

Rural Roads in the North Peace Initiative

PRRD Directors Meeting

March 27, 2020 – (teleconference)

Attendance:

Director Karen Goodings
Director Brad Sperling
Director Dave Heiberg

Jackie Kjos

Regrets:

Director Rob Fraser

Call to Order

Director Goodings called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

1. Agenda and Minutes

Director Goodings called for additional agenda items

- Finance Committee was added under new Business

Minutes from the January 3, 2020 meeting had been sent out via email as well as meeting notes from:

- January 24, 2020
- February 14, 2020

Director Goodings called for errors or omissions for each of the documents. There were none.

Moved by Director Heiberg to accept the agenda and minutes from the January 3, 2020 meeting as presented **2nd** by Director Sperling ***Carried***

Moved by Director Sperling to accept the meeting notes for information from the January 24, 2020 meeting as presented **2nd** by Director Heiberg ***Carried***

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2. Confirmation of February 25th Directors Decision

At the end of the RRTF meeting in Fort St. John February 25th, the unanimous decision of the task force was to retain the long video (with modifications) and create a second, shorter video (5-6) minutes specifically for the Provincial Government addressing the feedback from Scott Maxwell earlier in the day.

Directors Goodings, Heiberg and Fraser were in attendance at the meeting and specifically approved that expenditure in a side conversation at the end of the meeting. It is recorded here to document that decision.

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3. Consultants Report

- a) The Directors provided feedback on the 2 videos circulated and approved circulation to the Rural Roads Task Force for feedback. They agreed that the video should be shared with the PRRD board at a suitable time. It was also recommended that copies be shared with Vic Brandl and others that contributed media for the project.
- b) The Directors discussed the previously planned meeting with MP's Bob Zimmer and Todd Doherty. With the current Covid-19 situation, this meeting and any communications related to it will be held off for now. If transportation or infrastructure stimulus packages are announced that this initiative could influence, the meetings will be requested at that time. This initiative has shelf ready projects.
- c) Jackie recommended and the Directors supported that one of the leather binders should be embossed for Katie Ward as a thank you for her time here as the acting District Manager.

4. Budget/Workplan

- a) The Directors discussed the current budget for 2019/20 with an estimated surplus of \$70,000. Director Goodings. The project is planned for the remainder of the year and the Directors want to align the expenditures with the calendar year. After a discussion of a path forward in these very uncertain times, Jackie estimated that a budget of \$45,000 - \$50,000 should be adequate. Director Goodings will consult with staff to:
 - verify what happens to the 2019/20 surplus and how it relates to the remainder of the year funding
 - request a new or contract extension for JK Solutions Ltd. to December 31, 2020
 - determine what is required to continue the direct award for the contract.

5. New Business

- a) The Directors discussed the funding participants and impact on the functioning of this Directors group. It was agreed that Director Sperling will participate as he is able in the non-voting capacity of ex-officio. Director Goodings will reach out to Mayor Bumstead who has provided funding to determine his level of participation. The Directors recommended that as the initiative, even with the generous contribution of Dawson Creek remains focused on the North Peace and recommends that the new quorum be adjusted to any two Directors from Directors Goodings, Heiberg and Fraser. Jackie was directed to provide an email to all Directors for feedback/approval.
- b) The Directors discussed the value of continuing to present to the *Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government*. The consensus was to continue to share our message at that platform if it is cost effective and local (Fort St. John or Dawson Creek). This year it may be possible to show the short video.
- c) The Directors discussed the upcoming call with MoTI on load restrictions and Director Goodings will forward the meeting request to Directors Heiberg and Fraser.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:43 am.

Next Meeting – April 24, 2020.