



NORTH PEACE RURAL ROADS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

DATE: July 17, 2020,

PLACE: Via Teleconference

PRESENT:

<u>Directors</u> Director Goodings, Chair Director Heiberg Director Fraser Director Sperling (ex-officio)	<u>Absent</u> Director Bumstead
<u>Staff</u> Tyra Henderson, Corporate Officer Naomi Donat, Recording Secretary	<u>Others</u> Jackie Kjos, JK Solutions

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:01 am.

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

Director Sperling Pilot Cars

3. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

MOVED by Director Heiberg, SECONDED by Director Sperling,
That the North Peace Rural Roads Committee adopt the July 17, 2020 Committee Meeting Agenda as amended to include Directors' new business:

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. NPRR Committee Draft Meeting Minutes of June 19, 2020
6. **Business Arising from the Minutes**
 - 6.1. Select Committee Written Presentation
7. **Delegations**
8. **Correspondence**
9. **Reports**
 - 9.1. Consultant Verbal Report
10. **Discussion Items**
 - 10.1. YTD Expenditure and Budget/Workplan Review
 - 10.2. Call for additional Task Force members
 - 10.3. Newsletter
 - 10.4. Strategy with MoTI
 - 10.5. Facebook Analytics
 - 10.6. Dawson Creek Recognition
 - 10.7. Meeting with Federal Members of Parliament
11. **New Business**
 - 11.1. Pilot Cars
12. **Diary**
13. **Item(s) for Information**
 - 13.1 Terms of Reference
14. **Adjournment**

CARRIED

4. GALLERY COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS:

None.

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

5.1 MOVED by Director Heiberg, SECONDED by Director Sperling,
June 19, 2020 NPRRC That the North Peace Rural Roads Committee adopt the Committee Meeting Minutes
Minutes of June 19, 2020.

CARRIED

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

6.1 At its June 19, 2020 meeting, the North Peace Rural Roads Committee asked Ms. Kjos
Select Committee to submit a written submission to the Select Standing Committee on Finance and
Written Presentation Government Services, as follow up to the verbal presentation she made on June 11,
2020 in Fort St. John. Ms. Kjos advised that she was asked by the NPRRC to extend
her stay in Fort St. John until June 26, 2020 to deal with pressing road concerns. As a
result, she was unable to complete the written submission by the deadline.

7. DELEGATIONS:

None.

8. CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

9. REPORTS:

9.1 Ms. Kjos met with Hali Davenport, District Program Manager and Ken Namislo, Acting
Consultant Verbal District Operations Manager, from the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure
Report (MoTI), in lieu of Rena Gibson, Acting District Manager, who was attending to the Old
Fort landslide situation. MoTI staff confirmed that NPRRC priorities are on their list.
MoTI gravel plans make sense, for the most part.; however, NPRRC believes that
several roads need a lot more attention, including Cecil Lake Road, Golata Creek
Road, Farrell Creek Road, Aitken Creek Road, and the Beatton Airport Road. The Beryl
Prairie Road really needs to be rebuilt. The Siphon Creek Road is getting gravel this
year. MoTI advised that the plans are subject to change, due to washouts and
flooding this year. Ms. Kjos sent a follow-up report to Mr. Namislo.

The NPRR Task Force had recommended improved pullouts on the Beatton Airport
and Prespatou Roads; however, Mr. Namislo believes that Milligan Creek-Peejay is a
higher priority. Mr. Namislo plans to look at these roads in the next couple of weeks
and the hope is that a NPRR Task Force member will be able to go with him.

The "Rural Roads in the North Peace" video is up on the NPRR Facebook page and
will be posted on the PRRD website soon.

10. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

10.1 There is just over \$32,000 remaining in the budget.
YTD Expenditure and Ms. Kjos will have some time available because the lobby registry is not taking as long
Budget/Workplan as expected. More time will be spent on road evaluations.
Review Another Task Force meeting is planned for October along with a meeting with MoTI.

- 10.2
Call for additional Task Force members
- The Committee would like to expand the Task Force by 3 or 4 more members. There was discussion as to how new members should be attracted, and whether or not members would be allowed to send alternates to the Task Force meetings. It was suggested that it would be valuable to have a representative present from each member organization, with the assumption that those attending the meetings will be sufficiently briefed on the discussion topics. It was decided that Ms. Kjos would reach out via the Committee Facebook page and the Newsletter to identify alternates and potential new members. Interested parties should be identified by August 7th to revisit this topic at the August Committee meeting.
- 10.3
Newsletter
- The next newsletter will be produced by the end of July with an invitation for new Task Force members.
- 10.4
Strategy with MoTI
- Ms. Kjos will invite Greg Bruce, Acting Regional Manager with MoTI to come to a Committee meeting. Topics to be discussed will include the immediate need for a plan for roads in the North Peace, with specific attention to the Beryl Prairie Road.
- MOVED by Director Heiberg, SECONDED by Director Sperling,
That the North Peace Rural Roads Committee send a 6-10 page report to Claire Trevena, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure, and Kevin Richter, Associate Deputy Minister, showing pictures of the degradation of Beryl Prairie Road, which has occurred in the time since the Ministry promised to fix the road.
- CARRIED**
- MOVED by Director Heiberg, SECONDED by Director Sperling,
That the North Peace Rural Roads Committee send a letter to Claire Trevena, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure, and Kevin Richter, Associate Deputy Minister, expressing frustration with the Ministry's lack of response to the commitment, made to the Committee on September 10, 2018 at UBCM, to keep roads maintained to withstand 100 percent loading capacity, and to produce a suitable upgrade plan for key roads in the region.
- CARRIED**
- 10.5
Facebook Analytics
- Many people have been viewing and engaging the Facebook page. The Golata Creek post received over 1600 hits and more than 600 individuals engaged, which means they didn't just like it, they either shared or commented.
- 10.6
Dawson Creek Recognition
- There will be an article in the upcoming newsletter recognizing the City of Dawson Creek's contribution to the Committee, explaining how residents of the city and the South Peace benefit from the North Peace Rural Roads Initiative.
- 10.7
Meeting with Federal MPs
- Ms. Kjos will invite Members of Parliament Bob Zimmer and Todd Doherty to participate in a meeting with the Committee via Webex where the MPs will watch the North Peace Rural Roads video and then have a discussion with the Committee Members about opportunities for federal funding for infrastructure to support economic development.

11. NEW BUSINESS:

11.1

Review of Pilot Car
Requirements

Chair Sperling thanked Ms. Kjos for bringing this situation to the Committee's attention. He had a conversation with Jan Lansing and found out that the pilot car requirements review has been ongoing since 2017 and it is already in stage 3. Only municipalities have been included in the engagement process to date. Chair Sperling invited Ms. Lansing to attend the August 13, 2020 Regional Board Meeting as a delegation.

12. DIARY:

No changes were made to the diary.

13. ITEM(S) FOR INFORMATION:

Ms. Kjos advised that she will remind those wishing to attend the August 13, 2020 Board Meeting, to hear the pilot car requirement presentation, to register beforehand.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:06 am

The next meeting is scheduled for August 14, 2020 at 9 am.

Director Goodings, Chair

Naomi Donat, Recording Secretary