



REPORT

To: Chair and Directors

Report Number: ADM-BRD-017

From: Tyra Henderson, Corporate Officer

Date: April 27, 2020

Subject: Rural Roads Committee Establishment

RECOMMENDATION #1: [Corporate Unweighted]

That the Regional Board create a select Rural Roads Committee, and appoint Director Goodings, Director Heiberg, Director Fraser and Director Bumstead to the Rural Roads Committee.

RECOMMENDATION #2: [Corporate Unweighted]

That the Regional Board approve the select Rural Roads Committee Terms of Reference, which establishes the term, purpose, goals and required proceedings of the Committee.

BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

The Regional Board has the ability under the *Local Government Act*, Section 218, to appoint a select committee to inquire into a matter and report its findings to the Board.

Between 1997 and 2003 the North Peace Economic Development Commission (NPEDC) established a Rural Roads Task Force (RRTF) to develop, facilitate, and sustain a rural roads process that would demonstrate to the Provincial Government the importance of improving North Peace rural roads to a safe and reliable condition, suitable for the type and volume of traffic that they must sustain for a healthy and viable economy.

In 2003, the Ministry of Transportation established Regional Transportation Advisory Committees (RTAC's) throughout the province, based in large part on the success of the RRTF and the millions of dollars in transportation investment that was direct result of Task Force's activities. RTAC continued under the direction of the Ministry up to 2008.

In 2017, the NPEDC retained the services of a consultant to conduct a high-level gap analysis on road conditions and investment since the end of the previous two transportation initiatives. On December 31, 2017, the NPEDC ceased to operate resulting in economic development coming directly under the direction of the PRRD.

On April 9, 2020, the Regional Board passed the following resolution:

RD/20/04/16

MOVED, SECONDED, CARRIED

That the Regional Board formalize the current informal steering committee for the Rural Roads project into a select committee, consisting of the funding partners, utilizing the terms of reference established by the informal steering committee in 2018.

In line with the recommendation above, staff used the Terms of Reference that had been developed by the previous ad-hoc committee as the basis for the attached draft Terms of Reference for consideration by the Board.

Included in the original Terms of Reference was information regarding parameters for a Task Force comprised of stakeholders, elected officials, and community members. Staff have included the authority to establish a Task Force, and to appoint stakeholders to that task force and determine their level of participation in the project, including attendance at committee meetings, in the Rural Roads Committee Terms of Reference.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:

1. That the Regional Board provide further direction.

STRATEGIC PLAN RELEVANCE:

☒ Not Applicable to Strategic Plan.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION(S):

Remuneration of Rural Roads Committee members is processed as per the PRRD Remuneration and Expense Bylaw. Task Force members are appointed on a volunteer basis and are not compensated for participation in regular committee meetings.

COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATION(S):

Appointees will be formally notified of their appointment to the Committee and the Board appointments listing will be updated.

OTHER CONSIDERATION(S):

None at this time.

Attachments:

1. Rural Roads Committee DRAFT Terms of Reference
2. 2018 Rural Roads in the North Peace Project Charter and Task Force Terms of Reference.