



REPORT

To: Chair and Directors

Report Number: ADM-BRD-577

From: Committee of the Whole

Date: February 20, 2025

Subject: Committee of the Whole Recommendations from January 23, 2025

The following recommendations from the Committee of the Whole meeting held on January 23, 2025 are presented to the Regional Board for consideration:

RECOMMENDATION #1: [Corporate Unweighted]

That the Regional Board send a letter to Premier Eby and the British Columbia Legislature that states that the Peace River Regional District opposes any removal of the environmental assessment process on wind farms.

RECOMMENDATION #2: [Corporate Unweighted]

That the Regional Board send a letter to Premier Eby and the British Columbia Legislature reaffirming the three previous recommendations that were sent to the Province in July 2024 regarding wind farms:

July 18, 2024

MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED,

That the Regional Board request that the Ministry of Energy, Mines, and Low Carbon Innovation undertake a study on the cumulative impacts of wind farms within the Peace River Region to understand the effects of the disturbance to the land base and to inform future decisions on wind farm siting and volume.

MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED,

That the Regional Board request that the Ministry of Energy, Mines, and Low Carbon Innovation require proponents to prepare and submit reclamation and responsible asset disposal plans as part of the approval process for wind farm development to ensure appropriate end of lifecycle planning is in place for wind farms in the Peace River Regional District.

MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED,

That the Regional Board request that the Ministry of Energy, Mines, and Low Carbon Innovation enter into an economic impact benefit agreement with the Peace River Regional District for wind farms located in the Peace River Regional District.

RECOMMENDATION #3: [Corporate Unweighted]

That the Regional Board send letters to all seven First Nations in the Peace River Regional District; namely Blueberry River First Nations, Doig River First Nation, Halfway River First Nation, Kwadacha Nation, Saulteau First Nations, Tsay Keh Dene Band and West Moberly First Nations, highlighting the

Regional Board's concerns about the removal of environmental assessments and the cumulative impacts of wind farms and invite them to forward their concerns to the Province.

BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

The draft minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on January 23, 2025 are provided in the Adoption of Minutes section of this meeting agenda.

All Recommendations

Please click [here](#) to access the Committee of the Whole Meeting Agenda, and see Agenda Item 5.1 to review the related documents.

Additional Information:

At the December 12, 2024 Electoral Area Directors Committee meeting, the Committee approved a New Business item regarding proposed wind farms:

MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED,

"That the Electoral Area Directors Committee recommend that the Regional Board have a fulsome discussion at a future Committee of the Whole regarding concerns with the Province's stance on the Call for Power including wind farms, environmental assessments, emission caps and impacts on industry and the economy."

At the January 9, 2025 Regional Board meeting, the Board approved the Electoral Area Directors Committee recommendation regarding a fulsome discussion at a future Committee of the Whole and resolved:

MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED,

"That the discussion regarding the Province's stance on the Call for Power including wind farms, environmental assessments, emission caps and impacts on industry and the economy take place at the January 23, 2025 Committee of the Whole meeting."

The recommendations in this report arose from the discussion at the January 23, 2025 Committee of the Whole meeting.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:

1. That the Regional Board provide further direction.

STRATEGIC PLAN RELEVANCE:

- Not Applicable to Strategic Plan

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION(S):

None at this time.

COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATION(S):

None at this time.

OTHER CONSIDERATION(S):

None at this time.