



COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES

THURSDAY, MARCH 25, 2021

LOCATION Peace River Regional District Office, Dawson Creek, BC

ATTENDANCE

Directors

Chair Sperling, Electoral Area 'C'
Director Ackerman, City of Fort St. John
Director Bertrand, District of Tumbler Ridge
Director Bumstead, City of Dawson Creek
Director Courtoreille, District of Chetwynd
Director Fraser District of Taylor
(via teleconference)
Director Goodings, Electoral Area 'B'
(via teleconference)
Director Heiberg, District of Hudson's Hope
Director Hiebert, Electoral Area 'D'
Director Zabinsky, City of Fort St. John

Alternate Directors

Alternate Director Houley, Electoral Area 'E'
Alternate Director White, Village of Pouce Coupe

Absent Directors

Vice-Chair Rose, Electoral Area 'E'
Director Michetti, Village of Pouce Coupe

Staff

Shawn Dahlen, Chief Administrative Officer
Tyra Henderson, Corporate Officer
Teri Vetter, Chief Financial Officer
Tab Young, Deputy Corporate Officer
Paulo Eichelberger, GM of Environmental Services
Kathy Suggitt, GM of Development Services
Crystal Brown, Electoral Area Manager
Jeff McDonald, Communications Manager
(via teleconference)
Trevor Ouellette, IT Manager
David Sturgeon, Protective Services Manager
Brenda Deliman, Recorder
(via teleconference)

Delegation (via teleconference)

4.1 Urban Matters
Matt Thomson

1. CALL TO ORDER The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

2.1 Adoption of Agenda CW/21/03/01
MOVED Director Hiebert, SECONDED Director Courtoreille,
That the Committee of the Whole adopt the March 25, 2021 Meeting Agenda:

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Adoption of Agenda**
3. **Gallery Comments or Questions**
4. **Delegations**
 - 4.1 Urban Matters – Introduction to Housing Policy and Actions
5. **Reports**

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2.1 Adoption of Agenda
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6. Media Questions
7. Adjournment

CARRIED

3. GALLERY COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS

4. DELEGATION

4.1
Urban Matters

The Committee of the Whole was provided with an introduction to PRRD regional housing goals and policy recommendations. Topics included:

- Project to date (initiation, data collection, Housing Needs reports, engagement)
- Key regional housing issues (lack of aging in place options, limited downsizing options/affordable rental housing/assisted living, homelessness)
- Role of local government (enable the development of appropriate housing)
- Regional level housing goals
- Policy recommendations (feasibility study, coordinate information sharing across PRRD, housing committee, support First Nations housing projects, liaise with local governments/non-profit providers/natural resource sector, research shadow population, advocate for funding/resources)
- Next steps (presentations/engagement, draft Policy Recommendation report)

A question and answer period ensued. Topics included:

- Regional versus municipal/electoral area interests
- Shadow population
- Housing affordability/availability for residents
- Requirement for local government investment
- Participation from member municipalities/electoral areas

5. REPORT

6. MEDIA QUESTIONS

7. ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:41 a.m.

CERTIFIED a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on March 25, 2021, in the Regional District Office Board Room, Dawson Creek, BC.

Brad Sperling, Chair

Tyra Henderson, Corporate Officer