



REPORT

To: Chair and Directors

Report Number: ADM-BRD-259

From: Electoral Area Directors Committee

Date: December 2, 2021

Subject: November 25, 2021 Electoral Area Directors Committee Recommendations

The following recommendations from the November 25, 2021, Electoral Area Directors Committee meeting are presented to the Regional Board for its consideration:

RECOMMENDATION #1: *[Corporate Unweighted]*

That the Regional Board authorize the development of a Fees and Charges Bylaw for the Seniors Aging in Place Initiative.

RECOMMENDATION #2: *[Corporate Weighted]*

That the Regional Board authorize a contract extension for Contract 42-2020 'Grant Writer Services' with Clear Course Consulting Limited for an additional one year term, starting March 1, 2022, and ending on February 28, 2023, for an amount not to exceed \$85,050 (excluding taxes); further, that the Chair and Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to sign the contract extension on behalf of the PRRD.

RECOMMENDATION #3: *[Corporate Unweighted]*

That the Regional Board submit a grant application to the Northern Development Initiative Trust Grant Writing Support program for a grant of up to \$8000 that, if successful, will be used to offset the cost of a PRRD Grant Writer.

RECOMMENDATION #4: *[Corporate Unweighted]*

That the Regional Board authorize the coordination of meetings with community facility operators, including the North Peace Fall Fair Society, for a presentation from the facility condition assessment consultant, FCAPX, and to review the facility condition assessment reports with Electoral Area Directors and staff; further, that following those meetings, the Rural Budgets Administration Committee be provided a report summarizing the meetings and identifying an action plan to address necessary repairs or upgrades.

RECOMMENDATION #5: *[Corporate Unweighted]*

That the Regional Board authorize a letter to be sent to Premier Horgan, Minister Rankin, Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation, and Minister Ralston, Ministry of Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation, requesting that when Ministers visit the Peace Region, all of the Regional Board Members be invited to participate to discuss regional issues.

RECOMMENDATION #6: [Corporate Unweighted]

That the Regional Board authorize a report to be brought back to a future Electoral Area Directors Committee meeting identifying options on how the PRRD can support rural residents who experience extended power outages to purchase a residential generator.

RECOMMENDATION #7: [Corporate Unweighted]

That the Regional Board authorize a report to be brought back to a future Electoral Area Directors Committee meeting identifying possible grant funding that may be available to assist the Regional District to develop a Water Conservation Plan.

BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

The draft minutes of the November 25, 2021, Electoral Area Directors Committee Meeting are on the Consent Calendar.

Recommendation #1 (Seniors Aging in Place Fees and Charges Bylaw)

Please [click here](#) (Item 9.1) to access the report provided to the Electoral Area Directors Committee.

Recommendation #2 & #3 (Grant Writer Contract)

Please [click here](#) (Item 9.2) to access the report provided to the Electoral Area Directors Committee.

Recommendation #4 (Rural Facility Condition Assessments)

Please [click here](#) (Item 9.3) to access the report provided to the Electoral Area Directors Committee.

Recommendation #5

Director Sperling provided the Electoral Area Directors Committee with an update on a meeting with Minister Rankin, Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation, and Minister Ralston, Ministry of Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation, held on November 18, 2021, in Fort St. John. Director Sperling was invited on short notice; however, he asked for all of the PRRD Electoral Area Directors to participate in the conversation and noted the importance of having complete Regional representation in the discussions regarding regional matters.

Recommendation #6

Director Goodings raised concerns for rural residents who experience power outages for long periods and asked the Electoral Area Directors Committee to discuss options for the PRRD to provide financial assistance to those residents to purchase a residential generator.

Recommendation #7

Director Hiebert shared a brief verbal update on his recent meetings with the District of Taylor regarding their water source exploration, including discussion of Water Conservation Plans, with the Electoral Area Directors Committee. In response to Director Hiebert, the Chief Administrative Officer stated that the PRRD does not have a Water Conservation Plan. Director Hiebert noted his understanding that the Regional District would not be eligible to apply for certain grants without a program in place.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:

1. That the Regional Board provide further direction.

STRATEGIC PLAN RELEVANCE:

- ☒ Not Applicable to Strategic Plan

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION(S):

None at this time.

COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATION(S):

None at this time.

OTHER CONSIDERATION(S):

None at this time.