



# PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

## ELECTORAL AREA DIRECTORS COMMITTEE MINUTES

March 23, 2023, 10:00 a.m.  
1981 Alaska Avenue, Dawson Creek, BC

Directors Present: Director Hiebert, Electoral Area D  
Director Kealy, Electoral Area B  
Chair Rose, Electoral Area E  
Director Sperling, Electoral Area C

Staff Present: Tyra Henderson, Corporate Officer  
Tabatha Young, Deputy Corporate Officer  
Roxanne Shepherd, Chief Financial Officer  
Crystal Brown, Electoral Area Manager  
Trevor Ouellette, IT Manager  
Kari Bondaroff, GM of Environmental Services  
Sean Cairns, Protective Services Manager  
Matthew Bascom, Grants Coordinator  
Trish Morgan, GM of Community Services  
Hunter Rainwater, Recorder

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### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

### 2. DIRECTORS' NOTICE OF NEW BUSINESS

### 3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOVED Director Hiebert

SECONDED Director Kealy

That the Electoral Area Directors Committee agenda for March 23, 2023, be adopted.

1. **Call To Order**
2. **Directors' Notice of New Business**
3. **Adoption of Agenda**
4. **Gallery Comments or Questions**
5. **Adoption of Minutes**
  - 5.1 Electoral Area Directors Committee Draft Meeting Minutes of February 16, 2023
6. **Business Arising From The Minutes**
7. **Delegations**
  - 7.1 Peace River Regional Cattlemen's Association
8. **Correspondence**
9. **Reports**
  - 9.1 2023-2024 NCLGA Membership Renewal, DR-EADC-017

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- 9.2 Treaty Land Sharing Network, ADM-EADC-053
- 9.3 Natural Gas Expansion in Moberly Lake, ADM-EADC-054
- 9.4 Volunteer Firefighter Honorariums - Charlie Lake Fire Department, CS-EADC-074

**10. Discussion Item(s)**

**11. New Business**

**12. Diary**

- 12.1 EADC Diary

**13. Consent Calendar**

- 13.1 EADC Terms of Reference

**14. Notice of Motion**

**15. Adjournment**

**CARRIED**

**4. GALLERY COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS**

**5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

- 5.1 Electoral Area Directors Committee Draft Meeting Minutes of February 16, 2023

MOVED Director Hiebert

SECONDED Director Sperling

That the Electoral Area Directors Committee Meeting Minutes of February 16, 2023 be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

**7. DELEGATIONS**

- 7.1 Peace River Regional Cattlemen's Association - 10:00 am

The Electoral Area Directors Committee engaged in a conversation with Mike McConnell and Glyn Evans of the Peace River Regional Cattlemen's Association (Cattlemen's) regarding their grant request for additional funding to extend their livestock protection program.

Director Kealy asked if anyone could utilize the livestock protection program services. Mike responded that yes, anyone can use the service regardless of whether or not they belong to a producer group and noted that about 54% of the claimants did not belong to livestock associations. In addition, all BC Peace River Region livestock producers are eligible to participate in the program; cattle, bison, sheep, and goat and pig producers.

Chair Rose asked for a description of how the program works. Mike responded that this program is ongoing and that this is the fourth time that they have come to the Electoral Area Directors Committee for funding. Approximately ten years ago, farmers were suffering significant losses with both dead and injured animals due to migration changes with predators. The Cattlemen's decided that there were two ways that they could handle this problem; provide compensation every time an animal is killed or injured or compensate for removing predators who are doing the damage. The Cattlemen's



Association decided that providing compensation for when the predator has been removed was the best option and a more efficient program.

Mike noted that when a producer has verified problems with a predator and this predator has been removed, the producer brings the predator to one of the Cattlemen's verifiers. A form has to be filled out to be eligible, and the livestock producer making a claim has to verify that the predator has been taken with regard to all other regulations and rules. Chair Rose clarified that this is 100% based on wolf predation.

Mike noted that they have found the number of claims over the duration of the program is decreasing, and they believe that this is due to the effectiveness of this program. Director Kealy asked if bears have been considered for their program as well. Mike responded no. Based on conversations with Conservation Officers, it was believed that it was not needed. Director Hiebert noted that he has only heard good things about this program.

Chair Rose discussed that the Committee would like to see more detailed reporting on an annual basis from the Cattlemen's and noted that staff will follow up outlining the information that the Committee would like to see.

**8. CORRESPONDENCE**

**9. REPORTS**

9.1 2023 – 2024 NCLGA Membership Renewal, DR-EADC-017

MOVED Director Hiebert  
 SECONDED Director Kealy

That the Electoral Area Directors Committee recommend that the Rural Budgets Administration Committee renew their 2023 – 2024 North Central Local Government Association Membership and authorize payment of the annual membership upon receipt of a 2023-2024 invoice, payable from Function 120 – Legislative Electoral Areas.

**OPPOSED: Chair Rose, and Director Sperling  
 DEFEATED**

MOVED Director Hiebert  
 SECONDED Director Sperling

That the Electoral Area Directors Committee recommend that the Regional Board has a discussion on the future of the Peace River Local Government Association.

**CARRIED**

9.2 Treaty Land Sharing Network, ADM-EADC-053

MOVED Director Sperling  
 SECONDED Director Hiebert

That the Electoral Area Directors Committee receive the report titled "Treaty Land Sharing Network, ADM-EADC-053" for discussion

**CARRIED**



MOVED Director Sperling  
 SECONDED Director Hiebert

That the Electoral Area Directors Committee recommend that the Regional Board authorize that a letter of support be provided to Dale Bumstead, Scion Strategies Ltd., and Edward Stanford, Urban Systems for the establishment of a Treaty Land Sharing Network in Treaty 8; further, that Dale Bumstead, Scion Strategies Ltd., and Edward Stanford, Urban Systems provide the Regional Board with information of how the legalities and liabilities of the program will be handled.

**CARRIED**

9.3 Natural Gas Expansion in Moberly Lake, ADM-EADC-054

MOVED Director Sperling  
 SECONDED Director Hiebert

That the Electoral Area Directors Committee defer the report titled "Natural Gas Expansion in Moberly Lake, ADM-EADC-054" to the April 27, 2023 Electoral Area Directors Committee meeting.

**CARRIED**

9.4 Volunteer Firefighter Honorariums – Charlie Lake Fire Department, CS-EADC-074

MOVED Director Sperling  
 SECONDED Director Hiebert

That the Electoral Area Directors Committee recommend that the Regional Board set the firefighter honorariums for the Charlie Lake Fire Department at the following rates, effective January 1, 2023: \$40 per fire call plus an additional \$13.33 per hour after the first three hours, and \$20 per fire training session.

**CARRIED**

MOVED Director Sperling  
 SECONDED Director Hiebert

That the Electoral Area Directors Committee recommend that the Regional Board authorize the development of a draft Volunteer Firefighter Honorarium Policy for the Regional Board’s consideration that establishes a formal system of honorarium pay for all PRRD-operated fire departments.

**CARRIED**

**10. DISCUSSION ITEM(S)**

**11. NEW BUSINESS**

**12. DIARY**

12.1 EADC Diary  
 No changes were made.

**13. CONSENT CALENDAR**

13.1 EADC Terms of Reference



**14. NOTICE OF MOTION**

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

The Chair adjourned at 11:07 am.

CERTIFIED a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Electoral Area Directors Committee from a meeting held on March 23, 2023 in the PRRD Board Room, 1981 Alaska Avenue, Dawson Creek, BC.

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Dan Rose, Chair

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Hunter Rainwater, Recorder

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