



REPORT

To: Chair and Directors

Report Number: ADM-BRD-177

From: Shawn Dahlen, Chief Administrative Officer

Date: April 29, 2021

Subject: West Moberly First Nations and Peace River Regional District Memorandum of Understanding

RECOMMENDATION: [Corporate Unweighted]

That the Regional Board enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with West Moberly First Nations, which outlines guiding principles on how the parties will work together in a manner of mutual cooperation, trust, and respect, for a period of three years; further, that the Chair and Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to sign the Memorandum of Understanding on behalf of the PRRD.

BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

The purpose of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between West Moberly First Nations (WMFN) and the Peace River Regional District (PRRD) is to establish guiding principles for improving communication and dialogue between the Parties, in support of building and maintaining a good working relationship that fosters a mutual respect and understanding for one another.

By signing the MOU, the Parties commit to convene a minimum of one meeting per calendar year between the WMFN Chief and a Senior Representative from the PRRD to support the relationship between the Parties or on a frequency as agreed by the Parties. The purpose of these meetings is to:

- a. Facilitate understanding between the Parties of each others roles, responsibilities and obligations regarding current issues, activities, considerations, and concerns;
- b. Develop an understanding between the Parties regarding potential impacts that may result from each others' activities;
- c. Provide a forum for the open and transparent discussion of local issues, initiatives and concerns;
- d. Provide a forum to advance and/or support each Parties interests and initiatives; and
- e. Provide a forum to exchange information and build an understanding of each Parties needs and interests.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:

1. That the Regional Board provide further direction.

STRATEGIC PLAN RELEVANCE:

- Partnerships
 - Collaboration with Local and First Nations governments

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION(S):

None at this time.

COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATION(S):

If approved, a press release will follow.

OTHER CONSIDERATION(S):

Due to COVID-19, the official signing of the Memorandum of Understanding will take place electronically and the Community to Community meeting will be scheduled to be held over Zoom.

Attachments

1. West Moberly First Nations and PRRD MOU