



NORTH PEACE RURAL ROADS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2020

LOCATION Via Teleconference

ATTENDANCE

Directors

Director Goodings, Chair
Director Fraser
Director Heiberg
Director Sperling (ex-officio)

Absent Directors

Director Bumstead

Staff

Tyra Henderson, Corporate Officer
Naomi Donat, Recorder

Others

Jackie Kjos, JK Solutions

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

2. DIRECTORS' NOTICE OF NEW BUSINESS

Director Sperling

Topics for meeting with Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure, September 16, 2020.

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOVED Director Heiberg, SECONDED Director Fraser,
That the North Peace Rural Roads Committee adopt the September 11, 2020 Meeting Agenda, as amended to include Directors' new business:

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Directors' Notice of New Business**
3. **Adoption of Agenda**
4. **Gallery Comments or Questions**
5. **Adoption of Minutes**
 - 5.1. NPRR Committee Draft Meeting Minutes of July 17, 2020
6. **Business Arising from the Minutes**
7. **Delegations**
8. **Correspondence**
9. **Reports**
10. **Discussion Items**
 - 10.1. Task Force Volunteers
 - 10.2. Federal Lobbyist Registry
 - 10.3. October Strategy
 - 10.4. Letters to Minister Trevena
 - 10.5. Workplan / Budget Update
 - 10.6. Expenditure Update
11. **New Business**
 - 11.1. UBCM meeting with MoTI Sept. 16, 2020
12. **Diary**
13. **Item(s) for Information**
 - 13.1 Terms of Reference
14. **Adjournment**

CARRIED



4. GALLERY COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS

None.

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

5.1
Jul. 17, 20 NPRRC Minutes

MOVED Director Heiberg, SECONDED Director Fraser,
That the North Peace Rural Roads Committee adopt the July 17, 2020, Meeting Minutes.

CARRIED

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

None.

7. DELEGATIONS

None.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

9. REPORTS

None.

10. DISCUSSION ITEMS

10.1
Task Force Volunteers

MOVED Director Heiberg, SECONDED Director Fraser,
That the North Peace Rural Roads Committee invite Susan Krebs of Storm Resources Ltd. and Doug MacDonald from ICBC to join the North Peace Rural Roads Task Force.

CARRIED

Ms. Kjos will invite Ms. Krebs and Mr. MacDonald on behalf of the Committee and meet with them prior to the next Task Force Meeting to bring them up to date on the work of the Committee and its mandate to lobby for upgrades and maintenance on key roads in the region so they remain in a condition suitable for the type and volume of traffic that rely on them.

Director Goodings will participate in these meetings if she is available.

10.2
Federal Lobbyist Registry

Ms. Kjos reported that she reviewed the federal registry process which appears to be very similar to the provincial lobbyist registration process. Ms. Kjos will need to be registered if she is going to be involved with any communications or meetings with federal members of parliament.

Director Goodings will contact MP Zimmer and MP Doherty to see if they have any questions after viewing the North Peace Rural Roads video and whether or not they might want to participate in the next Task Force meeting.

10.3
October Strategy

Ms. Kjos will contact Katherine Styba and Darrell Gunn, the new Executive Director, Highways for the North Region of the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MoTI), inviting them to meet with the Task Force. The timing of the next Task Force meeting will be considered once their availability is known.

10.4
Letters to Minister Trevena

Ms. Kjos reported that she had a conversation with Rena Gibson of MoTI and explained that the letters were not meant to criticize the local MoTI district office; however, the tone was intended to convey the frustration of the Committee with the lack of a committed plan from MoTI to upgrade and maintain roads as they had previously promised. She noted that while the letters were sent to the Provincial Minister, they had been referred to the local office for response, which is anticipated in the coming weeks.



Committee members confirmed that they thought the tone of the letters was appropriate.

Director Goodings noted that she had sent an additional message to District MoTI staff thanking them for their cooperation and support.

10.5
Workplan / Budget Update

No changes to the plan are recommended at this time. There might be opportunities for more in-person or virtual meetings in the fall, once the Committee hears back from the returning District Manager and new Regional Manager.

10.6
Expenditure Update

No comments.

11. NEW BUSINESS

11.1
UBCM Meeting with MoTI
Sept. 16, 2020

Director Sperling noted that the PRRD has a scheduled audience with the BC Ministry of Transportation on September 16, 2020 and advised he would like Director Fraser to take the lead on the discussion, which is necessarily regional and not north peace focused.

Ms. Kjos advised against bringing up weather as a factor in the condition of the roads in the region, as the response will be that weather is not within the control of the Ministry and in fact, long term data trends indicated that recent years have not been the wettest years on record (consecutive wet years have had a cumulative effect). Ms. Kjos will provide some key speaking points for the meeting with the Minister and recommended reminding the Minister of the importance of the roads in the region to support the agriculture, oil and gas, and forest industries, and in particular, supplying the liquefied natural gas terminal. The most important point to convey is that the roads in the region are not being adequately upgraded and maintained to support the volume and type of vehicle traffic that rely upon them.

12. DIARY

12.1
Diary Items

No changes were made to the Diary.

13. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

13.1
Terms of Reference

No comments.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the Meeting at 9:10 a.m.

Original Signed By

Director Goodings, Committee Chair

Original Signed By

Naomi Donat, Recorder