



# DIRECTOR REPORT

To: Chair and Directors

Report Number: DR-BRD-001

From: Chair Sperling

Date: April 28, 2020

**Subject: Socio Economic & Caribou Recovery Related Land Use Objective Stakeholder Committee**

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## **PURPOSE / ISSUE:**

To discuss the Regional Board's participation in the Socio Economic and Caribou Recovery Related Land Use Objective Stakeholder Committees.

## **RECOMMENDATION: [Corporate Unweighted]**

That the Regional Board appoint the Chair and Vice-Chair to the Socio Economic and Caribou Recovery Related Land Use Objective Stakeholder Committees.

## **BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:**

On January 23, 2020, the Regional Board passed the following resolution:

That the Regional Board support the District of Chetwynd by advising the Honourable John Horgan, Premier of BC, that it will not participate in the following scheduled caribou related working group meetings:

- Snowmobile Advisory Committee (January 23, 2020 in Dawson Creek)
- Land Use Objectives Stakeholder Committee & Socio-Economic Advisory Committee (January 24, 2020 in Chetwynd)

unless local government is awarded a seat on the Caribou Recovery Related Committee specified in the Partnership Agreement to Recover the Central Group of Southern Mountain Caribou, or a meeting of the Leaders' Table is called and local government is provided information that local government will be provided the opportunity to participate in the Partnership Agreement, other than through separate advisory committees

The January 24<sup>th</sup> meetings were not attended by PRRD representatives, as per the resolution.

In April of 2020, Dave Muter, Executive Director, Species at Risk Recovery, provided the Regional Board with a terms of reference for both the Caribou Recovery Related Land Use Objective Stakeholder Committee and the Socio Economic Committee. The purpose of these committees is to provide a setting for conversations and information sharing with the BC representative on the Technical Working Group (TWG); this includes:

1. Keeping the Committee members informed of the progress and outputs of the TWG.
2. Providing information to BC government staff representing on the TWG.
3. Providing input into the Caribou Recovery Related Land Use Objective development through the BC representative in Phase 1, and directly through the Committee members in Phase 2.
4. Working with the BC representative and the TWG towards consensus on the Caribou Recovery Related Land Use Objective for submission to the Province.
5. Review the work done by Big River Analytics and provide recommendations to BC and Canada on further analysis that is needed to understand the impacts of the Partnership Agreement and plan mitigation strategies.
6. Discuss and provide recommendations on the structure and approach for worker, community supports, and compensation needed to mitigate the impacts of the Partnership Agreement.
7. Provide recommendations on ongoing monitoring and reporting on socio-economic impacts in the area as a result of the Partnership Agreement.

Attachments:

1. Partnership Agreement Caribou Recovery Related Land Use Objective Stakeholder Committee Presentation
2. Partnership Agreement Caribou Recovery Related Land Use Objective Stakeholder Committee Terms of Reference - DRAFT
3. Partnership Agreement Socio Economic Committee Terms of Reference - DRAFT