



COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES

**October 5, 2023, 10:00 a.m.
1981 Alaska Avenue, Dawson Creek, 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 Quibell, District of Hudson's Hope (Via Zoom)
Director Sperling, Electoral Area C
Director Taillefer, District of Taylor
Director Woodill, Village of Pouce Coupe
Director Zabinsky, City of Fort St. John

Directors Absent: Director Dober, City of Dawson Creek

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
Ashley Murphey, General Manager of Development Services
Sean Cairns, Protective Services Manager
Daris Gillis, Environmental Services Manager
Hunter Rainwater, Recording Clerk
Carmen Willms, Administrative Clerk

Delegations: **Maugwa Clan Energy**
Stewart Cameron, Founder
Adrienne Lewis, Cultural Safety Lead

STARS
Glenda Farden, Senior Municipal Relations Liaison
Jon Gogan, Provincial Director (Retired) and STARS Pilot

Development Services (PRRD)
Ashley Murphey, General Manager of Development Services
Devon Bacon, Building Inspector
Cody Robert, Building Inspector II



1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

CW/23/10/01

MOVED

Director Krakowka

SECONDED

Director Hansen

That the Committee of the Whole adopt the October 5, 2023, meeting agenda.

1. Call to Order

2. Adoption of Agenda

3. Gallery Comments or Questions

4. Delegations

4.1 Maugwa Clan Energy RE: Discussion Towards a Summary of the Cultural Safety Graphic

4.2 STARS RE: Update on Latest STARS Projects

4.3 Ashley Murphey, General Manager of Development Services (PRRD) RE: Building Bylaw

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 Maugwa Clan Energy RE: Discussion Towards a Summary of the Cultural Safety Graphic
Stewart Cameron, Founder and Adrienne Lewis, Cultural Safety Lead, presented to the Regional Board regarding Cultural Safety. Topics included:

- Tow Row Wampum
- Peace River Regional District - Cultural Safety
- Introduction to Cultural Safety
- Cultural Safety Origin Story
- How Do We Get There?
- "Ways of Being"
- Mutually Beneficial Relationships
- Graphic Visualization Journey
- Cultural Safety Statement for PRRD's Website
- Opportunities for Advancing Cultural Safety
- Cultural Safety 102 – PRRD

A question-and-answer period ensued which included the following:

- How conversations are navigated around creating balanced relationships when people feel like their livelihoods are being damaged. Ms. Lewis explained the importance of truly listening, recognizing, and respecting differences while not focusing on them, identifying issues while putting energy into finding solutions and reaching agreement on them, and establishing relationships prior to making requests.

4.1 Maugwa Clan Energy RE: Discussion Towards a Summary of the Cultural Safety Graphic (Cont'd)

The Directors thanked Stewart Cameron and Adrienne Lewis for their presentation and the work they have been doing and they look forward to continuing to work together on Cultural Safety 102.

The delegation ended their presentation at 10:30 am.

4.2 STARS RE: Update on Latest STARS Projects

Glenda Farnden, Senior Municipal Relations Liaison and Jon Gogan, Provincial Director (Retired) and STARS Pilot, presented to the Regional Board on Updates on the Latest STARS Projects. Topics included:

- Fueled by Generosity
- Stars an Essential Service
- Within PRRD Boundaries - Patients Flown by STARS (2010 - Present)
- Emergency Link Centre (ELC)
- Critical Care Physically Virtually
- Generational Investment H145 Fleet (10)
- ICU Environment / State-Of-The-Art Medical Equipment
- Mandatory Training Simulation Lab
- Simulation in the Field
- Chain of Survival Partners
- International Air Medical Transport Conference (AMTC)
- Gearing Up! AMTC 2023

A question-and-answer period ensued. Topics included:

- Whether or not STARS was planning on having any mock situational training in the North. Mr. Gogan responded that STARS had a specific maintenance schedule that must be followed which dictated when training could be done, however a couple extra training sessions may be offered next summer.
- Whether STARS was working with post-secondary/trades students on aircraft maintenance training. Mr. Gogan responded that as of now STARS was not, however given the significant amount of education and training needed to join this complex industry, STARS was always willing to attend local job fairs and community events to talk to people about what it takes to be accepted into the STARS Program.
- Whether there was any chance that the STARS mandatory training currently held in Texas could be moved north into Canada. Mr. Gogan explained the high cost of the simulators required for STARS training, however believed that there could be opportunity for training to move to Canada as there is a great business case for this.

The Directors thanked Glenda Farnden and Jon Gogan for their presentation and thanked the entire STARS crew for all the work and services offered in the region.

The delegation ended their presentation at 11:03 am.

4.3 Ashley Murphey, GM of Development Services (PRRD) RE: Building Bylaw

Ashley Murphey, General Manager of Development Services, Devon Bacon, Building Inspector (Dawson Creek Office) and Cody Roberts, Building Inspector (Fort St. John Office), presented to the Regional Board on a Building Bylaw Update. Topics included:

- Building Bylaw Update 2023
- Why Do We Need to Update the Building Bylaw?
- Why Do We Need a Building Bylaw?
- Where is the Building Bylaw Applicable?
- Mandatory Building Permit Areas - Area C & South Taylor
- Mandatory Building Permit Areas - Area D: Dawson Creek & Pouce Coupe
- Mandatory Building Permit Areas - Area D: Swan Lake
- Mandatory Building Permit Areas - Area E: Chetwynd & Moberly Lake
- What Are the Proposed Changes?
- What is the Process?

A discussion period ensued, and topics covered included the following:

- The Building Inspector was asked to explain alternate construction methods. He advised that as of May 1, 2023, Step Code 3 was the minimum mandatory and an Energy Adviser was needed both pre and post construction. While the Step Code remained the only building path at the current time, the Building Inspector explained what was involved in bypassing the alternate construction methods.
- Whether municipalities would also be involved in the conversations to ensure that new rules apply equally whether building within municipalities or in the Regional District. The General Manager of Development Services confirmed that the updates required were provincewide. She outlined the planned stakeholder engagement process to include reaching out to municipalities to gather their feedback, however noted that ultimately the updated Building Bylaw applied only within the Regional District.
- Whether the changes proposed would affect Area B. The General Manager of Development Services responded that at this time extensions to mandatory building permit areas were not being proposed. Alignment with Fire Protection may be necessary at a later stage; however, this is not being proposed during the updates unless specifically requested.
- The need for clear communications was discussed. The General Manager of Development Services explained that staff are very cognizant of the importance of engaging with the public early in the process, encouraging open dialogue, educating, and explaining the updates. She explained that anonymous survey opportunities and face to face Open Houses would provide opportunities to discuss and answer Official Community Plan and Zoning questions and allow staff to collect information and ensure transparency throughout the process. While the surveys would be anonymous, emails sent to staff directly would receive a direct response. Staff plan to provide a report to the Board summarizing all the findings.



4.3 Ashley Murphey, GM of Development Services (PRRD) RE: Building Bylaw (Cont'd)

- Whether the lack of an Occupancy Permit could impact first responders attending a property during a fire/emergency. Staff confirmed that firefighters responding to fires face more hazardous outcomes if the health and safety requirements of the Building Code are not met and the updates to the bylaw will effectively save lives.

The delegation ended their presentation at 11:28 am.

5. REPORTS

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

CW/23/10/02

MOVED

Director Sperling

SECONDED

Director Rose

That the Regional Board defer report titled "Peace River Local Government Association Discussion, DR-COW-001" until the October 26, 2023, Regional Board Meeting.

CARRIED

6. MEDIA QUESTIONS

7. ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned at 11:30 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 October 5, 2023, in the PRRD Board Room, 1981 Alaska Avenue, Dawson Creek, BC.

Leonard Hiebert, Chair

Tyra Henderson, Corporate Officer