



PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES

September 14, 2023, 10:00 a.m.

Pomeroy Hotel and Conference Centre
11308 Alaska Road, Fort St. John, BC

Directors Present:

Chair Hiebert, Electoral Area D
Vice-Chair Rose, Electoral Area E
Director Courtoreille, District of Chetwynd
Director Hansen, City of Fort St. John
Director Kealy, Electoral Area B
Director Krakowka, District of Tumbler Ridge
Director Sperling, Electoral Area C
Director Taillefer, District of Taylor
Alternate Director Veach, Village of Pouce Coupe
Director Zabinsky, City of Fort St. John
Director Dober, City of Dawson Creek
Director Quibell, District of Hudson's Hope

Directors Absent:

Director Woodill, Village of Pouce Coupe

Staff Present:

Shawn Dahlen, Chief Administrative Officer
Tyra Henderson, Corporate Officer
Kari Barber, Finance Services Manager
Crystal Brown, Electoral Area Manager
Ashley Murphey, Planning Services Manager
Trevor Ouellette, IT Manager
Kari Bondaroff, General Manager of Environmental Services
Daris Gillis, Environmental Services Manager
Suzanne Garrett, Recorder

Delegations:

BC Energy Regulator

Mike Janzen, Executive Director, Orphans and Restoration
Nova Williams, Director, Orphans and Restoration

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

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



2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

CW/23/09/01

MOVED Director Rose

SECONDED Director Taillefer

That the Committee of the Whole adopt the September 14, 2023, meeting agenda.

1. Call to Order

2. Adoption of Agenda

3. Gallery Comments or Questions

4. Delegations

4.1 BC Energy Regulator re: Update on activities (10:00 am)

5. Reports

5.1 Peace River Local Government Association Discussion, DR-COW-001

6. Media Questions

7. Adjournment

CARRIED

3. GALLERY COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS

4. DELEGATIONS

4.1 BC Energy Regulator RE: Update on Activities

Mike Jansen, Executive Director and Nova Williams, Director – Orphans and Restoration, BC Energy Regulator provided the Regional Board with an update on its activities. Topics included:

- Orphan Sites within the PRRD
- Three “Pillars” of Restoration – dormant, orphan and legacy. Industry permit holders are responsible.
- Orphans and Restoration Team
- Orphan Population
- Notifications and the Orphan Work Plan

A question and answer period ensued. Topics included:

- Live map is updated daily with information from the BC Regulator database,
- BC Regulator responds to toll free number calls received regarding noise, odors, etc., exact numbers on the amount of calls can be provided,
- In response to a question regarding public engagement information with respect to where, who is doing work, what area, etc., will be available soon through their website - list of projects and maps,
- Public process to submit bids on upcoming projects can be made through the BC Regulator Procurement Portal or BC Bid, award of projects follows specific mechanisms i.e., qualification process, local service delivery and other factors,
- Currently there are sufficient contractors to meet the goals of the BC Regulator,
- Reclamation of agricultural land – Agricultural Land Commission implements the framework which must be met. There is a two-year period of monitoring, i.e., weed control and sufficient productivity to be proven. If the landowner sees any issues, the BC Regulator works with them to ensure success of the reclamation.

Director Courtoreille entered the meeting at 10:20 am

The delegation concluded their presentation at 10:25 am



Director Hansen entered the meeting at 10:39 am

5. REPORTS

5.1 Peace River Local Government Association Discussion, DR-COW-001

CW/23/09/02

MOVED Director Rose

SECONDED Director Taillefer

That the Committee of the Whole receive the report titled “Peace River Local Government Association Discussion, DR-COW-001”, deferred from the June 8, 2023, Committee of the Whole meeting, for discussion.

CARRIED

Discussion points:

- North Central Local Government Association (NCLGA) does not have much in common with the communities it represents in the north,
- May be better value to expand the Peace River Local Government Association (PRLGA) to include the Northern Rockies Regional Municipality (NRRM), potentially creating a Northeast BC Association,
- Reach out to NRRM, would they be interested in forming a Northeast BC Association,
- Keep working with NCLGA,
- First Nations being left out, explore what other possibilities are available,
- Municipalities would be paying into two organizations, the NCLGA and the NEBC Association.

CW/23/09/03

MOVED Director Sperling

SECONDED Director Dober

That the report titled “Peace River Local Government Association Discussion, DR-COW-001”, be deferred to the October 5, 2023, Board meeting.

CARRIED

6. MEDIA QUESTIONS

7. ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned at 10:49 am.

CERTIFIED a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole of the Peace River Regional District from a meeting held on September 17, 2023, in the Pomeroy Hotel and Conference Centre, 11308 Alaska Road, Fort St. John, BC.

Leonard Hiebert, Chair

Tyra Henderson, Corporate Officer