



PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

ELECTORAL AREA DIRECTORS COMMITTEE MEETING **MINUTES**

DATE: May 21, 2020

PLACE: Regional District Office Boardroom, Dawson Creek, BC

PRESENT: **Directors**

Director Goodings, Meeting Chair
Director Sperling
Director Hiebert
Director Rose

Staff

Shawn Dahlen, Chief Administrative Officer
Crystal Brown, Electoral Area Manager
Tyra Henderson, Corporate Officer
Paulo Eichelberger, General Manager of Environmental Services
Kari Bondaroff, Environmental Services Manager
Gerritt Lacey, Solid Waste Services Manager
Trish Morgan, General Manager of Community Services
Teri Vetter, Acting Chief Financial Officer
Trevor Ouellette, IT Manager
Naomi Donat, Recording Secretary

Others

Call to Order The Chair called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

DIRECTORS NOTICE OF NEW BUSINESS:

Director Hiebert COVID-19 messaging and resources

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

MOVED by Director Rose, SECONDED by Director Sperling,
That the Electoral Area Directors Committee agenda for the May 21, 2020 meeting,
including Director's new business, be adopted as amended:

1. Call to Order
 - 1.1. Director Goodings to Chair the Meeting
2. Directors' Notice of New Business
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Adoption of Minutes
 - 4.1. Electoral Area Directors Committee Draft Meeting Minutes of April 16, 2020
5. Business Arising from the Minutes

Adoption of Agenda
continued

6. Delegations
 - 6.1. Cleanfarms - Agricultural Plastics in Peace River Regional District – Collection Opportunities, Shane Hedderson, Western Business Manager, and Kim Timmer, Member and Stakeholder Relations (*by invitation of the Committee*)
 - 6.2. Urban Systems - Rose Prairie Water Treatment Plant, Jaime Adam, Project Engineer and Principal, Kimberly Zackodnik, Environmental Engineer, and Edward Stanford, Local Government Consultant (*by invitation of the Committee*)
7. Correspondence
 - 7.1. Gloria and Tom Rounds - Internet Access
8. Reports
 - 8.1. Area B Water – Rose Prairie Water Station Deferred Motion from April 16, 2020, ADM-EADC-006
 - 8.2. Hope Air, ADM-EADC-002
 - 8.3. Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine Proposed Boundary Expansion, ADM-EADC-003
 - 8.4. March 9, 2020 Charlie Lake Fire Department Road Rescue and First Medical Response Public Engagement
9. Discussion Items
 - 9.1. Pacific Northern Gas Action Items - March 18th, 2020 Update
 - 9.2. Pacific Northern Gas - Automated Meter Reading Presentation
 - 9.3. BC Oil and Gas Commission Community Working Groups
 - 9.4. Abandoned/Orphan Well Fund - Identifying and Prioritizing
 - 9.5. Synergy Group
 - 9.6. Rural Seniors Initiative - Next Steps
10. New Business
 - 10.1. Director Hiebert – COVID 19 messaging and resources
11. Communications
12. Diary
 - 12.1. May EADC Diary
13. Adjournment

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

- 4.1 EADC Minutes MOVED by Director Sperling SECONDED by Director Rose,
That the Electoral Area Directors Committee Meeting Minutes of April 16, 2020 be adopted.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

- 5.1 South Peace Health Services Society Staff will reach out again to Shaely Wilbur to ask her to provide a financial breakdown of what is left to fund for Bulterys House.

DELEGATIONS:

- 6.1 Cleanfarms - Agricultural Plastics in Peace River Regional District - Collection Opportunities Shane Hedderson, Western Business Manager with Cleanfarms described for the Committee, who Cleanfarms are, their programs, and how they are funded. He explained considerations for starting a pilot agricultural plastics collection program as well as how programs operate, possible partnerships and funding options.
- Extended Producer Responsibilities (EPR) provide approx. 90 percent of Cleanfarms' current funding. EPRs are possible when regulations are in place to require producers to pay towards recycling their products. These costs are passed on to the consumer as an "invisible" fee, and the producers pay the recycling portion directly to Cleanfarms. This is similar to the environmental handling fees paid when purchasing electronics.

The Province of BC has not yet allocated specific funding into recycling agricultural plastics, as has been done by the Province of Alberta.

Cleanfarms' two main objectives in providing programs are to minimize costs and maximize opportunities for farmers. Programs could be encouraged by farmers speaking to producer groups and regional directors speaking to provincial representatives to initiate regulations that would facilitate the creation of an EPR. Possible next steps include conducting a "Waste Characterization Study" to identify specific materials to be recycled and the volumes present in the Regional District.

6.2 Urban Systems –
Rose Prairie Water
Treatment Plant

Jaime Adam, Project Engineer and Principal, Kimberly Zackodnik, Environmental Engineer, and Edward Stanford, Local Government Consultant, provided the Committee with information on the Rose Prairie Treatment Plant, including:

- Project background and timeline
- Water treatment challenges
- Level of service review
- Options review, and
- Summary and next steps

Recess
Reconvene

The Chair recessed the meeting for luncheon at 1:00
The Chair reconvened the meeting at 1:30 pm

CORRESPONDENCE:

7.1
Gloria and Tom
Rounds

MOVED by Director Rose, SECONDED by Director Hiebert,
That the Electoral Area Directors Committee receive for discussion, the letter from Gloria and Tom Rounds, dated April 22, 2020.

CARRIED

REPORTS:

8.1
Area B Water – Rose
Prairie Water Station
Deferred Motion from
April 16, 2020, 2020,
ADM-EADC-006

MOVED by Director Goodings, SECONDED by Director Sperling,
That the Electoral Area Directors Committee authorize conducting a four-six week Granular Activated Carbon (GAC) pilot study at the current Rose Prairie Tankloader location, to determine if the proposed treatment will meet Northern Health water quality parameters as required for public consumption.

CARRIED

8.2
Hope Air, ADM-EADC-
002

MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Sperling,
That the Electoral Area Directors Committee receive for discussion, the report titled "Hope Air" dated May 12, 2020.

CARRIED

8.3
Regional District of
Kitimat-Stikine
Proposed Boundary
Expansion, ADM-
EADC-003

MOVED by Director Rose, SECONDED by Director Hiebert,
That the Electoral Area Directors Committee receive for discussion, the report titled "Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine Proposed Boundary Expansion" dated May 12, 2020.

CARRIED

MOVED by Director Rose, SECONDED by Director Hiebert ,
That the Electoral Area Directors Committee recommend that the Regional Board

send a letter to the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako, stating that at this time, the Regional Board does not wish to change the boundaries of the Peace River Regional District.

CARRIED.

8.4
March 9, 2020 Charlie
Lake Fire Department
Road Rescue and First
Medical Response
Public Engagement

MOVED by Director Sperling, SECONDED by Director Rose,
That the Electoral Area Directors Committee provide further direction.

CARRIED

MOVED by Director Sperling, SECONDED by Director Rose
That the Electoral Area Directors Committee recommend that the Regional Board move forward with assent voting (referendum) in the Charlie Lake Fire Protection Area to amend the Service Establishment Bylaw to include first medical responder services and road rescue services; further, that each question be asked separately on the ballot.

CARRIED

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

9.1 PNG Action Items -
March 18th, 2020
Update

MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Sperling,
That the Electoral Area Directors Committee receive for discussion, the Pacific Norther Gas, Natural Gas Service – Action Items.

CARRIED

MOVED by Director Rose, SECONDED by Director Hiebert,
That the Electoral Area Directors Committee send a letter to Pacific Northern Gas reiterating the Directors' desire for commitment from PNG to provide services in specific areas of the Regional District and further,

That this letter and future letters to PNG, be copied to the BC Utilities Commission.

CARRIED

Staff will review other topics that the Committee wished to address with the BC Utilities Commission and report back at the next EADC meeting.

9.2 PNG - Automated
Meter Reading
Presentation

This will be presented at the June Board meeting.

9.3 BC Oil and Gas
Commission
Community Working
Groups

MOVED by Director Rose, SECONDED by Director Sperling,
That the Electoral Area Directors send a letter to Dave Nikolejsin, Deputy Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources, expressing the Committee's disappointment with the lack of content in the BC Oil and Gas Commission Community Working Groups template.

CARRIED

Director Rose will work with staff to draft the letter.

9.4
Abandoned/Orphan

MOVED by Director Sperling, SECONDED by Director,
That the Electoral Area Directors Committee recommend that the Regional Board

Well Fund - Identifying and Prioritizing send a letter to Premier John Horgan and Bruce Ralston, Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources stating that the Board wants to be involved in the prioritization process for clean up of orphan and inactive oil and gas wells.

CARRIED

9.5 Synergy Group MOVED by Director Rose, SECONDED by Director Hiebert,
That the Electoral Area Directors Committee will write a letter to Inés Piccinino, Executive Vice President, Legal & Regulatory Affairs and Strategic Services with the BC Oil and Gas Commission, to enquire about taking steps towards establishing a Synergy Group and securing funding.

CARRIED

9.6 Rural Seniors Initiative – Next Steps MOVED by Director Rose, SECONDED by Director Hiebert,
That the Electoral Area Directors Committee invite Sam Barber to the next EADC meeting, and further,

That the report submitted to Director Rose by Sam Barber, detailing costs and services provided to seniors during the pilot project, be distributed to Committee members.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS:

10.1 COVID-19 Messaging and Resources MOVED by Director Rose, SECONDED by Director Hiebert,
That the Electoral Area Directors Committee recommend to the Regional Board to send a letter to Adrian Dix, Minister of Health, asking that the provincial medical health officer be more open and candid about where cases of COVID-19 are in the province.

CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS: None.

DIARY:

12.1 No changes were made to the Diary.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

Director Goodings, Meeting Chair

Naomi Donat, Administrative Clerk/Receptionist