



# REPORT

To: Chair and Directors

Report Number: ADM-BRD-396

From: Electoral Area Directors Committee

Date: April 20, 2023

**Subject: March 23, 2023 Electoral Area Directors Committee Recommendations**

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The following recommendations from the March 23, 2023, Electoral Area Directors Committee meeting are being presented to the Regional Board for consideration:

**RECOMMENDATION #1: [Corporate Unweighted]**

That the Regional Board discuss the future of the Peace River Local Government Association at an upcoming Committee of the Whole Meeting.

**RECOMMENDATION #2: [Corporate Unweighted]**

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.

**RECOMMENDATION #3: [Corporate Unweighted]**

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.

**RECOMMENDATION #4: [Corporate Unweighted]**

That the Regional Board authorize the development of a Volunteer Firefighter Honorarium Policy for the Regional Board's consideration that establishes a formal system of honorarium pay for all PRRD-operated fire departments.

**BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:**

The draft minutes of the March 23, 2023, Electoral Area Directors Committee Meeting are on the Consent Calendar.

Recommendation #1

The Electoral Area Directors Committee discussed the merit of renewing the Peace River Regional District (PRRD) North Central Local Government Association Membership (NCLGA) and decided not to renew their membership based on needing more value from the membership fee.

The Committee discussed that NCLGA is too large and that the PRRD didn't have much in common with the rest of the communities that NCLGA represents; further, stating that the PRRD does a better job advocating for their own needs than NCLGA does on behalf of the PRRD. Instead, the Committee proposed that there could be better value in looking at something smaller like the Peace River Local

Government Association instead of continuing with their NCLGA Membership and is recommending that the Regional Board discuss the future of the Peace River Local Government Association.

The Peace River Municipalities Association (PRMA) is an informal gathering of local government officials and staff from the Peace River Regional District jurisdiction. Historically the meetings have been called in the spring (March) in advance of the NCLGA annual meetings and again in the fall (September) in advance of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) meetings to discuss and find common support for issues and initiatives being discussed at the convention. In addition, the PRMA has been an opportunity to learn about communities and local government responsibilities through guest presentations and meet informally to build and strengthen community relationships.

#### Recommendation #2

On January 31, 2022, the Electoral Area Directors Committee was provided with a verbal presentation from Dale Bumstead, SCION Strategies Ltd., and Edward Stanford, Urban Systems, regarding Treaty Land Sharing Networks.

The Treaty Land Sharing Network is a way of honoring the Spirit and Intent of the Treaty. It is a network of private landowners willing to extend the land they purchased to various Treaty individuals who may ask those land owners for the ability to use the land for practicing cultural traditions, harvesting, hunting, medicine collection, and holding ceremony.

At the end of the presentation, the delegation requested a letter of support for the Treaty Land Sharing Network concept to move forward. The request was deferred to the March 23, 2023, Electoral Area Directors Committee Meeting to allow all Electoral Area Directors in the region to be present.

Please see [Item # 7.1](#) to review the January 31, 2023, presentation.

Please click here to access the Committee Agenda, please see [Item # 9.2](#) to review the report.

#### Recommendation #3 & 4

Please click here to access the Committee Agenda, please see [Item # 9.4](#) to review the report.

#### **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:**

1. That the Regional Board provide further direction.

#### **STRATEGIC PLAN RELEVANCE:**

- Collaboration and Cooperation with First Nations

#### **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION(S):**

None at this time.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATION(S):**

None at this time.

#### **OTHER CONSIDERATION(S):**

None at this time.