



## NORTH PEACE LEISURE FACILITY REPLACEMENT STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, MARCH 13, 2023

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**LOCATION** Pomeroy Sports Centre, 9324 96 Street, Fort St John – West Meeting Room  
Or via Zoom

**ATTENDANCE: Present**

**Directors**

Director Kealy, Electoral Area 'B' – arrived a 9:15  
Alternate Director Goodings, Electoral Area 'B'  
Director Sperling, Electoral Area 'C'

**Councillors & Mayor**

Mayor Hansen, City of Fort St John  
Councillor Bolin, City of Fort St John  
Councillor Ponto, District of Taylor  
Councillor Turnbull, District of Taylor

**Staff**

Trish Morgan, GM of Community Services - PRRD  
Bryna Casey, Parks & Rural Recreation Coordinator – PRRD  
Kyla Traichevich, Community Services Clerk & Recorder – PRRD  
Karin Carlson, Director of Community Services – City of Fort St John  
Kylah Bryde, Aquatic Manager – City of Fort St John  
Moirra Green, CAO – District of Taylor  
Ryan Galay, Director of Community Services – District of Taylor

**ATTENDANCE: Absent**

Shawn Dahlen, CAO - PRRD  
Darrell Blades, Deputy CAO – City of Fort St John

**Others (via zoom)**

Melissa Higgs – HCMA  
Steve Slawuta - HCMA

**1. CALL TO ORDER** The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

**2. DIRECTORS' NOTICE OF NEW BUSINESS**

**3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

3.1 Adoption of Agenda MOVED Councillor Turnbull, SECONDED Councillor Ponto,  
That the North Peace Leisure Facility Replacement Steering Committee adopt the March 13, 2023 Meeting Agenda, as presented:

**1. Call to Order**

1.1. Councillor Bolin to Chair the meeting

**2. Directors' Notice of New Business**

**3. Adoption of Agenda**

**4. Adoption of Minutes**

4.1. January 30, 2023 North Peace Leisure Facility Replacement Steering Committee  
Draft Meeting Minutes

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Adoption of Agenda  
 (Cont'd)

- 5. Business Arising from the Minutes**
- 6. Correspondence**
  - 6.1. Letter Re: 50-Metre Pool – Dr. Kevin Page
  - 6.2. Letter Re: 50-Metre Pool – Member of Parliament B Zimmer
- 7. Reports**
  - 7.1. Public Communications Approval, CS-NPLFRC-014
  - 7.2. Invitation to a North Peace Leisure Facility Steering Committee Closed Plenary Session, CS-NPLFRC-013
  - 7.3. Notice of Closed Committee Meeting March 13, 2023 & March 22, 2023, CS-NPLFRC-012
- 8. New Business**
- 9. Diary**
- 10. Item(s) for Information**
  - 10.1. North Peace Leisure Facility Replacement Steering Committee Terms of Reference.
- 11. Adjournment**

**CARRIED**

**4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

4.1  
 Jan 30/23 NPLFRC Minutes  
 MOVED Councillor Ponto, SECONDED Mayor Hansen,  
 That the North Peace Leisure Facility Replacement Steering Committee adopt the  
 January 30, 2023 Meeting Minutes.

**CARRIED**

**5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

**6. CORRESPONDENCE**

6.1  
 Letter Re: 50-Metre Pool –  
 Dr. Kevin Page

6.2  
 Letter Re: 50-Metre Pool –  
 Member of Parliament B  
 Zimmer  
 MOVED Mayor Hansen, SECONDED Director Sperling,  
 That the North Peace Leisure Facility Replacement Steering Committee recommend  
 that the Regional Board send a letter, on behalf of the committee, to reply to Member  
 of Parliament Bob Zimmer’s letter regarding the 50-Metre Pool and that the letter  
 requests any federal financial support to assist in the funding of the addition of a 50-  
 Metre pool.

**CARRIED**

Discussion:

*Some Steering Committee members discussed that they did not want to close down the discussion on the 50-Metre pool yet. They would like to take more time to assess whether a 50-Metre pool is warranted.*

*The Steering Committee discussed that a letter should be sent in response to the letter received from Member of Parliament Bob Zimmer regarding that a 50-Metre pool*



*should be considered in the North Peace Leisure Facility Replacement project. The response should include any funding available for the addition of the 50-Metre pool from the Federal Government. Sending this letter, and the response, will be part of the consideration for the 50-Metre pool being included or not in the future facility.*

**7. REPORTS**

7.1  
Public Communications  
Approval, CS-NPLFRC-014

MOVED Mayor Hansen, SECONDED Alternate Director Goodings,  
That the North Peace Leisure Facility Replacement Steering Committee recommend that the Regional Board issue a public communique to advise residents of the results of the summer 2022 public engagement regarding the NP Leisure Facility Replacement Project and informing the public of the necessary next step of balancing the priorities of the community for the facility with affordability for the project.

**CARRIED**

Discussion:

*The Steering Committee discussed what the Public Communique would look like, and how it would be created. The Peace River Regional District, working with the City of Fort St John and the District of Taylor, will have Mickelson Consulting Inc. draft a document with the appropriate information to release to the public. The Steering Committee requested that the information include what is currently happening, what is next, and that it exclude anything funding related for now. The committee also requested that this campaign be brought back for final review.*

MOVED Alternate Director Goodings, SECONDED Mayor Hansen,  
That the North Peace Leisure Facility Replacement Steering Committee refer Agenda Item 7.1 titled Public Communications Approval, CS-NPLFRC-014, to the March 22 Steering Committee Meeting.

**CARRIED**

7.2  
Invitation to a North  
Peace Leisure Facility  
Steering Committee  
Closed Plenary Session,  
CS- NPLFRC-013

MOVED Councillor Ponto, SECONDED Councillor Turnbull,  
That the North Peace Leisure Facility Replacement Steering Committee receive the report titled “Invitation to a North Peace Leisure Facility Steering Committee Closed Plenary Session – CS-NPLFRC013,” which includes information on the upcoming plenary session for the final presentation of the North Peace Leisure Facility Replacement Project, for information.

**CARRIED**

7.3  
Notice of Closed  
Committee Meeting  
March 13, 2023 & March  
22, 2023, CS-NPLFRC-012

MOVED Director Hansen, SECONDED Director Turnbull,  
That the North Peace Leisure Facility Replacement Steering 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, 6.1 & 7.1** – NP Leisure Facility replacement project - (CC Section 90(1)(e)) acquisition of property, and (CC Section 90(1)(k)), negotiations related to a proposed provision of a municipal service that are at their preliminary stages.

**CARRIED**



Notice of Closed Committee Meeting March 13, 2023 & March 22, 2023, CS-NPLFRC-012 (Con't)

MOVED Mayor Hansen, SECONDED Councillor Turnbull, That the North Peace Leisure Facility Replacement Steering Committee recess to a Closed Meeting on March 22, 2023 at 1:00 p.m., for the purpose of discussing the following items:

Agenda Item 5.1, 7.1 & 7.2 – NP Leisure Facility replacement project - (CC Section 90(1)(e)) acquisition of property, and (CC Section 90(1)(k)), negotiations related to a proposed provision of a municipal service that are at their preliminary stages.

CARRIED

8. NEW BUSINESS

The committee invited members of the public to speak:

Resident 1 inquired about:

- If the location has been decided for the new facility, when it will be released to the public.
• An update on the 50-Metre Pool, and if there was a way to go back to engagement and include it.

Resident 2 inquired about:

- The type of washrooms/changing rooms, and if they will be non-gendered.
• If there is a cost available yet and the approximate taxes.

The Chair recessed the meeting to a Closed Session at 9:32 a.m.

The Chair reconvened the regular meeting at 12:10 p.m.

9. DIARY

9.1 Diary Items No changes were made to the diary.

10. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

10.1 North Peace Leisure Facility Replacement Steering Committee Terms of Reference

11. ADJOURNMENT

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

Original signed by

Jordan Kealy, Electoral Area 'B' Vice-Chair, North Peace Leisure Facility Replacement Steering Committee

Original signed by

Kyla Traichevich, Recorder