

PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

ELECTORAL AREA DIRECTORS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Thursday, August 20, 2020

PLACE: Regional District Office Boardroom, Dawson Creek, BC

PRESENT: **Directors**

Director Goodings, Meeting Chair

Director Sperling Director Hiebert Director Rose

Staff

Shawn Dahlen, Chief Administrative Officer Crystal Brown, Electoral Area Manager Kelsey Bates, Deputy Corporate Officer

Kari Bondaroff, Environmental Services Manager

Paulo Eichelberger, General Manager of Environmental Services

Trish Morgan, General Manager of Community Services

Teri Vetter, Chief Financial Officer Trevor Ouellette, IT Manager

Hunter Rainwater, Recording Secretary

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

Recess The Chair recessed the meeting to a Closed Session at 10:00 a.m.

Reconvene The Chair reconvened the Open meeting at 1:00 p.m.

DIRECTORS NOTICE OF NEW BUSINESS:

Director Goodings Permissive Tax Exemptions

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

MOVED by Director Rose, SECONDED by Director Hiebert,

That the Electoral Area Directors Committee agenda for the August 20, 2020 meeting, including Director's new business, be adopted as amended:

1. Call to Order

1.1. Director Goodings to Chair the meeting

- 2. Directors' Notice of New Business
- 3. Adoption of Agenda
- 4. Gallery Comments or Questions

Adoption of agenda continued

5. **Adoption of Minutes**

- 5.1. Electoral Area Directors Committee Draft Meeting Minutes of June 18, 2020 5.2. Special Electoral Area Directors Committee Draft Meeting Minutes of August 7, 2020
- 6. **Business Arising from the Minutes**
- 7. **Delegations**
- 8. Correspondence
 - 8.1. North Pine Farmers Institute
- 9. Reports
 - 9.1. The Future of B.C.'s Food System, ADM-COW-002
 - 9.2. Regional District Service Establishment Process
 - 9.3. Transferring Community Recreation Facilities, CS-COW-001
 - 9.4. Electoral Area Directors Project Planning for 2021 2022
 - 9.5. Notice of Closed EADC Session August 20, 2020
- 10. Discussion Item(s)
 - 10.1. Memberships UBCM and NCLGA
- 11. **New Business**
 - 11.1 Permissive Tax Exemption
- **12.** Diary
 - 12.1. August EADC Diary
- **13**. Item(s) for Information
- 14. Adjournment

CARRIED

GALLERY COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS: None.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Sperling, 5.1

June 18, 2020 - EADC

Minutes

That the Electoral Area Directors Committee Meeting Minutes of June 18, 2020 be

adopted.

CARRIED

5.2 MOVED by Director Sperling SECONDED by Director Hiebert,

August 7, 2020 -That the Special Electoral Area Directors Committee Meeting Minutes of August 7,

Special EADC Minutes 2020 be adopted.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

The Chair requested a status update from the June 18, 2020 Minutes:

6.1 Grant Writer Services

A survey has been posted on the PRRD Engage page to collect feedback from community groups who have used the service. The survey has been extended to August 24, 2020 to encourage more responses. A report summarizing the information, along with a proposed work plan, will be brought forward to the Electoral Area Directors to the October EADC meeting for consideration.

6.2 British Columbia **Utilities Commission Complaint Process**

Staff will forward the BCUC Complaint Guide out to the Electoral Area Directors.

6.3 Pacific Northern

Gas - Update

PNG suggested to Director Goodings that they have a joint call with the Department of Energy to discuss her concerns regarding access to natural gas services in rural communities. Director Goodings will forward Crystal a copy of the email Director Goodings sent to PNG.

6.4 Gotta Go

The CAO advised that there may be an opportunity to give a grant for Gotta Go through function 280 or through PRA.

DELEGATIONS:

None.

CORRESPONDENCE:

8.1

July 22, 2020 – North Pine Farmers Institute MOVED by Director «Name», SECONDED by Director «Name»,

That the Electoral Area Directors Committee receive the email titled "North Pine

Farmers Institute" for discussion.

CARRIED

Director Goodings will contact the North Pine Farmers Institute to ask more about what they would like to see in terms of help. Staff will add this topic to the speaking notes for the meeting requested with the Minister of Agriculture.

REPORTS:

9.1

June 16, 2020 - Future of Food – ADM-COW-002 from July 9, 2020 Board MOVED by Director «Name», SECONDED by Director «Name»,

That the Electoral Area Directors Committee receive the June 16, 2020 report "The

Future of B.C.'s Food System" for discussion.

CARRIED

MOVED by Director Rose, SECONDED by Director Hiebert,

That the Electoral Area Directors Committee recommend that the Regional Board invite Allison Witter, Director of Innovation, BC Ministry of Agriculture, as a delegation to a Committee of the Whole meeting to discuss the Food Security

Taskforce Report following the UBCM Minister Meetings.

CARRIED

9.2

August 11, 2020 -Regional District Service Establishment Process MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Rose,

That the Electoral Area Directors Committee receive the report titled "Regional District Service Establishment Process – ADM-EADC-017" which outlines the steps required to establish a new service with expected time frames, for discussion.

CARRIED

9.3

June 15, 2020 -Transferring Community Recreation Facilities MOVED by Director Sperling, SECONDED by Director Rose,

That the Electoral Area Directors Committee defer the June 15, 2020 report titled "Transferring Community Recreation Facilities" to the September EADC meeting.

CARRIED

9.4

August 11, 2020 -Electoral Area Directors Project MOVED by Director Sperling, SECONDED by Director Rose,

That the Electoral Area Directors Committee receive the report titled "Electoral Area Directors Project Planning for 2021 – 2022 – ADM- EADC-018", which identifies potential projects for the Electoral Area Directors to focus on in 2021-2022, for

Planning for 2021-

discussion and prioritization.

2022

CARRIED

MOVED by Director Sperling, SECONDED by Director Hiebert,

That the Electoral Area Directors Committee authorize the Electoral Area Directors to meet individually with staff to discuss their project priorities and budget implications

for 2021-2022.

CARRIED

9.5

MOVED by Director Sperling, SECONDED by Director Hiebert,

August 20, 2020 – Notice of Closed EADC That the Electoral Area Directors Committee defer the report titled "Notice of Closed

.DC EADC Session" to the end of the meeting.

Session

CARRIED

DISCUSSION ITEM(S):

10.1

MOVED by Director Sperling, SECONDED by Director Rose,

Memberships – UBCM

and NCLGA

That the Electoral Area Directors Committee recommend that the Regional Board discuss the value of membership to UBCM, NCLGA, and FCM at a future Board

Meeting.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS:

11.1

MOVED by Director Rose, SECONDED by Director Hiebert,

Permissive Tax Exemption

That the Electoral Area Directors Committee recommend that the Regional Board authorize the preparation of a report regarding options for the Regional District to grant permissive tax exemptions; further, that the report be provided to a future

Electoral Area Directors Committee meeting.

CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

DIARY:

12.1

The Electoral Area Directors requested that staff contact Rick Anderson to find out if he would be interested in setting up a Synergy group in the region, and if so, what that might look like, and come to EADC as a delegation.

MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Rose,

That the Electoral Area Directors Committee remove the wording "Provide updates from each meeting" from topic 4, Oil & Gas Working Groups from the Diary.

CARRIED

MOVED by Director Goodings, SECONDED by Director Hiebert,

That the Electoral Area Directors Committee recommend that the Regional Board, at the earliest opportunity, arrange a tour of the Don Nearhood Museum stationed at the Peace Canyon Damn.

CARRIED

REPORTS:

9.5

MOVED by Director Sperling, SECONDED by Director Hiebert,

August 20, 2020 – That the Electoral Area Directors Committee recess to a Closed Meeting for the

Notice of Closed EADC

purpose of discussing the following items:

Session

Agenda Item 3.1 – Closed Meeting Minutes (CC Section 97(1)(b))

Agenda Item 5.1 – Negotiations Related to a Proposed Service (CC Section 90

(1)(k))

CARRIED

Recess The Chair recessed the meeting to a Closed Session at 2:25 p.m.

Reconvene The Chair reconvened the Open meeting at 2:35 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT The Chair adjourned the meeting at 2:35 p.m.

Director Goodings, Meeting Chair

Hunter Rainwater, Recording Secretary