



COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2020

LOCATION	Peace River Regional District Office, Dawson Creek, BC	
ATTENDANCE	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 Courtoreille, District of Chetwynd Director Fraser, District of Taylor Director Goodings, Electoral Area 'B' <i>(via teleconference)</i> Director Heiberg, District of Hudson's Hope Director Hiebert, Electoral Area 'D' <i>(via teleconference)</i> Director Michetti, Village of Pouce Coupe Director Zabinsky, City of Fort St. John Alternate Directors Alternate Director Kirby, District of Tumbler Ridge <i>(via teleconference)</i> Absent Director Bertrand, District of Tumbler Ridge	Staff Shawn Dahlen, Chief Administrative Officer Tyra Henderson, Corporate Officer Teri Vetter, Chief Financial Officer Paulo Eichelberger, GM of Environmental Services Trish Morgan, GM of Community Services Crystal Brown, Electoral Area Manager Jeff McDonald, Communications Manager <i>(via teleconference)</i> Trevor Ouellette, IT Manager Brenda Deliman, Legislative Services Clerk <i>(via teleconference)</i> Others Katrin Saxty, Urban Systems Ltd. Delegations 4.1 TELUS <i>(via teleconference)</i> Brian Bettis, GM Alberta North and BC Interior Tyler Mooi, Municipal Relations, Western Canada 4.2 Morrison Hershfield <i>(via teleconference)</i> Todd Baker, Senior Environmental Engineer

1. **CALL TO ORDER** The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.
2. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**
 - 2.1 CW/20/11/01
MOVED Director Heiberg, SECONDED Director Michetti,
That the Committee of the Whole adopt the November 26, 2020 Meeting Agenda:
 1. **Call to Order**
 2. **Adoption of Agenda**
 3. **Gallery Comments or Questions**
 4. **Delegations**
 - 4.1 TELUS – Advancing Rural Connectivity
 - 4.2 Morrison Hershfield – Draft Regional Solid Waste Management Plan
 5. **Reports**
 6. **Media Questions**
 7. **Adjournment**

CARRIED

3. **GALLERY COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS**



4. DELEGATIONS

4.1

TELUS

The Committee of the Whole was provided with a presentation on Advancing Rural Connectivity from TELUS. Topics included:

- Connecting BC funding
- Universal Broadband Fund
- Improved spectrum policy

Director Fraser entered the meeting at 9:08 a.m.

The presentation continued. Further topics included:

- Indigenous Connectivity report
- Rural Connectivity paper
- Support for low income Canadians, youth from foster care, COVID-19 response

A question and answer period ensued. Topics included:

- Costs to provide rural connectivity (fibre, facilities, topography, elevation, connection to premises, operations and maintenance)
- Use of existing pipeline trenches
- Challenges (low population density, vast distances, access to infrastructure, climate)
- Speeds required (50/10)
- Staff turnover
- Improved relationship moving forward
- Landlines and Smart Hub

Recess

The Chair recessed the meeting to a Public Hearing at 9:30 a.m.

Reconvene

The Chair reconvened the meeting at 9:46 a.m.

4.2

Morrison Hershfield

The Committee of the Whole was provided with a presentation on the draft Regional Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP) for the PRRD. Topics included:

- Challenges (global pandemic, lack of access to markets, remoteness of PRRD)
- Reduce, reuse and recycle strategies (EPR programs, pollution prevention, agricultural plastics, ICI waste diversion, hazardous waste, construction/demolition waste)
- Organics diversion strategies (processing capacity, compostable organics)
- Energy recovery strategies (organics, residual waste)
- Residual waste management strategies (accessibility, long-term disposal, illegal dumping, emergency debris)
- Solid Waste Funding strategies (recycling cost, financial model)
- Financing and administration (annual expenditures, staffing needs, tipping fees/taxation, monitoring and governance)
- Public consultation (engagement techniques)

A question and answer period ensued. Topics included:

- SWMP Technical Advisory Committee
- Distinction between curbside collection of compostable organics in member municipalities and curbside collection throughout the region (costs, funding)
- Additional staffing



4.2 (continued)

CW/20/11/02

MOVED Director Ackerman, SECONDED Director Bumstead,
That the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Regional Board remove reference to the hiring of one additional full time equivalent position, dedicated to new strategies and actions in the first five years of Plan implementation from the draft Regional Solid Waste Management Plan.

CARRIED

CW/20/11/03

MOVED Director Rose, SECONDED Director Ackerman,
That the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Regional Board authorize that Strategy 8 – ‘Proposed Organics Diversion’ of the draft Regional Solid Waste Management Plan be amended by replacing ‘Facilitate collection of compostable organics in the Region’ with ‘Support the diversion of organics from landfills in the Region’.

CARRIED

CW/20/11/04

MOVED Director Goodings, SECONDED Director Ackerman,
That the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Regional Board be provided with a report on the structure of the Solid Waste Management Plan Monitoring and Advisory Committee and options to address concerns regarding conflict of interest.

CARRIED

5. REPORTS

6. MEDIA QUESTIONS

7. ADJOURNMENT The Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:38 a.m.

CERTIFIED a true and correct copy of the Minutes from a Committee of the Whole meeting held on November 26, 2020 in the Regional District Office Board Room, Dawson Creek, BC.

Brad Sperling, Chair

Tyra Henderson, Corporate Officer