

# PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

### **REGIONAL BOARD MINUTES**

April 4, 2024, 10:00 a.m. 1981 Alaska Avenue, Dawson Creek, BC

Directors Present: Chair Sperling, Electoral Area C

Vice-Chair Hiebert, Electoral Area D

Director Courtoreille, District of Chetwynd Director Dober, City of Dawson Creek Director Hansen, City of Fort St. John

Director Kealy, Electoral Area B

Director Krakowka, District of Tumbler Ridge

Director Quibell, District of Hudson's Hope (Via Zoom)

Director Rose, Electoral Area E

Director Taillefer, District of Taylor (Via Zoom) Director Veach, Village of Pouce Coupe Director Zabinsky, City of Fort St. John

Staff Present: Shawn Dahlen, Chief Administrative Officer

Tyra Henderson, Corporate Officer

Roxanne Shepherd, Chief Financial Officer Joanne Caldecott, Deputy Corporate Officer

Kari Bondaroff, General Manager of Environmental Services Kevin Clarkson, General Manager of Community Services Ashley Murphey, General Manager of Development Services

Ryan Kirkham, Protective Services Manager Annette Andrews, Communications Manager

Trevor Ouellette, IT Manager

Erin Price, Bylaw Enforcement Officer Matthew Bascom, Grants Coordinator Carmen Willms, Recording Clerk

Delegations: Prince George Fire Centre

Shane Greenlees, Fire Centre Manager

Darren Van Horn, Wildfire Officer for the Dawson Creek zone

<u>Invenergy Renewable Canada</u>

Shoshana Pasternak, Senior Associate, Government Affairs Gabriel Epprecht, Associate, Renewable Development

**South Peace Health Services Society** 

Chris Norbury, President

Section 57, PID 013-138-898 Tanya Clary, Property Owner

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:59 a.m.

#### 2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

RD/24/04/01

MOVED Director Krakowka SECONDED Director Hansen

That the Regional Board adopt the April 4, 2024 Board Meeting Agenda:

- 1. CALL TO ORDER
- 2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA
- 3. GALLERY COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS
- 4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES
- 4.1 Regional Board Draft Meeting Minutes of March 21, 2024
- 5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES
- 6. DELEGATIONS
- 6.1 Prince George Fire Centre Re: Update
- 6.2 Invenergy Renewable Canada Re: Company Introduction and Projects in the Region
- 6.3 South Peace Health Services Society Re: Update on Activities
- 6.4 Tanya Clary Re: Section 57, PID 013-138-898

#### 7. CORRESPONDENCE

- 7.1 District of Taylor Letter Re: Invitation to Community to Community Dinner Meeting
- 7.2 Ministry of Agriculture and Food Re: Invitation to Present on Agricultural Land Use and Planning
- 7.3 Village of Pouce Coupe Request for Letter of Support Re: NCLGA Resolution for Local Consultation on Resource Sector Jobs

#### 8. REPORTS

- 8.1 March 14, 2024 Rural Budgets Administration Committee Recommendation, ADM-BRD-491
- 8.2 Interprovincial Meeting Update, ADM-BRD-489
- 8.3 Section 57 Notice on Title PID 013-138-898, DS-BRD-393
- 8.4 Temporary Use Permit, No. 24-001, DS-BRD-394
- 8.5 Development Variance Permit Application, PRRD File No. 24-002 DVP, DS-BRD-395
- 8.6 Contract Award RFP 02-2024 Operations of Potable Water Stations, ENV-BRD-179

### 9. BYLAWS

# **10. NEW BUSINESS**

### 11. APPOINTMENTS

11.1 2024 Board Appointment List

# **12. CONSENT CALENDAR**

- 12.1 Electoral Area Director Committee Draft Meeting Minutes of March 14, 2024
- 12.2 Rural Budgets Administration Committee Draft Meeting Minutes of March 14, 2024
- 12.3 Items Previously Released from Closed Meeting March 21, 2024, ADM-BRD-490
- 12.4 Letter from the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General Re: Crime and Public Safety
- 12.5 Ministry of Municipal Affairs Letter Re: Grant Funding for the Regional Growth Strategy
- 12.6 Letter from Osoyoos Town Council Re: Request for Support for UBCM Resolution regarding Attacks on Municipal Leaders
- 12.7 Coastal GasLink Notification Re: Proposed Sukunka Falls Facility Application
- 12.8 Coastal GasLink Notification Re: Proposed Wilde Lake Falls Facility Application
- 12.9 RCMP Policing Report for February 2024

#### 13. STRATEGIC PLAN

- 13.1 2023 2026 Strategic Plan
- 13.2 Strategic Plan Staff Update Q1 2024 April 4, 2024

### 14. COMMUNICATIONS UPDATES

14.1 Communications Update 1: North Peace Leisure Facility Replacement Project

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- 14.2 Communications Update 2: North Peace Regional Park (home of the North Peace Fall Fair)
- 15. CHAIR'S REPORT
- 15.1 Chair's Report
- **16. NOTICE OF MOTION**
- **17. MEDIA QUESTIONS**
- 18. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION
- 19. ADJOURNMENT

**CARRIED** 

Director Taillefer, District of Taylor, joined the meeting at 10:04 a.m.

### 3. GALLERY COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS

# Item 14.1 - Communications Update 1: North Peace Leisure Facility Replacement Project

Gwen Gordon, a Fort St. John resident, raised concerns that there did not appear to be an option to opt out of building the North Peace Leisure Facility Replacement, and there had been no communication about where the facility would be placed.

# Item 12.6 - Letter from Osoyoos Town Council Re: Request for Support for UBCM Resolution regarding Attacks on Municipal Leaders

Deborah Johnson, a Fort St. John resident, explained that she had not seen anything on the news nor had she heard from anyone she knew living in Osoyoos about the alleged attacks on municipal leaders. She described the situation in Osoyoos as a reaction to a 30% increase in property taxes there and suggested the reaction comprised verbal comments and not attacks.

### Item 8.4 – Temporary Use Permit, No. 24-001

Lloyd Lintott, a neighbouring landowner to the applicant, had concerns regarding the proposed event. He brought up issues such as water waste during prevailing drought conditions, onsite camping which could increase the risk of wildfire, having one road to use for entrance and exit which has blind approaches and was not built for the proposed traffic, and the overall inconvenience to the neighbourhood. He noted that currently the neighbourhood was quiet and remote, and expressed concern that a poster for the event targets young adult males with a party attitude. Mr. Lintott suggested that the consequences of granting the Temporary Use Permit could include a decline in property values, increased crime, and safety issues around access and egress during emergencies.

### Item 14.1 - Communications Update 1: North Peace Leisure Facility Replacement Project

Carol Kube spoke regarding the proposed North Peace Leisure Facility Replacement and raised concerns about the costs and effects the project would have on taxes, given the impacts of continued inflation. She questioned why there was currently no option to say no to the project.

### 4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

# 4.1 Regional Board Draft Meeting Minutes of March 21, 2024

RD/24/04/02

MOVED Director Krakowka SECONDED Director Dober

That the Regional Board adopt the Board Meeting minutes of March 21, 2024.

**CARRIED** 

#### 5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

#### 6. **DELEGATIONS**

# 6.1 Prince George Fire Centre Re: Update

Shane Greenlees, Fire Centre Manager, and Darren Van Horn, Wildfire Officer in the Dawson Creek Fire Zone of the Prince George Fire Centre, presented to the Regional Board regarding the Centre's 'Wildfire Season Wrap-Up for 2023'. The presentation included the following topics:

- A recap of the 2023 season.
- Activity by each provincial Fire Centre.
- Reasons for the active season.
- Statistics of lightning and precipitation in 2023.
- Drought and fire danger maps.
- Bans and prohibitions for 2023.
- Fall drought conditions.
- Wildfire activity by month.
- A list of Prince George Fire Centre's 'Wildfires of Note'.
- Hectares burned in 2023 compared to historical data.
- Wildfire firefighting equipment and operations.
- Out-of-province deployments.
- Comparison of the 2023 wildfire season with other significant wildfire seasons.

A question-and-answer period ensued and included:

- Whether the drought code for 2024 was already available. Presenters explained the process was currently ongoing.
- Whether exemptions to the fire bans were available for industry or agriculture.
   Presenters answered that they could be applied for, but there were possibly greater requirements.
- The most commons instances of human-caused fires were holdover piles not monitored adequately and industrial activities. When asked for other examples of human-caused fires, presenters included car accidents and trees on a power line.
- That investigators were able to determine cause in the majority of fires.
- That 'Rapattack' was currently used more in first aid situations and coverage.
- A 'Smokechaser flight' was when resources were sent out to investigate a reported fire but did not find one.
- The removal of the Initial Attack Team from Chetwynd to Dawson Creek. Directors expressed disappointment with the response received from the Minister of Forests and provincial government when they had raised concerns. Presenters spoke to the strategy of forwarding base crews from Dawson Creek to Chetwynd when fire levels were at a two out of six. They also spoke about upgrading trailers used by the 'Initial Attack Team' at the Chetwynd Airport this year in preparation for 2025.
- Coordination with private industry regarding equipment usage such as hoses or pumps. Presenters explained that the equipment needed the proper insurance, and that water movement equipment fell under provincial procurement.

### 6.1 Prince George Fire Centre Re: Update (cont'd)

- Cleanup after a wildfire. Presenters explained that Prince George Fire Centre works
  closely with Ministry of Forest District Offices and that all critical work, such as erosion
  control, occurred over the winter with some tasks still being done. Post-fire salvage of
  logs needs to run through the consultation processes in place.
- The process for holdover fires. Presenters explained that typically fires go out over the
  winter, but infrared is used as the snow melts to identify hotspots. Most are
  discovered within the fire perimeter and pose no risk, but anything with fuel will
  receive resources to deal with them.
- The length of time it takes for a wildfire to become eligible for reburning. Presenters
  noted that it is a case-by-case assessment, however noted that recent drought
  conditions have caused that length of time to decrease from ten to five years. They
  also stated that a reburn fire was of lower intensity.
- Whether contractors with BC Wildfire required vaccination. Presenters answered that the COVID-19 vaccine was no longer a requirement.
- Protection agreements with community associations, such as in Vanderhoof, where the Fire Centre was able to do training and keep equipment caches.
- Whether there were plans or programs for training more firefighters. Presenters
  mentioned that 'Northern Fire WoRx' from Fort Nelson were currently training people
  in Chetwynd, West Moberly, and Arras.

## 6.2 Invenergy Renewable Canada Re: Company Introduction and Projects in the Region

Gabriel Epprecht, Associate, Renewable Development, who attended the meeting with Shoshana Pasternak, Senior Associate, Government Affairs, for Invenergy Renewable Canada presented to the Regional Board. The presentation included the following topics:

- Introduction to Invenergy.
- Invenergy's activities in Canada.
- Overall purpose of the presentation was to connect with the Peace River Regional
  District and introduce the proposed Hourglass and Mt. Puggins Wind Project
  developments, and initiate discussions regarding approvals, engagement, and
  permitting.
- BC Hydro's Call for Power Schedule and Process.
- Project and Community Benefits which include direct jobs and local contracts.
- Peace Region Projects Overview of the Mt. Puggins and Hourglass Wind Projects.
- Maps of the Maximum Build Layouts of each Wind Project.
- Development Next Steps including municipal considerations and ways to partner with and support the community.

# Discussion ensued and included:

- Confirmation that while Invenergy was considered the leading global developer of wind projects, it was privately owned and was not on listed on Stock Exchange.
- Whether new technology was being used in development of the Peace Region wind projects. The presenters advised that they were not working with the newest windmills however believed they were the most exciting.

# 6.2 Invenergy Renewable Canada Re: Company Introduction and Projects in the Region (Cont'd)

- The plan for end-of-life for the turbines. Presenters replied that decommissioning is a
  multi-factor process. They gave examples of landowners or municipalities holding a
  reclamation bond on these projects but were unsure if process was available in British
  Columbia.
- If new technology had been developed to make windmill blades recyclable. Presenters replied that blades and solar panels were still unrecyclable.
- Where the office would be located if the bid was successful. Presenters explained that offices were historically placed in local areas near to the project.
- How many projects BC Hydro's Call for Power included. Presenters answered that the
  call came to 900MW, or possibly a maximum of 9 projects for the entire province.
  More Calls for Power are expected to happen approximately every 2 years.
- Whether local residents would receive benefits from the implementation of the projects. Presenters said that while they have no control over the going rate for power, economic development and population growth would both be supported by the new wind project developments. In addition, local jobs and contracts would be available throughout the construction and for the continued operations.
- Whether the opportunity for investment in this project would be offered to investors besides First Nations. The presenters explained that First Nations must receive a minimum of 25% equity, however no conversations had occurred regarding other investors as yet.
- The size of the proposed projects relative to current Invenergy projects. Presenters
  advised that the proposed projects were smaller than many of the current projects
  Invenergy was developing/working on.
- How local contractors could get involved in the wind projects. Presenters explained
  that part of the reason they were in the area was to discover the local contractors
  available to do the work. In addition, presenters would be meeting with Northern
  Lights College to review their Wind Turbine Maintenance Technician program and the
  Ministry of Jobs and Economic Development about the Micro-credential Framework.
- The legacy Invenergy will leave to the communities impacted. Presenters spoke of different examples provided in other Canadian communities such as granting \$500/MW every year to the community who could determine how best to utilize the funds.
- Reclamation and Disposal plans, including cumulative impacts. Presenters advised
  they were scheduled to meet with the Ministry of Lands, and the scale would depend
  on how many projects were awarded noting that questions in this regard were more
  related to the province.

# 6.3 South Peace Health Services Society Re: Update on Activities

Chris Norbury, President of the South Peace Health Services Society, presented updates on the Society's activities to the Regional Board. The presentation included the following:

- 'Where We Are At' the Society's core competencies.
- Bulterys House Information on operations and use of the house in 2023.
- Locum House updates and the Carriage House rental unit.
- Recruitment and Retention Initiatives.

# 6.3 South Peace Health Services Society Re: Update on Activities (cont'd)

- Future Plans includes the creation of Strategic and Business Plans, Welcome Packages for visiting Healthcare professionals, marketing strategies and others.
- Financial Highlights notable grants received.

A question-and-answer period ensued and included:

- Ways to promote Bulterys House through the Peace River Regional District and member municipalities.
- Clarification on the Financial Statements provided for review.
- The application process for people who need to use the Bulterys house. Mr. Norbury
  explained there was a Guest Intake Form that could be accessed from the Dawson
  Creek Society for Community Living website and that a staff person was always on call.

# 6.4 Tanya Clary Re: Section 57, PID 013-138-898

Tanya Clary, owner of the property identified as PID 013-138-898, presented to the Regional Board regarding the possibility of a Section 57 Notice on Title being placed on her property. She spoke about the history of bylaw enforcement action on her property which she had purchased in 2022 without asking about a building inspection/Building Permit. She explained that in order to meet the requirements, she had contacted an engineering company to complete a report about the safety of her house who had told her "Not to bother". She mentioned that many homes in her neighbourhood did not have Building Permits.

A question-and-answer period ensued and included:

- Directors asked how Ms. Clary had procured the Building Permit information on her neighbourhood homes. Ms. Clary explained that she drove around, looking for homes that appeared to be built in the 1970's, and researched the permitting on those homes.
- Directors enquired whether she had renovated after she purchased and moved onto the property and Ms. Clary replied in the affirmative.

### **Recess**

The Chair recessed the meeting to luncheon at 12:27 p.m.

### Reconvene

The Chair reconvened at the meeting at 1:37 p.m.

Director Krakowka, District of Tumbler Ridge left the meeting at 1:37 p.m.

### 7. CORRESPONDENCE

# 7.1 District of Taylor Letter Re: Invitation to Community-to-Community Dinner Meeting

RD/24/04/03

MOVED Director Zabinsky SECONDED Director Courtoreille

That the Regional Board accept the invitation from the District of Taylor to attend a Community-to-Community dinner meeting.

**CARRIED** 

# 7.1 District of Taylor Letter Re: Invitation to Community-to-Community Dinner Meeting (Cont'd)

Director Hansen noted the upcoming Council of Forest Industries Convention in Vancouver and the North Central Local Government Association AGM & Convention in Smithers and suggested that staff start with the dates of May 7 or 9, 2024 to coordinate the meeting.

# 7.2 Ministry of Agriculture and Food Re: Invitation to Present on Agricultural Land Use and Planning

RD/24/04/04

MOVED Director Hansen SECONDED Director Zabinsky

That the Regional Board accept the invitation from the Ministry of Agriculture and Food to attend a Regional Board meeting to present on Agriculture Land Use and Planning.

**CARRIED** 

# 7.3 Village of Pouce Coupe Request for Letter of Support Re: NCLGA Resolution for Local Consultation on Resource Sector Jobs

RD/24/04/05

MOVED Director Kealy SECONDED Director Zabinsky

That the Regional Board receive the letter from the Village of Pouce Coupe requesting a Letter of Support for the North Central Local Government Association Resolution about Local Consultation on Resource Sector Jobs for information.

**CARRIED** 

Directors noted that support for resolutions was provided at the North Central Local Government Association event when resolutions were voted on and asked the Mayor of Pouce Coupe whether a Letter of Support was necessary. Director Veach, Village of Pouce Coupe, clarified that the correspondence was intended for information.

# 8. REPORTS

# 8.1 March 14, 2024 Rural Budgets Administration Committee Recommendation, ADM-BRD-491

RD/24/04/06

MOVED Chair Sperling SECONDED Director Hiebert

That the Regional Board amend the 2024 Financial Plan for Function 315 – Charlie Lake Fire to increase the transfer from Peace River Agreement Reserve in the amount of \$50,000; and increase Capital Expenditures in the amount of \$50,000.

**CARRIED** 

# 8.2 Interprovincial Meeting Update, ADM-BRD-489

RD/24/04/07

MOVED Director Zabinsky SECONDED Director Hansen

That the Regional Board authorize that staff no longer pursue setting up Interprovincial Meetings with Clear Hills County, Saddle Hills County, and the County of Grande Prairie at

### 8.2 Interprovincial Meeting Update, ADM-BRD-489 (Cont'd)

this time; further, that the Board's Strategic Plan be updated in alignment with this resolution.

Directors discussed the importance of the Interprovincial Meetings and acknowledged the difficulties and time staff was spending attempting to coordinate annual meetings without success. The Chief Administrative Officer confirmed that only pursuit of annual Interprovincial Meetings would be paused at this time and Inter-Provincial Collaboration would remain on the Board's Strategic Plan. Invitations that are received from neighbours in the region/east-west corridor sharing common interests could still be accepted.

The Chair called the Question to the Motion.

**CARRIED** 

**OPPOSED: Director Veach** 

RD/24/04/08

MOVED Chair Sperling SECONDED Director Hansen

That the Peace River Regional District take part in the Dawson Creek Fall Fair parade festivities and invitations be sent out to Clear Hills County, Saddle Hills County, and the County of Grande Prairie.

**CARRIED** 

# 8.3 Section 57 Notice on Title - PID 013-138-898, DS-BRD-393

RD/24/04/09

MOVED Director Hiebert SECONDED Director Zabinsky

That the Regional Board authorize the Corporate Officer to place a Notice on Title of the property identified as PID 013-138-898 regarding construction and alterations of structures on the property without building permits and contrary to PRRD Building Bylaw No. 2131, 2014 pursuant to Section 57 of the *Community Charter* and Section 302 of the *Local Government Act*.

Directors discussed the discovery process regarding the lack of a Building Permit on the dwelling placed on the property, and the amount of communication between staff and the property owner. They confirmed the Section 57 would apply to the entire property, not only the building in question, and that once compliance was reached it would be removed. Until the Section 57 was removed, it would provide protection from liability for the Regional District.

The Chair called the Question to the Motion.

**CARRIED** 

OPPOSED: Directors Hiebert, Dober, Kealy and Veach

### 8.4 Temporary Use Permit, No. 24-001, DS-BRD-394

The Corporate Officer read aloud comments received from Lisa Lundrigan and Marty Homister regarding Temporary Use Permit, No. 24-001.

### 8.4 Temporary Use Permit, No. 24-001, DS-BRD-394 (Cont'd)

The Corporate Officer continued to read comments received from Tammy Grantham and Lloyd Lintott regarding Temporary Use Permit No. 24-001 followed by a Letter of Support from Village of Pouce Coupe.

RD/24/04/10

MOVED Director Hiebert SECONDED Director Kealy

That the Board Meeting receive the Item 8.4, regarding Temporary Use Permit No. 24-001, for discussion.

Discussion was held regarding the various permitting, licensing, and liability aspects for this event. Directors confirmed that the property was not within the Agricultural Land Reserve. Staff explained that if the requirements of the Temporary Use Permit and Bylaws were met, the Regional District would not be liable. Director Veach, Village of Pouce Coupe, informed the Board that the coordinators of the event had presented at a recent Village of Pouce Coupe Council meeting and Directors expressed their interest in receiving the presentation and an opportunity to ask them further questions.

RD/24/04/11

MOVED Director Hiebert SECONDED Director Veach

That the Board Meeting defer Agenda Item 8.4 - Temporary Use Permit No. 24-001, DS-BRD-394 to a future Board Meeting to allow an opportunity for the applicant to make a presentation to the Regional Board.

**CARRIED** 

# 8.5 Development Variance Permit Application, PRRD File No. 24-002 DVP, DS-BRD-395 RD/24/04/12

MOVED Chair Sperling SECONDED Director Rose

That the Regional Board respectfully refuse to issue Development Variance Permit No. 24-002 DVP, to increase the maximum permitted aggregate accessory building floor area from  $232 \text{ m}^2$  to  $445.9 \text{ m}^2$  (a difference of  $\pm 213.9 \text{ m}^2$ ) to construct a two-level shop on the subject parcel identified as PID: 027-300-170.

CARRIED

**OPPOSED: Director Quibell** 

Director Taillefer, District of Taylor, left the meeting at 2:33 p.m.

# 8.6 Contract Award – RFP 02-2024 Operations of Potable Water Stations, ENV-BRD-179

RD/24/04/13

MOVED Director Kealy SECONDED Director Hiebert

That the Regional Board award Request for Proposal, RFP 02-2024 "Operations & Maintenance of Five Potable Water Treatment and Bulk Loading Stations" to Aquatech Canadian Water Services Ltd. to provide operation and maintenance services for the Area B water stations for a five-year term commencing October 19, 2024, at a first year annual

# 8.6 Contract Award – RFP 02-2024 Operations of Potable Water Stations, ENV-BRD-179 (Cont'd)

cost of \$501,053.39, excluding taxes, and including a 10% contingency with an annual inflation increase of 3% for each subsequent year for a total contract value of \$2,660,160.49; further, that the Chair and Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to sign the agreement on behalf of the Peace River Regional District.

**CARRIED** 

Clarification was provided that the total cost included all maintenance and contingencies.

### 9. BYLAWS

### 10. NEW BUSINESS

RD/24/04/14

MOVED Director Hiebert SECONDED Director Veach

That the Regional Board approve addition of two New Business items to the April 4, 2024 Board Meeting agenda; namely

10.1 Consideration of adoption of the Recreation and Cultural Facilities and Services Grants-in-Aid Amendment Bylaw No. 2520, 2024 which is time sensitive, requiring adoption prior to April 15, 2024 to allow the changes approved in the amendment bylaw to be effective for the 2024 budget/taxation year; and

10.2 Consideration of adoption of the South Peace Sub Regional Recreation and Cultural Services Amendment Bylaw No. 2521, 2024 which is time sensitive, requiring adoption prior to April 15, 2024 to allow the changes approved in the amendment bylaw to be effective for the 2024 budget/taxation year.

**CARRIED** 

# 10.1 Recreation & Cultural Facilities and Services Grants in Aid Amendment Bylaw No. 2520 RD/24/04/15

MOVED Director Kealy

SECONDED Director Courtoreille

That the Regional Board adopt Recreation and Cultural Facilities and Services Grants-in-Aid Amendment Bylaw No. 2520, 2024.

**CARRIED** 

### 10.2 South Peace Sub Regional Recreation and Cultural Services Amendment Bylaw No. 2521

RD/24/04/16

MOVED Director Hansen SECONDED Director Hiebert

That the Regional Board adopt South Peace Sub Regional Recreation and Cultural Services Amendment Bylaw No. 2521, 2024.

**CARRIED** 

# 10.3 BC Vegetable Marketing Commission Expansion of Regulated Area

RD/24/04/17

MOVED Director Hiebert SECONDED Director Hansen

That the Regional Board approve addition of a New Business item to the April 4, 2024 Board Meeting agenda: namely, discussion regarding the BC Vegetable Marketing Commission.

**CARRIED** 

RD/24/04/18

MOVED Director Hiebert SECONDED Director Kealy

That the Regional Board invite the British Columbia Vegetable Marketing Commission to make a presentation to the Board to explain the expansion of boundaries to north of the 53rd parallel of the Commission's General Orders applied to regulated storage, processing, and greenhouse vegetables.

**CARRIED** 

#### 11. APPOINTMENTS

# 11.1 2024 Board Appointment List

### 12. CONSENT CALENDAR

RD/24/04/19

MOVED Chair Sperling SECONDED Director Hiebert

That the Regional Board receive the April 4, 2024 consent calendar for information.

**CARRIED** 

# 13. STRATEGIC PLAN

The 2023 – 2026 Strategic Plan and April 4, 2024 Quarterly Strategic Plan Updates from staff were provided to the Regional Board for information.

# 14. COMMUNICATIONS UPDATES

Communications updates regarding the North Peace Leisure Facility Replacement Project and the North Peace Regional Park were provided to the Regional Board.

Directors confirmed that the North Peace Leisure Facility Replacement Project workshops related directly with the current survey and the future referendum would include a Yes/No option.

### 15. CHAIR'S REPORT

### 15.1 Chair's Report

Chair Sperling provided updates to the Regional Board regarding recent meetings held with Ministers during the Regional District Chair and Chief Administrative Officer Forum in Victoria, BC. He noted that additional meetings were being coordinated and would be held virtually (via Zoom) with Attorney General, Niki Sharma, and the Minister of Agriculture, Pam Alexis.

#### 16. NOTICE OF MOTION

# 17. MEDIA QUESTIONS

# 18. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

# 19. ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

CERTIFIED a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Regional Board of the Peace River Regional District from a meeting held on April 4, 2024 in the PRRD Board Room, 1981 Alaska Avenue, Dawson Creek, BC.

Brad Sperling, Chair

Tyra Henderson, Corporate Officer