



PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

REGIONAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 23, 2025, 10:00 a.m.
1981 Alaska Avenue, Dawson Creek, BC

- Directors Present: Chair Hiebert, Electoral Area D
Vice-Chair Dober, City of Dawson Creek
Director Courtoreille, District of Chetwynd
Director Hansen, City of Fort St. John
Alternate Director Graham, Electoral Area B
Director Quibell, District of Hudson's Hope
Director Rose, Electoral Area E (via Zoom)
Director Sperling, Electoral Area C
Director Taillefer, District of Taylor
Director Veach, Village of Pouce Coupe
Director Zabinsky, City of Fort St. John
- Directors Absent: Director Krakowka, District of Tumbler Ridge
- Staff Present: Shawn Dahlen, Chief Administrative Officer
Tyra Henderson, Corporate Officer
Roxanne Shepherd, Chief Financial Officer
Kari Bondaroff, General Manager of Environmental Services
Kevin Clarkson, General Manager of Community Services
Ashley Murphey, General Manager of Development Services
Joanne Caldecott, Deputy Corporate Officer
Gerritt Lacey, Solid Waste Services Manager
Ryan Kirkham, Protective Services Manager
Bryna Casey, Community Services Manager
Trevor Ouellette, IT Manager
Annette Andrews, Communications Manager
Carmen Willms, Legislative Services Clerk/Recorder
- Delegations: **Ministry of Water, Land and Natural Resource**
Scott Schilds, Habitat Section Head
Kyla Strange, Land and Resource Specialist (via Zoom)
Tyler Muhly, Habitat Team Lead (via Zoom)
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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 11:48 a.m.



2. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

RD/25/01/01 (23)

MOVED Director Quibell

SECONDED Director Sperling

That the Regional Board adopt the January 23, 2025 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 January 9, 2025

5. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

6. **DELEGATIONS**

6.1 Ministry of Water, Land and Natural Resources Re: Proposed Wildlife Habitat Area for Boreal Caribou

7. **CORRESPONDENCE**

7.1 Request for Parcel Transfer from Village Pouce Coupe to Regional District - Roll Number 561-00203.001

8. **REPORTS**

8.1 Charlie Lake Fire Department – Request for Permission for Deployment, CS-BRD-378

8.2 Designation of Building Inspector, DS-BRD-454

8.3 Request to Waive Minimum Parcel Frontage – PRRD File No. 22-051-MOTT, DS-BRD-452

8.4 2025 Health Related Services Grant-in-Aid, FN-BRD-314

8.5 Site C Regional Legacy Benefits Update, FN-BRD-313

8.6 North Peace Regional Park – Additional Resource Information Related to Strategic Investments outlined within Draft North Peace Regional Park Master Plan, CS-BRD-375

8.7 Parcel Tax Roll Review Panel Meeting 2025, ADM-BRD-571

9. **BYLAWS**

9.1 Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2570, 2025, PRRD File No. 24-006, DS-BRD-453

9.2 Emergency and Disaster Management Service Est. Amendment Bylaw No. 2563, 2024, ADM-BRD-567

9.3 OCP and Zoning Bylaw Abandonment Report No. 4, DS-BRD-451

10. **NEW BUSINESS**

11. **APPOINTMENTS**

11.1 2025 Board Appointments List

12. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

12.1 Items Previously Released from Closed Meeting – January 9, 2025, ADM-BRD-569

12.2 Emergency and Disaster Management Act Updates, CS-BRD-377

12.3 Interim Housing Needs Report - Correction, DS-BRD-450

12.4 Historical Report – Alaska Highway Community Society & Heritage Projects, FN-BRD-315

12.5 Letter from Northern Rockies Fire Rescue Re: Appreciation for Support Provided during Parker Wildfire

12.6 Letter from BC Hydro Re: Site C Regional Community Liaison Committee

12.7 Letter from City of Fort St. John Re: RCMP Service to the City

13. **STRATEGIC PLAN**

13.1 2023 - 2026 Strategic Plan

14. **COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE**

15. **CHAIR'S REPORT**

15.1 Chair's Report for January 23, 2025

16. **NOTICE OF MOTION**

17. **MEDIA QUESTIONS**

18. **RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION**

18.1 Notice of Closed Board Meeting – January 23, 2025, ADM-BRD-570

19. **ADJOURNMENT**

CARRIED

3. GALLERY COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS

The Corporate Officer read aloud a comment received regarding Agenda Item 8.4 – 2025 Health Related Services Grants-in-Aid, FN-BRD-314, later in the meeting when the Regional Board considered the Grant-in-Aid requests.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

4.1 Regional Board Draft Meeting Minutes of January 9, 2025

RD/25/01/02 (23)

MOVED Director Zabinsky

SECONDED Alternate Director Graham

That the Regional Board adopt the Regional Board Meeting minutes of January 9, 2025.

CARRIED

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Chair Hiebert requested that the agenda be varied to defer delegations and continue with business items as the presentation from the Ministry of Water, Land and Natural Resources re: Proposed Wildlife Habitat Area for Boreal Caribou was scheduled for 1:00 pm.

Vary Agenda

RD/25/01/03 (23)

MOVED Director Sperling

SECONDED Director Dober

That the Regional Board vary the agenda to delay Item 6 – Delegations and continue to Item 7 – Correspondence.

CARRIED

7. CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 Request for Parcel Transfer from Village Pouce Coupe to Regional District - Roll Number

561-00203.001

RD/25/01/04 (23)

MOVED Chair Hiebert

SECONDED Director Veach

That the Regional Board defer the request for Parcel Transfer from Village of Pouce Coupe to Regional District - Roll Number 561-00203.001 until such a time as the Village of Pouce Coupe has dealt with a Development Variance Permit for an adjacent property.

CARRIED

8. REPORTS

8.1 Charlie Lake Fire Department – Request for Permission for Deployment, CS-BRD-378

RD/25/01/05 (23)

MOVED Director Sperling

SECONDED Director Dober

That the Regional Board approve in principle the release of Charlie Lake Fire Department Tender 1 (CL-3) to the Province of BC to support cross-jurisdictional wildfire fighting efforts in California, and additionally, to send Squad 3 as a support vehicle for wildland deployment changes during the 2025 California wildfires; further that the Chair be authorized to approve deployment of the apparatus if requested by the Office of the Fire

8.1 Charlie Lake Fire Department – Request for Permission for Deployment, CS-BRD-378 (Cont'd)

Commissioner or the British Columbia Wildfire Service on an as needed case-by-case basis, subject to an assessment of local conditions and wildfire risk at the time of the request.

CARRIED

OPPOSED: Director Rose

RD/25/01/06 (23)

MOVED Director Sperling

SECONDED Director Hansen

That the Regional Board approve in principle the submission of an Expression of Interest for the release of Charlie Lake Fire Department Tender 1 (CL-3), Rescue 1 (CL-7) and the Charlie Lake Fire Department Structure Protection Unit Trailer (SPU-2) to the Province of BC to support provincial wildfire fighting efforts, and additionally to send Squad 3 as a support vehicle for wildland deployment changes during the 2025 wildfire season; further that the Chair be authorized to approve deployment of the apparatus if requested by the Office of the Fire Commissioner or the British Columbia Wildfire Service, on an as needed case-by-case basis, subject to an assessment of local conditions and wildfire risk at the time of the request.

CARRIED

Directors confirmed with staff that fire protection tenders and units were replaced based on age versus mileage.

8.2 Designation of Building Inspector, DS-BRD-454

RD/25/01/07 (23)

MOVED Director Quibell

SECONDED Director Sperling

That the Regional Board, in accordance with Part 1 Section 2, Schedule – Definitions and Other Interpretation Matters of the *Local Government Act* [RSBC 2015], designate Mr. Josh Hoth as a Building Inspector for the Peace River Regional District.

CARRIED

8.3 Request to Waive Minimum Parcel Frontage – PRRD File No. 22-051-MOTT, DS-BRD-452

RD/25/01/08 (23)

MOVED Director Sperling

SECONDED Director Quibell

That the Regional Board defer the report titled “Request to Waive Minimum Parcel Frontage – PRRD File No. 22-051-MOTT, DS-BRD-452” to the March 6, 2025 Board Meeting.

CARRIED

Recess

The Chair recessed the meeting for luncheon at 11:59 a.m.

Reconvene

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

6. DELEGATIONS

6.1 Ministry of Water, Land and Natural Resources Re: Proposed Wildlife Habitat Area for Boreal Caribou

Scott Schilds, Habitat Section Head, Kyla Strange, Land and Resource Specialist, and Tyler Muhly, Habitat Team Lead of the Ministry of Water, Land and Natural Resources delivered a presentation titled "Proposed Medzih (Boreal Caribou) Wildlife Habitat Areas" which included the following information:

- Description of the Boreal Caribou Protection & Recovery Plan
- Forestry Context - Wildlife Habitat Areas (WHA) Enabled by Government Action Regulation (GAR)
 - Order Units Map, including restricted and permissible activities
 - Allowable Annual Cut Impacts
- Consultation and Engagement efforts

A question-and-answer period ensued and included:

- Who the decision makers were for the eight different order units. The presenter explained that the Regional Executive Director from the Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship (WLRS) would likely be the decision maker.
- The amount of Allowable Annual Cut (AAC) used by the forest industry in 2023 for the Northern Rockies Regional District. The presenter explained that no AAC was used as there was no major forestry industry in the area, and that the AAC numbers included in the presentation were from 2019 when the benchmark was set.
- Disease within the Boreal Caribou. Presenters explained that samples were taken from the blood and hair of collared or deceased caribou, and that no Mycoplasma ovipneumoniae (Movi) Brucellosis, Tuberculosis (TB), or Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) had been found in the Boreal Caribou, likely due to low population numbers and dispersion of animals.
- The growth rates of the Boreal Caribou herds in the Wildlife Habitat Areas. Presenters explained that the southern-most herd was growing at a rate of 10-15% per year and three northern herds were growing at a rate between 3-4% per year. One herd had declined due to fire damaged habitat. They noted one metric for success would be the ability for First Nations to be able to practice sustainable harvesting. Presenters explained current numbers of Boreal Caribou were approximately 1,000 animals.
- The effect of Wildlife Habitat Areas on future forestry industry. Presenters explained they worked closely with major tenure holders and West Fraser and acknowledged the vast reduction of sawmills in the area which increased difficulties with the forest industry.
- Whether the Ministry of Water, Land and Natural Resource will interact with the Ministry of Forests panel to review forestry practices in British Columbia. The presenter noted high levels of interaction between the two Ministries.

RD/25/01/09 (23)

MOVED Director Sperling
SECONDED Director Hansen

That the Regional Board invite the Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship back to present an update on the Boreal Caribou to the Regional Board in July 2025 in advance of the 2025 UBCM Convention.

CARRIED

8. REPORTS

8.4 2025 Health Related Services Grant-in-Aid, FN-BRD-314

RD/25/01/10 (23)

MOVED Director Sperling

SECONDED Director Veach

That the Regional Board receive the report titled “2025 Health Related Services Grant-in-Aid, FN-BRD-314 for discussion.

CARRIED

Directors shared concerns about reaching the maximum funding limit of the Health Related Services Grant-in-Aid Function. They noted that health care is the responsibility of the Province of British Columbia; not the Peace River Regional District. They discussed the importance of recruitment and retention despite the prohibitive costs involved; the need for measures of success; the inability to sustain support of all requests received and concerns as to whether grants given out were being effectively used.

The Corporate Officer read aloud a written comment from Dr. Hannah Galeazzi and Mary Severson from the North Peace Division of Family Practice (North Division), which explained that though the North Division was a Cooperative and not a Society, they were still in good standing with stable goals. The statement included the activities of the North Division; the impact of the North Division on the community, and what the requested funds would be used for.

Directors discussed options regarding the Health Related Services Grant-in-Aid applications, including limiting multi-year approvals, providing a lower amount of funding than applicants requested, capping the funding, and requiring reporting on the effective use of funds. They noted the goal of the Health Related Services Grant-in-Aid was for strategic and effective initiatives to improve health care in the region.

RD/25/01/11 (23)

MOVED Director Dober

SECONDED Director Hansen

That the Regional Board authorize a multi-year grant in the amount of \$109,000 for the first year and \$100,000 annually for the subsequent two years beginning in 2025, for a total grant contribution of \$309,000 payable from Function 180 - Health Related Services, to be issued to South Peace Division of Family Practice for the provision of recruitment and retention services for health care professionals in the South Peace Region (Chetwynd, Tumbler Ridge, Dawson Creek, surrounding rural areas and First Nations communities of Saulteau and West Moberly); further, that a financial commitment of \$109,000 be included as part of the 2025 annual budget amount for Function 180 – Health Related Services.

Directors discussed methods of adding measurables for the multi-year grants. They noted that the South Peace Division of Family Practice was new and given that there were less physicians in the South Peace, the proposed funding would help them get started. They also discussed reasons to separate the North Peace and South Peace Divisions of Family Practice as well as the collaboration of the Divisions. They noted that the South Peace Division of Family Practice appeared as a delegation to the Regional Board in 2024.



8.4 2025 Health Related Services Grant-in-Aid, FN-BRD-314 (Cont'd)

Amendment:

RD/25/01/12 (23)

MOVED Director Sperling

SECONDED Director Taillefer

That the motion be amended by deleting the words “a multi-year grant in the amount of \$109,000 for the first year and \$100,000 annually for the subsequent two years beginning in 2025, for a total grant contribution of \$309,000” and inserting in their place the words “a one-year grant in the amount of \$109,000 for 2025”.

Directors discussed the benefit of a multi-year grant which would aid certainty for the applicant in planning for a three-year term and noted approval of multi-year grants in the past. They discussed the process of increasing requisition for the Grant-in-Aid.

The Chair called the Question to the Amendment.

DEFEATED

IN FAVOUR: Alternate Director Graham, Directors Quibell, Rose, Sperling and Taillefer

Amendment:

RD/25/01/13 (23)

MOVED Director Rose

SECONDED Director Sperling

That the motion be amended by replacing the words “a multi-year grant in the amount of \$109,000 for the first year and \$100,000 annually for the subsequent two years beginning in 2025, for a total grant contribution of \$309,000” with the words “a multi-year grant in the amount of \$50,000 for 3 years beginning in 2025 for a total grant amount of \$150,000”; and further amended to add to the end of the motion “; further, that the South Peace Division of Family Practice be required to present to the Regional Board each year to report on use of the funding/success of recruitment efforts.

DEFEATED

IN FAVOUR: Directors Quibell, Rose, Sperling and Taillefer

The Chair called the Question to the Original Motion.

RD/25/01/11 (23)

MOVED Director Dober

SECONDED Director Hansen

That the Regional Board authorize a multi-year grant in the amount of \$109,000 for the first year and \$100,000 annually for the subsequent two years beginning in 2025, for a total grant contribution of \$309,000 payable from Function 180 - Health Related Services, to be issued to South Peace Division of Family Practice for the provision of recruitment and retention services for health care professionals in the South Peace Region (Chetwynd, Tumbler Ridge, Dawson Creek, surrounding rural areas and First Nations communities of Saulteau and West Moberly); further, that a financial commitment of \$109,000 be included as part of the 2025 annual budget amount for Function 180 – Health Related Services.

CARRIED

OPPOSED: Directors Rose and Taillefer



8.4 2025 Health Related Services Grant-in-Aid, FN-BRD-314 (Cont'd)

RD/25/01/14 (23)

MOVED Director Hansen

SECONDED Director Sperling

That the Regional Board authorize staff to amend the Health Related Services Grant-In-Aid Policy No. 0340-64 Section 4.8(a) to include Not-For-Profit Cooperatives that are in good standing with the *Cooperative Association Act*; further, that in accordance with the amended policy, the Regional Board authorize a multi-year grant in the amount of \$100,000 per year for three years beginning in 2025, for a total grant contribution of \$300,000 payable from Function 180 - Health Related Services, to be issued to North Peace Division of Family Practice for the provision of recruitment and retention services for health care professionals in the Northeast; further, that a financial commitment of \$100,000 be included as part of the 2025 annual budget amount in Function 180 – Health Related Services.

Directors discussed the merits of having applicants for the Health-Related Services Grant-in-Aid present to the Regional Board to allow questions and answers regarding the uses of funding in a timely manner. They noted that the North Peace Division of Family Practice submitted a report in August which included a detailed report on how the funds were spent.

The Chair called the Question to the original Motion.

CARRIED

OPPOSED: Directors Rose, Taillefer, and Veach

RD/25/01/15 (23)

MOVED Director Sperling

SECONDED Director Veach

That the Regional Board authorize a multi-year grant in the amount of \$72,172 per year for three years beginning in 2025 for a total grant contribution of \$216,516 payable from Function 180 – Health Related Services, to be issued to the Canadian Cancer Society to support the Kordeban Lodge – Peace of Mind Campaign; further, that a financial commitment of \$72,172 be included as part of the 2025 annual budget amount for General Grants-in-Aid in Function 180 – Health Related Services.

CARRIED

RD/25/01/16 (23)

MOVED Director Sperling

SECONDED Director Hansen

That the Regional Board authorize a grant in the amount of \$120,000 payable from Function 180 – Health Related Services, to be issued to the South Peace First Nations Primary Care Clinic Society; further, that a financial commitment of \$120,000 be included as part of the 2025 annual budget amount for General Grants-in-Aid in Function 180 – Health Related Services.

Directors had questions regarding the relationship between the South Peace First Nations Primary Care Clinic Society and the First Nations Health Authority, as well as the types of services offered by the Northern Nations Wellness Centre.



8.4 2025 Health Related Services Grant-in-Aid, FN-BRD-314 (Cont'd)

RD/25/01/17 (23)

MOVED Director Rose
SECONDED Director Veach

That the Regional Board defer Resolution RD/25/01/16 (23) to the February 20, 2025 Regional Board meeting.

CARRIED

RD/25/01/18 (23)

MOVED Director Zabinsky
SECONDED Director Quibell

That the Regional Board request that Health Related Services Grant-In-Aid Policy be amended to require that all applicants present to the Regional Board and include their financials in the first or second meeting of January each year.

CARRIED

8.5 Site C Regional Legacy Benefits Update, FN-BRD-313

RD/25/01/19 (23)

MOVED Director Sperling
SECONDED Director Zabinsky

That the Regional Board adopt the Site C Regional Legacy Benefits Policy #0340-86 which imposes the following limitations on the use of the Peace River Regional District - Rural Population portion of the Site C Legacy Benefits fund by the Rural Budgets Administration Committee:

- a. Investment in Peace River Regional District owned Tangible Capital Assets.
- b. Funds to be fully used each five-year cycle.

CARRIED

OPPOSED: Director Rose

RD/25/01/20 (23)

MOVED Director Sperling
SECONDED Director Zabinsky

That the Regional Board approve allocation of the Regional Services Impact portion of the Site C Regional Legacy Benefits that is to be allocated proportionally to all region-wide service functions based on actual operating expenditures incurred 2 years previous, excluding transfer to reserves, as the Site C Regional Legacy Benefits Agreement does not state what base is to be used to proportionally allocate the funds.

Directors discussed the use of the Regional Services Impact portion of the Site C Regional Legacy Benefits on projects of region wide impact, inclusive of municipalities, who receive their own impact funding, rather than directing the funds to Electoral Areas projects. The length of time that has passed since the Site C Regional Legacy Benefits Agreement was signed (2013) was also discussed resulting in a suggestion that perhaps the terms of the agreement dictating how funds were dispersed amongst all parties and how funds received by the PRRD were to be allocated across the many PRRD function, should be revisited.



8.5 Site C Regional Legacy Benefits Update, FN-BRD-313 (Cont'd.)

RD/25/01/21 (23)

MOVED Director Sperling
SECONDED Director Veach

That the Regional Board defer Resolution RD/25/01/20 (23) until a legal opinion can be obtained as to whether the Site C Regional Legacy Benefits Agreement signed in 2013 can be revisited.

CARRIED

8.6 North Peace Regional Park – Additional Resource Information Related to Strategic Investments outlined within Draft North Peace Regional Park Master Plan, CS-BRD-375

Directors discussed the importance of having input from the Electoral Area B Director regarding decisions for the North Peace Regional Park and suggested that this decision be reached following the pending By-election for a new Electoral Area B Director.

Staff provided the timeline of decisions regarding the North Peace Regional Park Master Plan and cautioned regarding the possible effect that delaying decisions would have on the 2025 North Peace Fall Fair which may result in the lack of opportunity to do any construction or improvements to the grounds in advance of the 2025 Fall Fair event. Directors noted that the recommendations in the report were not financial and that a decision still needed to be reached as to which of the four options would be decided on.

RD/25/01/22 (23)

MOVED Director Sperling
SECONDED Alternate Director Graham

That the Regional Board defer the report titled "North Peace Regional Park - Additional Resource Information Related to Strategic Investments outlined within Draft North Peace Regional Park Master Plan, CS-BRD-375" until after the Electoral Area B By-election and the new Director is sworn in on the Regional Board.

The Chair called the Question to the Motion.

DEFEATED

RD/25/01/23 (23)

MOVED Director Sperling
SECONDED Director Hansen

That the Regional Board receive and authorize the "North Peace Regional Park Master Plan" as a reference and guidance document which provides recommendations for future decisions related to facility development, program development and service delivery enhancements of the North Peace Regional Park.

CARRIED

8.6 North Peace Regional Park – Additional Resource Information Related to Strategic Investments outlined within Draft North Peace Regional Park Master Plan, CS-BRD-375 (Cont'd)

RD/25/01/24 (23)

MOVED Director Sperling
SECONDED Alternate Director Graham

That the Regional Board approve that an implementation plan be created and presented to the Regional Parks Committee for recommendation to the Regional Board that lays out by project, anticipated priorities, resources required (internal and external), timelines, project scopes and estimated annual budget based on the recommendations presented in the North Peace Regional Park Master Plan; further, that each project be considered and approved by the Board on a project-by-project basis as part of the annual budget process.

Directors noted that approval had not been given for any of the four options for park structure, governance, and operations suggested and explained in detail in the North Peace Regional Park Master Plan.

Amendment:

RD/25/01/25 (23)

MOVED Director Rose
SECONDED Director Courtoreille

That the Regional Board amend the motion to insert, immediately after 'that the Regional Board' the words "following selection and approval of one of the four options for park governance and operations by the Regional Board".

CARRIED

Motion as Amended:

RD/25/01/24 (23)

That the Regional Board, following selection and approval of one of the four options for park governance and operations by the Regional Board, approve that an implementation plan be created and presented to the Regional Parks Committee for recommendation to the Regional Board that lays out by project, anticipated priorities, resources required (internal and external), timelines, project scopes and estimated annual budget based on the recommendations presented in the North Peace Regional Park Master Plan; further, that each project be considered and approved by the Board on a project-by-project basis as part of the annual budget process.

CARRIED

Director Veach, Village of Pouce Coupe left the meeting at 3:30 pm.

8.7 Parcel Tax Roll Review Panel Meeting 2025, ADM-BRD-571

RD/25/01/26 (23)

MOVED Director Sperling
SECONDED Director Hansen

That the Regional Board schedule a meeting of the Parcel Tax Roll Review Panel on Thursday, February 13, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. at 1981 Alaska Avenue, Dawson Creek BC; further, that the meeting be conducted by electronic means.

CARRIED



9. BYLAWS

9.1 Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2570, 2025, PRRD File No. 24-006, DS-BRD-453

RD/25/01/27 (23)

MOVED Director Rose
SECONDED Director Sperling

That the Regional Board refer the Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2570, 2025, PRRD File No. 24-006, DS-BRD-453 back to staff.

CARRIED

Director Veach, Village of Pouce Coupe rejoined the meeting at 3:33 pm.

9.2 Emergency and Disaster Management Service Establishment Amendment Bylaw No. 2563, 2024, ADM-BRD-567

RD/25/01/28 (23)

MOVED Director Sperling
SECONDED Director Zabinsky

That the Regional Board adopt Emergency and Disaster Management Service Establishment Amendment Bylaw No. 2563, 2024 to align with the mandatory content requirements for a service establishment bylaw specified in the *Local Government Act*, to expand the scope of the service to align with the responsibilities of the Peace River Regional District specified in the *Emergency and Disaster Management Act* and to increase the maximum amount that may be requisitioned for the service.

CARRIED

OPPOSED: Director Rose

9.3 OCP and Zoning Bylaw Abandonment Report No. 4, DS-BRD-451

RD/25/01/29 (23)

MOVED Alternate Director Graham
SECONDED Director Courtoreille

That the Regional Board rescind first and second readings given to Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1852, 2009 on June 11, 2009; further, that Bylaw No. 1852, 2009 be marked as never used and abandoned.

CARRIED

RD/25/01/30 (23)

MOVED Alternate Director Graham
SECONDED Director Courtoreille

That the Regional Board rescind first and second readings given to Official Community Plan and Zoning Amendment Bylaws No. 2057 and 2058, 2013 on February 28, 2013; further, that Bylaws No. 2057 and 2058, 2013 be marked as never used and abandoned.

CARRIED

RD/25/01/31 (23)

MOVED Director Veach
SECONDED Director Hansen

That the Regional Board mark Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2533, 2023 as never used and abandoned as this file was closed.

CARRIED



9.3 OCP and Zoning Bylaw Abandonment Report No. 4, DS-BRD-451 (Con'd.)

RD/25/01/32 (23)

MOVED Director Veach

SECONDED Director Hansen

That the Regional Board mark Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2464, 2021 as never used and abandoned as this bylaw never went to the Board.

CARRIED

RD/25/01/33 (23)

MOVED Director Veach

SECONDED Director Hansen

That the Regional Board rescind first and second readings given to Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2468, 2022 on April 21, 2022, as this bylaw was closed per the Development Services File Closure Policy 0340-23; further that Bylaw No. 2468, 2022 be marked as never used and abandoned.

CARRIED

RD/25/01/34 (23)

MOVED Director Veach

SECONDED Director Hansen

That the Regional Board mark Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2383, 2019 as never used and abandoned as this bylaw never went to the Board.

CARRIED

10. NEW BUSINESS

11. APPOINTMENTS

11.1 2025 Board Appointments List

RD/25/01/35 (23)

MOVED Chair Hiebert

SECONDED Director Veach

That the Regional Board, as permitted under the Terms of Reference for the Broadband and Internet Mobility Committee, change the Members of the Broadband Committee and appoint Councillor Chris Norbury from the District of Tumbler Ridge as a voting member of Committee in place of Tumbler Ridge Alternate Luanna Dusseault.

CARRIED

12. CONSENT CALENDAR

Director Sperling noted Item 12.5 - Letter from Northern Rockies Fire Rescue Re: Appreciation for Support Provided during Parker Wildfire and commended the Charlie Lake Fire Department for their concerted efforts to assist Fort Nelson during the Parker Lake Wildfire.

RD/25/01/36 (23)

MOVED Director Dober

SECONDED Director Veach

That the Regional Board accept the January, 23 2025 Consent Calendar.

CARRIED



13. STRATEGIC PLAN

The 2023-2026 Strategic Plan was included for the Regional Board’s information.

14. COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

15. CHAIR'S REPORT

15.1 Chair's Report for January 23, 2025

The Chair reported on his attendance at the Northern Lights College update at the Fort St. John campus.

16. NOTICE OF MOTION

16.1 Notice of Motion – Schedule of Days Events

Director Zabinsky provided notice of a proposed motion regarding the use of time and resources to print the Schedule of Days Events for Board Meetings and requesting that the practice of printing paper copies be discontinued.

16.2 Notice of Motion – Report on Mechanisms that return Economic Benefits to the Region

Director Quibell provided notice of a proposed motion to request staff to prepare a high-level report on the mechanisms by which economic benefits are returned to the region such as Peace River Agreement (PRA), Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) and Legacy Agreements for the education of the Board and to inform a discussion of these revenue sources other than direct taxation at a future Committee of the Whole meeting.

17. MEDIA QUESTIONS

18. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

18.1 Notice of Closed Board Meeting – January 23, 2025, ADM-BRD-570

RD/25/01/37 (23)

MOVED Director Sperling

SECONDED Alternate Director Graham

That the Regional Board recess to a Closed Meeting at 3:42 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the following items:

Agenda Item	Description	Authority
3.1	Minutes	CC Section 97(1)(b) Closed Minutes, Access to Records.
5.1	Labour Relations	CC Section 90 (1)(c) Labour Relations

CARRIED

19. RECONVENE AND ADJOURN

The Chair reconvened and adjourned the Open Regional Board meeting at 4:04 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 January 23, 2025 in the PRRD Board Room, 1981 Alaska Avenue, Dawson Creek, BC.

Leonard Hiebert, Chair

Tyra Henderson, Corporate Officer