

ELECTORAL AREA DIRECTORS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY, JUNE 16, 2022

LOCATION Peace River Regional District Office, Dawson Creek, BC

ATTENDANCE

Directors

Director Goodings, Electoral Area 'B' (Via Zoom)

Director Sperling, Electoral Area 'C' Director Hiebert, Electoral Area 'D'

Director Rose, Electoral Area 'E' – Committee Chair

Staff

Shawn Dahlen, Chief Administrative Officer

Tyra Henderson, Corporate Officer

Roxanne Shepherd, Chief Financial Officer

Tab Young, Deputy Corporate Officer

Crystal Brown, Electoral Area Manager

Kathy Suggitt, GM of Development Services

Kari Bondaroff, GM of Environmental Services

Trish Morgan, GM of Community Services

Gerritt, Lacey, Solid Waste Service Manager

Trevor Ouellette, Information Technology Manager

Matthew Bascom, Electoral Area Intern

Terri Henrickson, Recorder

Delegations

7.1 Pacific Northern Gas (PNG) Presentation

David Keir, Director Business Dev and Stakeholder

Relations (in person)

Gord Doyle, VP Regulatory Affairs, Legal and Gas

Supply (in person)

1. CALL TO ORDER The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

2. DIRECTORS' NOTICE OF NEW BUSINESS

Director Goodings Regenerative Agriculture and Agritech Advisory Group

Director Goodings Surface Rights Board

Director Hiebert Pouce Coupe Canada Day Parade

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

3.1 Adoption of Agenda MOVED Director Hiebert, SECONDED Director Sperling,

That the Electoral Area Directors Committee adopt the June 16, 2022 Meeting

Agenda, as amended to include Director's New Business:

1. Call to Order

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- 2. Directors' Notice of New Business
- 3. Adoption of Agenda
- 4. Gallery Comments or Questions
- 5. Adoption of Minutes
- 6. Business Arising from the Minutes
- 7. Delegations
- 8. Correspondence
- 9. Reports
- 9.1 July 21 2022 EDAC Meeting Cancellation Request, DR-EADC-009
- 10. Discussion Item(s)
- 10.1 North Peace Fall Fair Tent Rentals
- 11. New Business
- 11.1 Regenerative Agriculture and Agritech Advisory Group
- 11.2 Service Rights Meetings
- 11.3 Pouce Coupe Canada Day Parade
- 12. Diary
- 12.1. Diary Items
- 13. Item(s) for Information
- 13.1. EADC Terms of Reference
- 14. Adjournment

CARRIED

4. GALLERY COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

5.1

MOVED Director Sperling, SECONDED Director Hiebert,

May 19/22 EADC Minutes

That the Electoral Area Directors Committee adopt the May 19, 2022 Meeting Minutes.

CARRIED

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

7. DELEGATIONS

7.1

Pacific Northern Gas (PNG) Presentation

The Electoral Area Directors Committee was provided with a presentation on the Amalgamation & Gas Supply Consolidation. Topics included:

- PNG Rate Components Basic Monthly Charge, Delivery Charges, Commodity Charges.
- There are four separate commodity charges for the following service areas; DC/FSJ, Tumbler Ridge, PNG West, and Granisle (Propane).
- The BC Utilities Commission has urged PNG to look at opportunities to consolidate rates across its service areas.
- Consolidation will reduce rates significantly for some customers in small service areas with relatively small impacts to customers in the larger areas.
- Gas Commodity Cost Consolidation Alternatives were discussed:
 - Continue with the current practice of allocating Midstream costs across individual service areas based on the proportion of their individual projected peak day gas contribution to the projected peak day requirement.

7.1 PNG Presentation (Cont'd)

 Midstream costs are pooled for all service areas and allocated based on their projected peak day's proportion to the total consolidated peak day.

A question and answer period ensued. Topics included:

- Delivery charges and how they are determined.
- Life Span calculation of assets (20, 40, and 65 year life span).
- The amalgamation can cause a rate increase in North East Delivery Charge.
- Delivery charge higher over smaller customer base loss of large industrial companies.
- Propane System and how it works.
- Dedicated system in Tumbler Ridge and options on how to deal with aging.
- The benefit to PNG to harmonize the costs.
- Possible relief for Tumbler Ridge and Granisle
- Rate of straight flow on commodity cost. (34%)
- Electric furnaces and propane furnaces.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

9. REPORTS

9.1

July 21, 2022 EADC Meeting Cancellation Request, DR-EADC-009 MOVED Director Sperling, SECONDED Director Hiebert,

That the Electoral Area Directors Committee cancel the July 21, 2022 Electoral Area Directors Committee Meeting.

CARRIED

OPPOSED: Director Goodings

10. DISCUSSION ITEM(s)

10.1

North Peace Fall Fair Tent Rentals The Chief Administrative Officer explained to the Committee that staff was investigating options for the rental of tents or other alternatives to replace the Adeline Kelly Building to assist the North Peace Fall Fair Society to host the 2022 North Peace Fall Fair and noted that no further direction was required by the Committee.

11. NEW BUSINESS

11.1

Regenerative Agriculture and Agritech Advisory Group MOVED Director Hiebert, SECONDED Director Sperling,

That the Electoral Area Directors Committee recommend 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.

CARRIED

The Minister of Agriculture and Food established the Regenerative Agriculture and Agritech Network to help farmers adopt the latest technology to increase profitability and environmental sustainability while strengthening the provincial food system. The Advisory Group includes representation from post-secondary partners, industry associations, private sector, and special advisors. None of which are from Northern BC.

11.2

Service Rights Meetings

Director Goodings advised the Committee that she received an email from the Farmers Information Service stating that they could not find Agriculture Representatives from Berly Prairie and Farrell Creek that might be interested in meeting with the Surface Rights Board (SRB) to give insight on their experiences with the SRB process, and to learn how it can become effective in the performance of its mandate. Director Goodings and Chair Rose noted that they both shared the information with producers in the area that may be interested.

The Committee requested that the Electoral Area Manager reach out to the Service Rights Board to inquire if the Electoral Area Directors could attend the meetings.

11.3

MOVED Director Sperling, SECONDED Director Hiebert,

Pouce Coupe Canada Day

Parade

That the Electoral Area Directors Committee authorize Director Hiebert to use the Peace River Regional District Colorado vehicle to participate in the 2022 Pouce

Coupe Canada Day parade.

CARRIED

12. DIARY

12.1 MOVED Director Goodings, Seconded Director Sperling,

Diary Items

That the Electoral Area Directors Committee recommend that the Regional Board authorize a report to 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.

CARRIED

13. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

13.1

EADC ToR

The EADC Terms of Reference was included for the Committee's information.

Recess to RBAC The Chair recessed the Electoral Area Directors Committee Meeting to begin the Rural Budgets Administration Committee Meeting at 11:18 am.

Reconvene The Chair reconvened the open Electoral Area Directors Committee Meeting at 11:36 am.

14.1 Notice of Closed EADC

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MOVED Director Sperling, SECONED Director Hiebert,

That the Electoral Area Directors Committee recess to a Closed Meeting for the Purpose of discussing the following items:

Agenda Item 3.1 Closed Meeting Minutes (CC Section 97 (1)b))

Agenda Item 5.1 - Negotiations (CC Section 90 (1)k))

CARRIED

Recess to Closed Session

The Chair recessed the Electoral Area Directors Committee Meeting to a Closed Session at 11:37 a.m.

Reconvene The Chair reconvened the Electoral Area Directors Committee Meeting for the

purpose of adjournment at 12:10 p.m.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the Meeting at 12:10 p.m.

Director Dan Rose, Meeting Chair Terri Henrickson, Recorder

