



PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

REGIONAL BOARD MINUTES

June 20, 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 Rose, Electoral Area E
Director Taillefer, District of Taylor
Director Veach, Village of Pouce Coupe
Director Zabinsky, City of Fort St. John
Alternate Director Beattie, District of Hudson's Hope

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
Kari Barber, Finance Services Manager
Daris Gillis, Environmental Services Manager
Gerritt Lacey, Solid Waste Services Manager
Trevor Ouellette, IT Manager
Annette Andrews, Communications Manager
Ryan Kirkham, Protective Services Manager
Bryna Casey, Community Services Manager
Erin Price, Bylaw Enforcement Officer
Jody Schmidt, Financial Investment Officer
Carmen Willms, Legislative Services Clerk/Recorder

Delegations:

Northern Lights College and Engage Sport North
Jessie Drew, NLC, VP of Community Relations & Institutional Strategy
Lindsey Borek, NLC, Executive Director of NLC Foundation & Alumni Engagement
Leanne Esau, Engage Sport North, Manager of Athletics and Community Engagement, NLC



Delegations (Cont'd)

Ministry of Water, Land and Natural Resources

James Cuell, Area Executive Director, North Area
Roari Richardson, Executive Director, Stakeholder Relations
Shane Ford, Director, Strategic Initiatives (NE Region)
Kelly Cook, Director, Resource Stewardship Operations (NE Region)
Jason Lawson, Section Head, Land Use Planning (NE Region)

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

RD/24/06/01

MOVED Director Krakowka

SECONDED Director Hansen

That the Regional Board adopt the June 20, 2024 Board Meeting Agenda:

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

3. GALLERY COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

4.1 Committee of the Whole Draft Meeting Minutes for May 30, 2024

4.2 Regional Board Draft Meeting Minutes for May 30, 2024

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

6. DELEGATIONS

6.1 Northern Lights College Re: Intercollegiate Rodeo

6.2 Ministry of Water, Land and Natural Resources Re: Ministry and Northeast Overview

7. CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 Memo from District of Chetwynd Re: Food Recycler Rebate Program

7.2 Letter from West Moberly First Nations Re: Letter of Support for TLE Land Parcels

7.3 Letter from Canadian Fiber Optics Re: Request for Letter of Support

8. REPORTS

8.1 Committee of the Whole Recommendations from May 30, 2024, ADM-BRD-506

8.2 Electoral Area Directors Committee Recommendations from June 13, 2024, ADM-BRD-511

8.3 Sponsorship Gifts (SPARK) and Policy, ADM-BRD-507

8.4 Function 300 – UBCM Community Resiliency Investment Program, CS-BRD-328

8.5 Chetwynd Public Library – Surplus Allocation, CS-BRD-329

8.6 Contract 25-2023 Bessborough Landfill Phase 4A Cell Development Cost Increase, ENV-BRD-192

8.7 Kelly Lake Transfer Station Propane Generator Purchase, ENV-BRD-193

8.8 2023 Statement of Financial Information, FN-BRD-288

8.9 BC Hydro Community Measures Agreement, FN-BRD-290

8.10 Asset Disposal Policy No. 0340-82, FN-BRD-286

8.11 Request for Housing Needs Assessment Methodology, DS-BRD-409

8.12 Non-Farm Use within the ALR, PRRD File No. 24-004 ALR NFU, ALC ID 100668, DS-BRD-410

8.13 Subdivision within the ALR, PRRD File No. 24-002, ALC ID 100167, DS-BRD-411

9. BYLAWS

9.1 Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2547, 2024, PRRD File No. 24-002, DS-BRD-413

9.2 Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2548, 2024, PRRD File No. 24-003 ZN, DS-BRD-408

9.3 OCP & Zoning Amendment Bylaws No. 2544 and 2545, 2024, PRRD File No. 24-001 OCPZN, ADM-BRD-510

9.4 Building Bylaw Amendment Bylaw No. 2551, 2024, DS-BRD-412

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- 9.5 Bylaw Notice Enforcement Amendment Bylaw No. 2550, 2024, DS-BRD-407
- 9.6 Security Issuing (District of Taylor Parcel Z Subdivision) Bylaw No. 2552, 2024, FN-BRD-291
- 10. NEW BUSINESS**
- 11. APPOINTMENTS**
- 11.1 Board Appointment List
- 12. CONSENT CALENDAR**
- 12.1 Electoral Area Directors Committee Draft Meeting Minutes from June 13, 2024
- 12.2 Rural Budgets Administration Committee Draft Meeting Minutes from June 13, 2024
- 12.3 Chetwynd Public Library Regular Board Meeting Minutes from April 9, 2024
- 12.4 Wildland Skid Unit Donation – Moberly Lake Fire Department, CS-BRD-331
- 12.5 BC Hydro Grant-in-Lieu for Generating Facilities, FN-BRD-289
- 12.6 BC Hydro Call for Power
- 12.7 Letter from Union of BC Municipalities Re: Final Payment for 2023 FireSmart Campaign
- 12.8 Letter from BC Energy Regulators Re: Notification of Proposed BCER Orphan Site Restoration Fund 2024-2025 Work
- 12.9 Letter from City of Campbell River to Minister Bruce Ralston Re: State of Forestry in BC
- 12.10 Letter from Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy Re: Carbon Capture and Sequestration Protocol
- 13. STRATEGIC PLAN**
- 13.1 2023 - 2026 Strategic Plan
- 14. COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE**
- 15. CHAIR'S REPORT**
- 15.1 Chair's Report
- 16. NOTICE OF MOTION**
- 17. MEDIA QUESTIONS**
- 18. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION**
- 18.1 Notice of Closed Board Session – June 20, 2024, ADM-BRD-509
- 19. ADJOURNMENT**

CARRIED

3. GALLERY COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

4.1 Committee of the Whole Draft Meeting Minutes for May 30, 2024

RD/24/06/02

MOVED Director Krakowka

SECONDED Director Hiebert

That the Regional Board adopt the Committee of the Whole Meeting minutes of May 30, 2024.

CARRIED

4.2 Regional Board Draft Meeting Minutes for May 30, 2024

RD/24/06/03

MOVED Director Taillefer

SECONDED Director Krakowka

That the Regional Board adopt the Board Meeting minutes of May 30, 2024.

CARRIED

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

RD/24/06/04

MOVED Chair Sperling

SECONDED Director Hiebert

That the Regional Board authorize that the July 4, 2024 Special Meeting be held offsite if necessary.

CARRIED

Staff explained that in accordance with the PRRD Board Procedure Bylaw, a motion was required to allow a Regional Board meeting to be held offsite. Given the number of attendees anticipated for the July 4, 2024 Special meeting approved as by the Board on May 30, 2024, an alternative venue to the PRRD Head Office may be required for the additional meeting.

6. DELEGATIONS

6.1 Northern Lights College Re: Intercollegiate Rodeo

Jessie Drew, VP of Community Relations & Institutional Strategy, Lindsey Borek, Executive Director of Northern lights College Foundation and Alumni Engagement from Northern Lights College, and Leanne Esau, Manager of Athletics and Community Engagement, Northern Lights College, from Engage Sport North gave a presentation to the Regional Board titled '2023 Rodeo Highlights' which included the following:

- Highlights from the 2023 Intercollegiate Rodeo Season, including the Intercollegiate Rodeo held by the Northern Lights College (NLC) in the fall of 2023.
- NLC Rodeo Team through the years (2018 – Today).
- 2024 Varsity Team Champions.
- Graduated 6 athletes out of the program.
- Athletes who won at the 2024 Canadian College Rodeo Finals.
- Planning for the Fall Rodeo in September.

A discussion period ensued and included:

- The success of the program, and encouragement to consider possible future agriculture programs as a result.
- The 2024 Rodeo will take place on September 28 and 29, 2024.
- Appreciation for the enthusiasm of the presenters, and for the competitive spirit of the rodeo team.
- Methods of recruitment for the rodeo program. Ms. Esau explained that they attend the BC High School Rodeo Finals and the Canadian High School Rodeo Finals to promote the NLC Rodeo Program. She spoke of how the high caliber of the NLC Rodeo Team was a draw for students, and that being able to attend a Canadian college rather than go to the United States was attractive. Ms. Borek explained that another incentive for potential students was the programming diversity.
- Whether the stakeholders received a return on their investment in this program. The presenters explained that because of the program, they were now accepting paying students who may not have chosen a post-secondary education, or who may have chosen other schools due to the lack of the program.
- Whether students in the program were able to bring their horses with them, and where they are boarded. Ms. Esau explained that some are able to, especially those in the horse specific events. Horses can board at the Mile Zero Farm or the Lakota Agriplex.

Director Dober, City of Dawson Creek, joined the meeting at 10:27 a.m.

6.2 Ministry of Water, Land and Natural Resources Re: Ministry and Northeast Overview

James Cuell, Area Executive Director, North Area; Roari Richardson, Executive Director, Stakeholder Relations; Shane Ford, Director, Strategic Initiatives (NE Region); Kelly Cook, Director, Resource Stewardship Operations (NE Region); and Jason Lawson, Section Head, Land Use Planning (NE Region) from the WLRS gave a presentation to the Regional Board titled 'Ministry and Northeast Overview' which included the following:

- Quick overview of the Ministry
- Land Use Planning and Cumulative Effects (LUPCE) Division
- Northeast Region Priorities
 - Planning Within/Overlapping the Northeast Region
- Gundy Plan
- Cumulative Effects Legal Order
 - Regional Management Committees
 - External Engagement
- Northeast Region Contacts
- Who Does What?
 - Kelly Cook, Director, Resource Stewardship Operations (NE Region)
 - Shane Ford, Director, Strategic Initiatives (NE Region)
 - Heather Onsong, Director, North Area Wildlife Strategy

A discussion period ensued and included:

- Whether the Ministry of Water, Land and Land Stewardship (WLRS) or BC Energy Regulator (BCER) had jurisdiction over the Gundy Plan, and if they would consider presenting to the Regional Board regarding the Gundy Plan. The presenters explained that WLRS corporately leads and supports implementation of the Blueberry agreement. The lead for the development of the Gundy Plan was through the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation (EMLI), specifically the petroleum and natural gas division, and the implementation through BCER. They would be committed to coming back before the Board with a presentation regarding the Gundy Plan, and the invitation should also include representatives of EMLI and BCER.
- While the presentation spoke of engagement, there had been no consultation on recent announcements such as the expansion of the Klinse-za/Twin Sisters Park and Protected Area. Directors also spoke of the lack of discussion regarding the cumulative impact on rural people who live and work in the area. The presenters thanked the Directors for their feedback and agreed that building trust was necessary, and that the criticism was well earned.
- Concerns that Directors were not given advance notice of the Klinse-Za/Twin Sisters announcement, nor provided with any information for answering questions from the public, despite being quoted as stakeholders. They also noted that First Nations communities were often left to deal with the difficult situation of being assigned responsibility for WLRS announcements and having to answer questions about projects where they had no agency or authority.

6.2 Ministry of Water, Land and Natural Resources Re: Ministry and Northeast Overview (Cont'd)

- A request for more public consultation to alleviate the burden assigned to First Nations communities after announcements of new initiatives, and to answer concerns posed by the public.
- Confirmation that the Gundy Plan was named after the oil field area.
- That communication was necessary before announcements were made, and that the lack of information had caused disruptive ripple effects in the industry and resource sectors.
- Concern at being expected to answer questions from constituents regarding new proposals with no information forthcoming from WLRS to support them, resulting in a greater divide between the public and government.
- When the Ministry began work creating the new park. The presenters explained that the park would have been part of the partnership agreement signed between Canada, British Columbia, Sauleau First Nations, and West Moberly First Nations and the engagement would have taken place at that time. They also noted the feedback from the Directors regarding engagement and communication, and the importance of relaying those concerns to their colleagues in administration.
- Directors mentioned being part of the discussions during the partnership agreement, and that protected areas were talked about but not a large park. They also spoke about the confusion and dissent in the Regional District communities.
- Whether there was current data in regard to drought and water levels in the Regional District. The presenters answered that at the beginning of June, there was a Level 5 drought in both the Fort St. John and Dawson Creek areas with the broader area in a Level 4 drought.
- Directors noted that more fulsome information would enable the Board to stand with the First Nations communities rather than isolate them.
- A request to the delegation to be mindful of crown tenure holders and those whose livelihoods depend on access to those resources when working through agreements.

The Chair thanked the delegation for their presentation and asked them to arrange a time with staff to return with a presentation regarding the Gundy Plan and the Klinse-za/Twin Sisters Park to explain how the initiatives are proceeding forward.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 Memo from District of Chetwynd Re: Food Recycler Rebate Program

RD/24/06/05

MOVED

Chair Sperling

SECONDED

Director Krakowka

That the Regional Board refer the Memo from the District of Chetwynd regarding Food Recycler Rebate Program to the Electoral Area Directors Committee.

CARRIED

Directors discussed whether this initiative was relevant for only the rural Electoral Areas or the municipalities as well. They concluded that municipalities were responsible for acquiring the Food Recycler Rebate Program outside of the Regional District Board, but



7.1 Memo from District of Chetwynd Re: Food Recycler Rebate Program (Cont'd)
that Electoral Areas would need to discuss it as there was currently no function for the Program. Municipal Directors who had experience with the Program were complimentary.

7.2 Letter from West Moberly First Nations Re: Letter of Support for TLE Land Parcels
RD/24/06/06

MOVED Director Rose
SECONDED Director Hiebert

That the Regional Board receive the Letter from West Moberly First Nations for discussion.
CARRIED

Directors reaffirmed their support for the Treaty Land Entitlement process.

RD/24/06/07

MOVED Director Rose
SECONDED Director Krakowka

That the Regional Board support the transfer of TLE settlement lands by the Province of BC to the Government of Canada, owed under Treaty to West Moberly First Nations, to be established as reserve through the Addition to Reserve Process, for the benefit of West Moberly.
CARRIED

7.3 Letter from Canadian Fiber Optics Re: Request for Letter of Support

RD/24/06/08

MOVED Director Kealy
SECONDED Director Rose

That the Regional Board receive the Letter from Canadian Fiber Optics regarding a request for a letter of support for discussion.
CARRIED

Directors discussed whether Canadian Fiber Optics should come as a delegation prior to the Board issuing a letter of support regarding this grant application. Conversation centred on other letters of support issued by the Board for grant applications by various companies that have not required a presentation. Directors confirmed that the request was provided to staff by the company after it had presented before the June 10, 2024 Leaders Table Meeting organized by Scion Strategies.

RD/24/06/09

MOVED Director Hiebert
SECONDED Director Veach

That the Regional Board provide a letter of support for the Canadian Fiber Optics regarding their grant application to Connected Communities for Project Borealis.
CARRIED

8. REPORTS

8.1 Committee of the Whole Recommendations from May 30, 2024, ADM-BRD-506

RD/24/06/10

MOVED Chair Sperling
SECONDED Director Zabinsky



- 8.1 Committee of the Whole Recommendations from May 30, 2024, ADM-BRD-506 (Cont'd)**
That the Regional Board refer 'Health Care Scholarship Committee Review, ADM-COW-009' to the July 17, 2024 Health Care Scholarship Committee Meeting.

CARRIED

Director Rose, Electoral Area E, left the meeting at 11:33 a.m.

- 8.2 Electoral Area Directors Committee Recommendations from June 13, 2024, ADM-BRD-511**

RD/24/06/11

MOVED Director Kealy

SECONDED Director Hiebert

That the Regional Board refer the NorthwesTel Residential Fiber Deployment Project in Peace River District Letter of Support request to the July 17, 2024 Broadband Internet and Mobility Committee meeting for further review and consideration; further, that the Regional Board invite NorthwesTel to present the proposed NorthwesTel last mile project at the July 17, 2024 Broadband Internet and Mobility Committee meeting.

CARRIED

RD/24/06/12

MOVED Chair Sperling

SECONDED Director Hiebert

That the Regional Board authorize staff to bring back options for relocation and/or disposal of the Don Nearhood Museum Collection to the July 18, 2024 Regional Board meeting for decision.

CARRIED

Director Rose, Electoral Area E joined the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

- 8.3 Sponsorship Gifts (SPARK) and Policy, ADM-BRD-507**

Director Hansen explained that as she was on the Board of the Spark Women's Leadership, this placed her in a position of conflict of interest. Director Hansen, City of Fort St. John, left the meeting at 11:36 a.m. for the duration of Agenda Item 8.3 - Sponsorship Gifts (SPARK) and Policy, ADM-BRD-507.

RD/24/06/13

MOVED Director Hiebert

SECONDED Director Courtoreille

That the Regional Board authorize use of the two complimentary registrations to the 2024 Spark Women's Leadership Conference by Regional District staff whose annual workplan included the event as a desired training opportunity, selected by lot if more than two staff have identified the event in their workplans; further, that any unallocated registrations be returned to the Society for their distribution to attendees requiring financial support to enable attendance through the Angel Program.

CARRIED

Director Hansen, City of Fort St. John joined the meeting at 11:37 a.m.

Director Dober, City of Dawson Creek left the meeting at 11:37 a.m.



8.4 Function 300 – UBCM Community Resiliency Investment Program, CS-BRD-328

RD/24/06/14

MOVED Director Hiebert

SECONDED Director Zabinsky

That the Regional Board amend the 2024 Financial Plan for Function 300 – Emergency Services to:

- Increase Grant Revenue - \$400,000; and
- Increase General Expenditures – Contract for Services - \$400,000.

CARRIED

Director Dober, City of Dawson Creek joined the meeting at 11:38 a.m.

Director Kealy, Electoral Area B left the meeting at 11:38 a.m.

8.5 Chetwynd Public Library – Surplus Allocation, CS-BRD-329

RD/24/06/15

MOVED Director Rose

SECONDED Director Courtoreille

That the Regional Board authorize that the Chetwynd Public Library Association be authorized to contribute \$100,000 from prior year surplus to a minor capital reserve held by the Chetwynd Public Library Association, for the purpose of furniture and equipment acquisition for the Chetwynd Public Library; further, that the Chetwynd Public Library Association obtain approval from the Regional Board prior to making any purchases funded from the reserve.

CARRIED

Director Kealy, Electoral Area B joined the meeting at 11:39 a.m.

RD/24/06/16

MOVED Director Courtoreille

SECONDED Director Rose

That the Regional Board authorize that the Chetwynd Public Library Association be authorized to contribute \$24,056 from prior year surplus to an operating reserve fund, to be held by the Chetwynd Public Library Association, for future operating expenses.

CARRIED

8.6 Contract 25-2023 Bessborough Landfill Phase 4A Cell Development Cost Increase, ENV-BRD-192

RD/24/06/17

MOVED Director Veach

SECONDED Director Zabinsky

That the Regional Board authorize a \$50,000 increase in the total contract value for Tetra Tech Canada Inc., RFP 25-2023 “Bessborough Landfill Phase 4A Cell Development”, from \$162,488.90 to \$212,488.90 (excluding taxes), to allow for additional contract administration and construction quality assurance services required during the construction of the Phase 4A landfill cell by KBL; further that the Chair and Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to sign the contract amendment on behalf of the Peace River Regional District.

CARRIED



8.7 Kelly Lake Transfer Station Propane Generator Purchase, ENV-BRD-193

RD/24/06/18

MOVED Director Hiebert

SECONDED Director Zabinsky

That the Regional Board amend the 2024 Financial Plan for Function 500 – Regional Solid Waste to:

- increase transfer from Capital Reserve - \$75,000; and
- increase Capital Expenses - \$75,000

to allow for the purchase and installation of a propane generator to be installed at the Kelly Lake Transfer Station in 2024. **CARRIED**

Directors asked staff when the propane generator would be installed. Staff replied that the estimate was five to six weeks.

Director Veach, Village of Pouce Coupe left the meeting at 11:44 a.m.

8.8 2023 Statement of Financial Information, FN-BRD-288

RD/24/06/19

MOVED Director Hiebert

SECONDED Director Courtoreille

That the Regional Board receive the Statement of Financial Information package for the year ended 2023; further, that the Chair and Chief Financial Officer be authorized to sign the Statements of Financial Information as presented. **CARRIED**

Directors asked staff for the highlights or lowlights from in the 2023 Statement of Financial Information (SOFI). Staff explained that the SOFI information presented was a legislated annual requirement before the deadline of June 30. Staff confirmed it included payments to all suppliers and any severance agreements entered into for exempt employees, and that it was available on the PRRD website.

8.9 BC Hydro Community Measures Agreement, FN-BRD-290

RD/24/06/20

MOVED Director Courtoreille

SECONDED Director Hiebert

That the Regional Board allocate \$277,156 of the total \$1,452,156 received from BC Hydro for the Site C Clean Energy Project Community Agreement for the change in land use payment to Function 120 – Legislative Electoral Areas to fund Electoral Area C projects. **CARRIED**

RD/24/06/21

MOVED Director Courtoreille

SECONDED Director Kealy

That the Regional Board allocate \$50,000 of the total \$1,452,156 received from BC Hydro for the Site C Clean Energy Project Community Agreement for Fire/Emergency Services to Function 120 – Legislative Electoral Areas to fund Electoral Area C projects. **CARRIED**



8.9 BC Hydro Community Measures Agreement, FN-BRD-290 (Cont'd)

Director Taillefer, District of Taylor left the meeting at 11:47 a.m.

RD/24/06/22

MOVED Director Courtoreille

SECONDED Director Hansen

That the Regional Board allocate \$75,000 of the total \$1,452,156 received from BC Hydro for the Site C Clean Energy Project Community Agreement for Emergency Preparedness to Function 300 – Emergency Planning to fund Electoral Area C projects.

CARRIED

Director Veach, Village of Pouce Coupe joined the meeting at 11:48 a.m.

RD/24/06/23

MOVED Director Courtoreille

SECONDED Director Zabinsky

That the Regional Board allocate \$700,000 of the total \$1,452,156 received from BC Hydro for the Site C Clean Energy Project Community Agreement for Regional Community Liaison Committee and Project Engagement to Function 100 – Administration.

CARRIED

RD/24/06/24

MOVED Director Courtoreille

SECONDED Director Hiebert

That the Regional Board allocate \$250,000 of the total \$1,452,156 received from BC Hydro for the Site C Clean Energy Project Community Agreement for Old Fort Community Amenity to Function 120 – Legislative Electoral Areas to fund Electoral Area C projects.

CARRIED

RD/24/06/25

MOVED Director Courtoreille

SECONDED Director Zabinsky

That the Regional Board allocate \$50,000 of the total \$1,452,156 received from BC Hydro for the Site C Clean Energy Project Community Agreement for Old Fort Emergency Preparedness and Resiliency Measures to Function 120 – Legislative Electoral Areas to fund Electoral Area C projects.

CARRIED

Director Taillefer, District of Taylor joined the meeting at 11:51 a.m.

RD/24/06/26

MOVED Director Courtoreille

SECONDED Director Zabinsky

That the Regional Board allocate \$50,000 of the total \$1,452,156 received from BC Hydro for the Site C Clean Energy Project Community Agreement for 85th Avenue Lands/Community Planning to Function 120 – Legislative Electoral Areas Electoral Area C.

CARRIED

8.9 BC Hydro Community Measures Agreement, FN-BRD-290 (Cont'd)

RD/24/06/27

MOVED Director Courtoreille

SECONDED Director Zabinsky

That the Regional Board create an operating reserve in Function 120 – Legislative Electoral Areas named 'Area C Community Measures Operating Reserve' for the purpose of funding Area C projects.

CARRIED

Directors confirmed that funds for the Operating Reserves were as per the previous recommendations in the BC Hydro Community Measures Agreement Report.

RD/24/06/28

MOVED Director Courtoreille

SECONDED Director Zabinsky

That the Regional Board create an operating reserve in Function 300 – Emergency Planning named 'Area C Community Measures Operating Reserve' for the purpose of funding Area C projects.

CARRIED

RD/24/06/29

MOVED Director Courtoreille

SECONDED Director Kealy

That the Regional Board amend the 2024 Financial Plan for Function 120 – Legislative Electoral Areas for Area C funding received from BC Hydro for the Site C Clean Energy Project Community Agreement to:

- Increase Recovery of Costs – Community Measures - \$677,156.
- Increase transfer to Electoral Area C Community Measures Operating Reserve - \$677,156.

CARRIED

RD/24/06/30

MOVED Director Courtoreille

SECONDED Director Zabinsky

That the Regional Board amend the 2024 Financial Plan for Function 300 – Emergency Planning for Area C funding received from BC Hydro for the Site C Clean Energy Project Community Agreement to:

- Increase Recovery of Costs – Community Measures - \$75,000.
- Increase transfer to Electoral Area C Community Measures Operating Reserve - \$75,000

CARRIED

8.10 Asset Disposal Policy No. 0340-82, FN-BRD-286

RD/24/06/31

MOVED Director Zabinsky

SECONDED Director Hansen

That the Regional Board adopt the new "Asset Disposal Policy No. 0340-82" which is established to maximize the life cycle of the Peace River Regional District's assets prior to

8.10 Asset Disposal Policy No. 0340-82, FN-BRD-286 (Cont'd)

considering their final disposal to determine the best value for asset disposal and to also establish authorization controls for asset disposal.

CARRIED

Directors requested clarification on how asset life was determined. Staff explained that every asset has a different useful life that is determined by the initial cost of the asset, operating and maintenance costs, and replacement value. Examples provided were landfills and fleet vehicles.

8.11 Request for Housing Needs Assessment Methodology, DS-BRD-409

RD/24/06/32

MOVED

Director Veach

SECONDED

Director Krakowka

That the Regional Board send a letter to the Honourable Ravi Khalon, Minister of Housing, requesting that the Ministry of Housing provide the Housing Needs Report methodology which is required in order for local governments to complete the required Interim Housing Needs Report by the legislated deadline of January 1, 2025, or extend the deadline for completion accordingly.

Staff advised the Regional Board that the Regional District received a Special Bulletin on June 19, 2024 confirming that the Housing Needs Report Regulation, BC Reg. 90/2019 had been updated with the method for calculating the housing needed and that guidance and resourcing for housing reports has been provided on the BC Government website. Subsequently the proposed resolution to send a letter to the Minister of Housing was no longer required.

The Chair called the Question to the Motion.

CARRIED

The Chair recessed the meeting for luncheon at 12:00 p.m.

The Chair reconvened the meeting at 12:58 p.m.

8.12 Non-Farm Use within the ALR, PRRD File No. 24-004 ALR NFU, ALC ID 100668, DS-BRD-410

RD/24/06/33

MOVED

Director Hiebert

SECONDED

Director Hansen

That the Regional Board support Agricultural Land Reserve Non-Farm Use Application No. 24-004 ALR NFU, to bring the existing sewer treatment lagoons into compliance with the *Agricultural Land Commission Act* and Regulations, on a ±6.74 ha portion of the property identified as PID: 007-389-990 and authorize the application to proceed to the Agricultural Land Commission.

CARRIED



8.13 Subdivision within the ALR, PRRD File No. 24-002, ALC ID 100167, DS-BRD-411

RD/24/06/34

MOVED Director Kealy

SECONDED Director Zabinsky

That the Regional Board respectfully refuse to authorize Agricultural Land Reserve Subdivision Application No. 24-002 ALR SUB (ALC ID 100167), to subdivide the ±43.03 ha property identified as PID 031-080-448 into two lots, a ±1.8 ha Proposed Lot and a ±41.23 ha Remainder Lot, to proceed to the Agricultural Land Commission, as the proposal is not consistent with the Official Community Plan or Zoning bylaws.

CARRIED

OPPOSED: Directors Dober and Taillefer

9. BYLAWS

9.1 Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2547, 2024, PRRD File No. 24-002 ZN, DS-BRD-413

RD/24/06/35

MOVED Director Kealy

SECONDED Director Zabinsky

That the Regional Board give Peace River Regional District Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2547, 2024 to amend the designation of the subject property identified as PID 030-945-461 from A-2 Zone (Large Agricultural Holdings Zone) to C-F (Communal Farm Zone) third reading.

CARRIED

RD/24/06/36

MOVED Director Kealy

SECONDED Director Zabinsky

That the Regional Board withhold adoption of Peace River Regional District Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2547, 2024 until PRRD File No. 22-009 ALR NFU, ALC ID 62326 has received Agricultural Land Commission approval.

CARRIED

Directors clarified that a church and school on the property were not in compliance, but an application is before the Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) and once approval for the application is received, the Regional District can proceed with adoption of the bylaw.

9.2 Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2548, 2024, PRRD File No. 24-003 ZN, DS-BRD-408

RD/24/06/37

MOVED Chair Sperling

SECONDED Director Krakowka

That the Regional Board give Peace River Regional District Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2548, 2024 to rezone the property identified as PID 012-806-391 from Residential 3 Zone (R-3) to Light Industrial Zone (I-1) third reading.

CARRIED

RD/24/06/38

MOVED Chair Sperling

SECONDED Director Krakowka

That the Regional Board adopt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2548, 2024.

CARRIED

9.3 OCP & Zoning Amendment Bylaws No. 2544 and 2545, 2024, PRRD File No. 24-001 OCPZN, ADM-BRD-510

RD/24/05/37 (30)

MOVED Alternate Director Wisekal

SECONDED Director Zabinsky

That the Regional Board respectfully refuse third reading of South Peace Fringe Area Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 2544, 2024 to amend the designation of a ±8 ha portion of the property identified as PID 011-652-403 from Ag (Agriculture) to LDR (Low Density Residential); further,

That the Regional Board respectfully refuse third reading of Peace River Regional District Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2545, 2024 to rezone the same ±8 ha portion of the property from A-2 (Large Agricultural Holdings Zone) to R-6 (Residential 6 Zone), as the proposal is not consistent with the Official Community Plan or Zoning Bylaws; and finally, That OCP and Zoning Amendment Bylaw Nos. 2544 & 2545, 2024 be marked abandoned.

Staff informed Directors that new information regarding Agenda Item 9.3 would rescind the second reading and a new Public Hearing would need to be planned. Directors assured staff there was no new information. Directors discussed whether the property in question was within the Agricultural Land Reserve; staff explained that a small portion of the property in the northeastern corner was and would be encompassed by the applicant's proposed subdivision. Directors spoke of the public comments of the neighbours against the subdivision.

The Chair called the Question to the Deferred Motion.

CARRIED

OPPOSED: Directors Hiebert, Kealy, Beattie, and Rose

9.4 Building Bylaw Amendment Bylaw No. 2551, 2024, DS-BRD-412

RD/24/06/39

MOVED Chair Sperling

SECONDED Director Krakowka

That the Regional Board give Building Bylaw Amendment Bylaw No. 2551, 2024, first three readings.

CARRIED

RD/24/06/40

MOVED Chair Sperling

SECONDED Director Courtoreille

That the Regional Board adopt Building Bylaw Amendment Bylaw No. 2551, 2024.

CARRIED

9.5 Bylaw Notice Enforcement Amendment Bylaw No. 2550, 2024, DS-BRD-407

RD/24/06/41

MOVED Director Zabinsky

SECONDED Director Krakowka

That the Regional Board give Bylaw Notice Enforcement Amendment Bylaw No. 2550, 2024 1st, 2nd and 3rd readings.



9.5 Bylaw Notice Enforcement Amendment Bylaw No. 2550, 2024, DS-BRD-407 (Cont'd)

Directors questioned whether Bylaw Officers were required to call ahead of time to enter onto a property. Staff clarified that Bylaw Officers have the ability and authority to inspect properties at all reasonable hours, and that advanced requests to enter were not generally given unless it would be inappropriate for inspection purposes. Directors questioned whether trespass laws apply, and staff explained that in this case they did not.

The Chair called the Question to the Motion.

CARRIED
OPPOSED: Director Kealy

RD/24/06/42

MOVED Director Zabinsky
SECONDED Director Veach

That the Regional Board adopt Bylaw Notice Enforcement Amendment Bylaw No. 2550, 2024.

CARRIED
OPPOSED: Director Kealy

9.6 Security Issuing (District of Taylor Parcel Z Subdivision) Bylaw No. 2552, 2024, FN-BRD-291

RD/24/06/43

MOVED Director Taillefer
SECONDED Director Rose

That the Regional Board give Security Issuing (District of Taylor Parcel Z Subdivision) Bylaw No. 2552, 2024, which authorizes the Regional District to borrow \$3,544,319 on behalf of the District of Taylor, first three readings.

CARRIED

RD/24/06/44

MOVED Director Taillefer
SECONDED Director Zabinsky

That the Regional Board adopt Security Issuing (District of Taylor Parcel Z Subdivision) Bylaw No. 2552, 2024.

CARRIED

10. NEW BUSINESS

RD/24/06/45

MOVED Chair Sperling
SECONDED Director Krakowka

That the Regional Board approve addition of a New Business item regarding the Rural Community Immigration Pilot and the Northern Medical Program Trust.

CARRIED

Director Veach, Village of Pouce Coupe left the meeting at 1:25 p.m.

10.1 Community Futures Peace Liard Re: Letter of Support for Rural Community Immigration Pilot Program

RD/24/06/46

MOVED Chair Sperling
SECONDED Director Krakowka

That the Regional Board provide a letter of support for the application by Community Futures Peace Liard to Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada for the Peace Liard Region of NE BC to host the Rural Community Immigration Pilot Project.

Discussion ensued as to whether there was enough information to provide a letter of support for the Rural Community Immigration Pilot Project application. Directors noted that the Project aimed to attract and retain skilled immigrant workers to the area. They also mentioned that the Northern Lights College applied for this Project approximately five years ago but were rejected because of the large size of the area.

The Chair called the Question to the Motion.

CARRIED
OPPOSED: Director Rose

10.2 Northern Medical Program Trust Annual General Meeting Attendance

RD/24/06/47

MOVED Chair Sperling
SECONDED Director Krakowka

That the Regional Board request that the Northern Medical Program Trust provide a virtual option for participation in the Annual General Meeting (AGM) to give members the opportunity to attend and vote electronically.

CARRIED

10.3 2024 North Central Local Government Association Updates

RD/24/06/48

MOVED Director Hiebert
SECONDED Director Krakowka

That the Regional Board approve addition of a New Business item regarding the North Central Local Government Association.

CARRIED

Director Hiebert updated the Board regarding the activities of the North Central Local Government Association (NCLGA). He noted the upcoming Mental Health and Addictions Symposium in November 2024, and the return of the NCLGA Quarterly Newsletter. He mentioned the Indigenous Relations Committee that was formed last year, and that Director Zabinsky was currently a Co-Chair. He reported that the 2025 Annual General Meeting (AGM) would take place in Prince Rupert. He reminded the Directors of the networking opportunity being the NCLGA luncheon at the upcoming Union of BC Municipalities Conference in September. Director Zabinsky added that fees due to NCLGA by member municipalities would decrease this year due to the Peace River Regional District membership.



10.4 Local Newspaper

RD/24/06/49

MOVED Director Kealy

SECONDED Director Krakowka

That the Regional Board approve addition of a New Business item regarding local newspapers.

CARRIED

Director Kealy informed the Regional Board of the return of the Alaska Highway News in Dawson Creek and Fort St. John, which will be distributed once a week. Director Courtoreille mentioned that the Coffee Talk newsletter in Chetwynd printed their last issue a week ago.

11. APPOINTMENTS

11.1 Board Appointment List

12. CONSENT CALENDAR

RD/24/06/50

MOVED Director Hiebert

SECONDED Director Dober

That the Regional Board receive the June 20, 2024 Consent Calendar.

CARRIED

13. STRATEGIC PLAN

13.1 2023 - 2026 Strategic Plan

The 2023-2026 Strategic Plan was included for the Regional Board's information. The next update will be provided at the July 18, 2024 Regional Board meeting.

14. COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

15. CHAIR'S REPORT

15.1 Chair's Report

The Chair updated Directors regarding his recent activities between May 22 and June 7, 2024.

16. NOTICE OF MOTION

17. MEDIA QUESTIONS

18. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

18.1 Notice of Closed Board Session – June 20, 2024, ADM-BRD-509

RD/24/06/51

MOVED Chair Sperling

SECONDED Director Hiebert

That the Regional Board recess to a Closed Meeting at 1:37 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the following items:



18.1 Notice of Closed Board Session – June 20, 2024, ADM-BRD-509 (Cont’d)

| Agenda Item | Description | Authority |
|----------------|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 3.1, 3.2 & 6.1 | Minutes | CC Section 97(1)(b) Closed Minutes (including Items for Release), Access to Records. |
| 5.1 | Bylaw Update | CC 90(1)(g) Potential Litigation. |
| 7.1 | North Peace Leisure Facility Replacement Project | CC 90(1)(e) Acquisition of Property; CC Section 90(1)(k) Negotiations. |

CARRIED

19. RECONVENE AND ADJOURN

The Chair reconvened the open meeting to the public and adjourned the meeting at 2:09 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 June 20, 2024 in the PRRD Board Room, 1981 Alaska Avenue, Dawson Creek, BC.

Brad Sperling, Chair

Tyra Henderson, Corporate Officer