



Media Release

The PRRD met with the Premier about Caribou Consultations

Dawson Creek- The Honourable John Horgan, Premier and the Honourable Doug Donaldson, Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development, were at the PRRD Dawson Creek office on April 15, 2019, to meet with the Peace River Regional District Board to address concerns surrounding the Caribou Recovery Draft Agreements.

Premier Horgan announced that the deadline for consultation has been extended until May 31, 2019. Blair Lekstrom will work with local leaders and report directly to the Premier to assist the BC Government as community liaison. Mr. Lekstrom has been tasked by Premier Horgan to provide insight to the Provincial government about concerns communities in the Peace Region have with the draft partnership and section 11 agreements for caribou recovery. Now that the partnership agreement has been released, the Peace River Regional District will arrange a meeting to have an open discussion with First Nations neighbors, West Moberly First Nation, and Saulneau First Nation.

The seven-member municipalities and four electoral areas of the Peace River Regional District will continue to collaborate with all stakeholders to demonstrate their commitment to transparency and openness of the recovery program.

Regional Board Chair, Brad Sperling, says he is happy that the Government is extending the deadline for public engagement, and that they have appointed Blair Lekstrom to liaise with the Premier regarding the concerns raised during public engagement sessions.

"I'm pleased that the Province is taking the time to ensure that local voices are heard. Blair knows the people and the issues in the Peace well, and I'm sure he'll be able to help find a path forward."

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