



REPORT

To: Chair and Directors

Report Number: ADM-BRD-307

From: Electoral Area Directors Committee

Date: July 14, 2022

Subject: June 16, 2022 Electoral Area Director's Committee Meeting Recommendations

The following recommendations from the June 16, 2022 Electoral Area Directors' Committee meeting are being presented to the Regional Board for its consideration:

RECOMMENDATION #1: [Corporate Unweighted]

That the Regional Board authorize that a letter be sent to the Honourable Lana Popham, Minister of Agriculture and Food, to inquire if there is an opportunity for a Northeast BC Representative to join the Minister's Advisory Group on Regenerative Agriculture and Agritech.

RECOMMENDATION #2: [Corporate Unweighted]

That the Regional Board authorize that a report be prepared examining options to display the Don Nearhood Museum in various locations throughout the region; further, that the report include the Buick community as an option.

BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

The draft minutes of the June 16, 2022 Electoral Area Directors Committee are on the Consent Calendar.

Recommendation #1

This item was raised as new business.

The Minister of Agriculture and Food established the Regenerative Agriculture and Agritech Network to drive transformation and modernization in the agriculture sector and help farmers adopt the latest technology to increase profitability and environmental sustainability while strengthening the provincial food system.

The regenerative approach covers new and existing technologies that aim to restore soils, water, and biodiversity health to improve overall ecosystem services and make farmland more resilient to climate change. It will also mitigate climate change by sequestering greenhouse gases and reducing on-farm outputs.

The Advisory Group includes representation from post-secondary partners, industry associations, the private sector, and special advisors. None of the members are from Northern BC.

Recommendation #2

This item was lifted from the Electoral Area Directors Committee Diary.

On May 26, 2022, various Board members and staff toured the Don Nearhood Museum. The Don Nearhood Museum was purchased by the Peace River Regional District in 1996 and is displayed at the Peace Canyon Visitor Center. The Peace Canyon Visitor Center is now closed, and while the building is heated, it is no longer viewed by the public. BC Hydro has agreed to keep it there until the PRRD can find a new home(s) for the components.

The museum is very large and will likely need to be split up. The museum contains an agriculture collection, a logging collection, and a miscellaneous collection. The agricultural collection includes a replica of the original wagon team with 10 green wagons filled with 200 sacks each. The agricultural display also features barns, trees, and agriculture equipment that worked the fields. The logging collection display consists of miniature displays for log hauling, log skidding, and a logging bobsleigh.

Please click [here](#) to access the May 28, 2020 Regional Board Agenda. Please see [Item 10.1](#) to review the report.

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.

External Links:

1. [BC Gov News - Agriculture advisory group to help create more resilient food supply](#)