



PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING **MINUTES**

DATE: April 23, 2020

PLACE: Regional District Office Boardroom, Dawson Creek, BC

PRESENT: **Directors**

Chair Sperling, Electoral Area 'C'
Vice-Chair Rose, Electoral Area 'E'
Director Ackerman, City of Fort St. John
Director Bertrand, District of Tumbler Ridge (*via teleconference*)
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 Michetti, Village of Pouce Coupe
Director Zabinsky, City of Fort St. John (*via teleconference*)

Staff

Shawn Dahlen, Chief Administrative Officer
Tyra Henderson, Corporate Officer
Lyle Smith, Chief Financial Officer (*via teleconference*)
Kelsey Bates, Deputy Corporate Officer (*via teleconference*)
Paulo Eichelberger, General Manager of Environmental Services
Trish Morgan, General Manager of Community Services (*via teleconference*)
Crystal Brown, Electoral Area Manager (*via teleconference*)
Trevor Ouellette, IT Manager
Brenda Deliman, Recording Secretary (*via teleconference*)

Others

Urban Systems, Katrin Saxty (*via teleconference*)

Delegations

Morrison Hershfield – Todd Baker and Veronica Bartlett (*via teleconference*)

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| Call to Order | The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. |
| Recess | The Chair recessed the meeting to a conference call with Provincial Ministers re: COVID-19 at 10:00 a.m. |
| Reconvene | The Chair reconvened the meeting at 10:49 a.m. |

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

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CW/20/04/01

MOVED Director Hiebert, SECONDED Director Rose,
That the Committee of the Whole adopt the Peace River Regional District Board agenda for the April 23, 2020 Committee of the Whole meeting:

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Adoption of Agenda**
- 3. Gallery Comments or Questions**
- 4. Delegations**
 - 4.1 Morrison Hershfield - Solid Waste Services & System Financing Options
- 5. Reports**
 - 5.1 2020 Regional Grant-in-Aid Release of Funds, FN-COW-001
 - 5.2 PRRD Scholarship and Bursary Programs – Summary of Information, FN-COW-002
 - 5.3 Funding for the Northern Health Northeast Physician Recruitment Position and North Peace Division of Family Practice, FN-BRD-001
- 6. New Business**
- 7. Media Questions**
- 8. Adjournment**

CARRIED.

REPORTS:

5.1
2020 Regional
Grant-in-Aid Release
of Funds, FN-COW-
001

2020 REGIONAL GRANT-IN-AID RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Committee of the Whole requested to review the Peace River Regional District's letters patent prior to consideration of Item 5.1 (2020 Regional Grant-in-Aid Release of Funds).

REPORTS: (continued)

5.2

PRRD Scholarship
and Bursary
Programs –
Summary of
Information, FN-
COW-002

PRRD SCHOLARSHIP & BURSARY PROGRAMS

CW/20/04/02

MOVED Director Rose, SECONDED Director Hiebert,
That the Committee of the Whole receive the April 17, 2020 report titled
“PRRD Scholarship and Bursary Programs – Summary of Information” for
discussion.

CARRIED.

DELEGATIONS:

4.1

Morrison Hershfield
– Veronica Bartlett,
Solid Waste Planner
and Todd Baker,
Senior
Environmental
Engineer

REGIONAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN

The Committee of the Whole received a presentation on potential options for
solid waste services and system financing to consider for the Regional Solid
Waste Management Plan, from Morrison Hershfield. Topics included:

- Prioritized energy recovery & residual waste strategies
- Other strategies to consider (curbside collection in rural areas, illegal dumping, cost recovery & system financing)
- Funding solid waste systems (tipping fees, taxation, set limits on acceptable recycling costs, harmonize residential disposal rates, incentivize residential & ICI waste diversion)
- Guiding principles
- Next steps (agree on preferred options, consultation)

A question and answer period ensued. Topics included:

- Residential vs. ICI tipping fees
- Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR)
- Spring and fall clean-up campaigns
- Waiver of disposal fees and 24 hour access at transfer stations for household waste
- Curbside collection of recycling in rural areas
- Impacts of strategies to existing contracts and budgets
- Engagement with the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy
- Next steps

Recess

The Chair recessed the meeting to luncheon at 12:11 p.m.

Reconvene

The Chair reconvened the meeting at 12:40 p.m.

REPORTS:

5.1
2020 Regional
Grant-in-Aid Release
of Funds, FN-COW-
001

2020 REGIONAL GRANT-IN-AID RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Committee of the Whole reviewed the Peace River Regional District's letters patent and resumed consideration of Item 5.1 (2020 Regional Grant-in-Aid Release of Funds).

CW/20/04/03

MOVED Director Ackerman, SECONDED Director Bertrand,

That the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Regional Board:

1. Refer the Regional Grant-in-Aid application received from the North Peace Search & Rescue Society, for a grant in the amount of \$12,394 to assist with mapping technology improvements, to the Emergency Executive Committee;
2. Review the Regional Grant-in-Aid application received from the STARS Foundation as an individual item under Section 263 of the *Local Government Act*; and
3. Respectfully decline funding for the following 2020 Regional Grant-in-Aid applications as a result of the financial impacts to residents and businesses due to COVID-19:
 - Bear Mountain Nordic Ski Association
 - Dawson Creek Scouts
 - Dawson Creek Triathlon Association
 - Fort St. John and District Kennel Club
 - Fort St. John Literacy Society
 - High School Rodeo of BC Association
 - Northern Environmental Action Team
 - North Peace SuperPark Society
 - Northern Trails Heritage Society
 - Peace Community Church Society
 - South Peace Arts Society
 - Special Olympics BC
 - Spirit of the West Pow Wow Society

CARRIED.

CW/20/04/04

MOVED Director Goodings, SECONDED Director Hiebert,

That the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Regional Board be provided with a report on options for administering Regional Grant-in-Aid at a future Committee of the Whole meeting, including options for the Regional Grant-in-Aid Policy, possible updates to Peace River Regional District letters patent, and/or bylaw options.

CARRIED.

REPORTS: (continued)

5.1 (continued)

STARS FOUNDATION

CW/20/04/05

MOVED Director Rose, SECONDED Director Heiberg,

That the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Regional Board authorize a multi-year grant in the amount of \$170,000 per year for three years beginning in 2020, payable from Function 275 – Grants to Community Organizations, Regional Grant-in-Aid, to be issued to the STARS Foundation to assist with core operational costs.

CARRIED.

5.2

PRRD Scholarship
and Bursary
Programs –
Summary of
Information, FN-
COW-002

PRRD SCHOLARSHIP & BURSARY PROGRAMS

The Committee of the Whole dealt with Item 5.2 (PRRD Scholarship and Bursary Programs) earlier in the meeting.

5.3

Funding for the
Northern Health
Northeast Physician
Recruitment
Position and North
Peace Division of
Family Practice, FN-
BRD-001

FUNDING FOR NORTHERN HEALTH NORTHEAST RECRUITMENT POSITION

CW/20/04/06

MOVED Director Heiberg, SECONDED Director Rose,

That the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Regional Board allocate the \$100,000 currently budgeted for the Northeast Physician Recruitment position to another use within the Grant to Community Organizations budget.

CARRIED.

FUNDING FOR NORTH PEACE DIVISION OF FAMILY PRACTICE

CW/20/04/07

MOVED Director Ackerman, SECONDED Director Fraser,

That the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Regional Board contact the North Peace Division of Family Practice to ascertain whether it requires the \$100,000 currently budgeted for the UBC Rural Fort St. John Residency Program, and clarify its understanding of the reporting conditions placed upon it under Grant to Community Organizations funding.

CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT:

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The Chair adjourned the meeting at 1:12 p.m.

CERTIFIED a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Regional Board of the Peace River Regional District from a Committee of the Whole meeting held on April 23, 2020 in the Regional District Office Board Room, Dawson Creek, BC.

Brad Sperling, Chair

Tyra Henderson, Corporate Officer

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