CARRIED.

REPORTS: (continued)

4.2 (continued)

PUBLIC CONSULTATION – CANNABIS REGULATION IN BC (continued)

CW/17/10/05

MOVED Director Bumstead, SECONDED Director Nichols,

That the Committee of the Whole recommend to the Regional Board that it respond to the Province of BC consultation on Cannabis Legalization and Regulation in British Columbia recommending that the Province establish a provincial limit of 15 grams for public possession of non-medical cannabis for adults over the legal age determined by the Province; and establish a zero tolerance limit for public possession of non-medical cannabis for youth under the legal age, as determined by the Province.

CARRIED.

CW/17/10/06

MOVED Director Bumstead, SECONDED Director Nichols,

That the Committee of the Whole recommend to the Regional Board that it respond to the Province of BC consultation on Cannabis Legalization and Regulation in British Columbia recommending that the Province extend the restrictions currently imposed on smoking in public places in BC to smoking marijuana and increase the buffer zone of 3.5 metres to 8 metres for marijuana smoking; further, that the Province also extend the prohibition on public smoking to parks and any other place where children are invited and usually present.

CARRIED.

CW/17/10/07

MOVED Director Fraser, SECONDED Director Stewart,

That the Committee of the Whole recommend to the Regional Board that it respond to the Province of BC consultation on Cannabis Legalization and Regulation in British Columbia recommending that the Province, in cooperation with RCMP, set a zero tolerance limit on driving while under the influence of cannabis for all drivers, until such time as medical expertise can identify a 'safe' level of THC in the blood up to which a driver is not considered impaired, and/or technical advances have been made that allow for accurate testing of THC levels.

CARRIED.

CW/17/10/08

MOVED Director Fraser, SECONDED Director Goodings,

That the Committee of the Whole recommend to the Regional Board that it respond to the Province of BC consultation on Cannabis Legalization and Regulation in British Columbia recommending that the Province prohibit personal cultivation of non-medical cannabis.

CARRIED.

REPORTS: (continued)

4.2 (continued)

PUBLIC CONSULTATION – CANNABIS REGULATION IN BC (continued)

CW/17/10/09

MOVED Director Fraser, SECONDED Director Nichols,

That the Committee of the Whole recommend to the Regional Board that it respond to the Province of BC consultation on Cannabis Legalization and Regulation in British Columbia recommending that the Province establish a Government of British Columbia distribution model, whereby only the Province of BC would be permitted to warehouse and distribute non-medical cannabis for retail sale in approved retail locations.

CARRIED.

CW/17/10/10

MOVED Director Stewart, SECONDED Director Rose,

That the Committee of the Whole recommend to the Regional Board that it respond to the Province of BC consultation on Cannabis Legalization and Regulation in British Columbia recommending that the Province establish a public retail system whereby non-medical cannabis could only be made available for retail sale in BC Government approved locations, and that recognized pharmacies be the only type of retail outlet approved by the Province for retail sales of non-medical cannabis.

CARRIED.

CW/17/10/11

MOVED Director Goodings, SECONDED Director McPherson,

That the Committee of the Whole recommend to the Regional Board that it respond to the Province of BC consultation on Cannabis Legalization and Regulation in British Columbia recommending that the Province work with all other provincial governments to determine if a unified legal age for non-medical cannabis could be chosen.

CARRIED.

CW/17/10/12

MOVED Director Bumstead, SECONDED Director McPherson,

That the Committee of the Whole recommend to the Regional Board that it respond to the Province of BC consultation on Cannabis Legalization and Regulation in British Columbia recommending that the Province consider the social impacts of non-medical cannabis legalization and provide adequate support and funding for provincial programs and to municipalities left to deal with social issues that may be impacted by the legalization of cannabis.

CARRIED.

Director Bumstead left the meeting at 11:14 a.m.

REPORTS: (continued)

4.2 (continued)

PUBLIC CONSULTATION – CANNABIS REGULATION IN BC (continued)

CW/17/10/13

MOVED Director Fraser, SECONDED Director Stewart,
That the Committee of the Whole recommend to the Regional Board that it respond to the Province of BC consultation on Cannabis Legalization and Regulation in British Columbia recommending that the Province implement, as part of the provincial distribution system, quality control measures and product labelling regulations to protect buyers from impure products and widely varying potencies of the products they purchase.

CARRIED.

Director Bumstead returned to the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

CW/17/10/14

MOVED Director Nichols, SECONDED Director Stewart,
That the Committee of the Whole recommend to the Regional Board that it respond to the Province of BC consultation on Cannabis Legalization and Regulation in British Columbia recommending that the Province work with all other provincial governments to unify, to the extent possible, taxation regimes and other regulations that would benefit from universal application.

CARRIED.

4.3

October 19, 2017 –
Chris Cvik, Chief
Administrative Officer

PRRD ACTIVITY UPDATE #3

CW/17/10/15

MOVED Director McPherson SECONDED Director Stewart,
That the report dated October 19, 2017 from the Chief Administrative Officer regarding the PRRD Activity Update #3, be received for information.

CARRIED.

DVD PRESENTATION:

5.1 POLICY GOVERNANCE MODEL DVD

The Chair noted the size of the regular Regional Board meeting agenda, including delegations, and deferred Item 5.1 to the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

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The Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:20 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 October 26, 2017 in the Regional District Office Board Room, Dawson Creek, BC.

Brad Sperling, Chair

Tyra Henderson, Corporate Officer