



PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

REGIONAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 20, 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 (via Zoom)
Director Courtoreille, District of Chetwynd
Director Hansen, City of Fort St. John
Director Graham, Electoral Area B (via Zoom)
Director Krakowka, District of Tumbler Ridge
Director Quibell, District of Hudson's Hope (via Zoom)
Director Rose, Electoral Area E
Director Sperling, Electoral Area C
Alternate Director Turnbull, District of Taylor
Director Veach, Village of Pouce Coupe
Director Zabinsky, City of Fort St. John

Staff Present:

Shawn Dahlen, Chief Administrative Officer
Roxanne Shepherd, Chief Financial Officer
Tyra Henderson, Corporate Officer
Joanne Caldecott, Deputy Corporate Officer
Kari Bondaroff, General Manager of Environmental Services
Ashley Murphey, General Manager of Development Services
Gerritt Lacey, Solid Waste Services Manager
Daris Gillis, Environmental Services Manager
Bryna Casey, Community Services Manager
Ryan Kirkham, Protective Services Manager
Annette Andrews, Communications Manager
Trevor Ouellette, IT Manager
Olivia Lundahl, Electoral Area Officer
Carmen Willms, Legislative Services Clerk/Recorder

Delegations:

BC Nurses Union

Raelene Stevenson, Lobby Coordinator, North East Region
Laura Baker, Steward at Large, North East Region

BC Hydro

Monique Stevenson, Senior Manager, Power Acquisitions (via Zoom)
Mike Kellett, Manager, Northern Community Relations

Tetra Tech

Sarah Keith, B.SC., Project Scientist & Regulatory Expert (via Zoom)



1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

RD/25/03/01 (20)

MOVED Director Krakowka

SECONDED Alternate Director Turnbull

That the Regional Board adopt the March 20, 2025 Board Meeting Agenda as follows:

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

3. GALLERY COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

4.1 Special Regional Board Draft Meeting Minutes of February 26, 2025

4.2 Committee of the Whole Draft Meeting Minutes of March 6, 2025

4.3 Regional Board Draft Meeting Minutes of March 6, 2025

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

6. DELEGATIONS

6.1 BC Nurses Union Re Implementing Minimum Nurse-to-Patient Ratios

6.2 BC Hydro Re: 2024 Call for Power

6.3 Tetra Tech Re: Regional Solid Waste Management Plan Amendment

7. CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 Email from Cathy Peters Re: Drug Decriminalization

7.2 Email from North Pine Farmers Institute Re: Request for Letter of Support

7.3 Letter from BC Hydro Re: Site C Community Recreation Site Fund

7.4 Letter from School District 59 Re: Strategic Plan and Budget Consultation Invitation

8. REPORTS

8.1 Site C Regional Legacy Benefits Agreement – Environmental Assessment E14-02 re Changed Generation Capacity, DR-BRD-098

8.2 Regional Solid Waste Management Plan 2025 Amendment, ENV-BRD-233

8.3 Aquatic Harvester WSA – Section 11 Approvals for Charlie and Swan Lake, ENV-BRD-227

8.4 Non-Farm Use within the ALR, PRRD File No. 25-001, ALC ID 103196, DS-BRD-475

8.5 Development Variance Permit No. 24-012, DS-BRD-476

9. BYLAWS

9.1 Regional Growth Strategy Bylaw No. 2571, 2025, DS-BRD-477

9.2 PRRD Five Year Financial Plan (2024-2028) Amendment Bylaw No. 2575, 2025, FN-BRD-328

9.3 2025-2029 Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw No. 2572, 2025 - Adoption, FN-BRD-329

10. NEW BUSINESS

11. APPOINTMENTS

11.1 Directors Appointment to North Peace Airport Society, ADM-BRD-588

11.2 2025 Board Appointments List

12. CONSENT CALENDAR

12.1 Electoral Area B 2025 By-Election Results, ADM-BRD-586

12.2 Site C Camp Demolition, ENV-BRD-232

12.3 2024 Investment Update, FN-BRD-331

12.4 Northeast British Columbia Accessibility Committee Draft Meeting Minutes #17 of February 13, 2025

12.5 Kelly Lake Community Centre Society Annual Report for 2024

12.6 Buick Arena Annual Report for 2024

12.7 Letter from City of Abbotsford Re Support for UBCM Resolution for Infrastructure Support

13. STRATEGIC PLAN

13.1 2023 - 2026 Strategic Plan

14. COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

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15. CHAIR'S REPORT

15.1 Chair's Report for March 20, 2025

16. NOTICE OF MOTION

17. MEDIA QUESTIONS

18. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

18.1 Notice of Closed Board Meeting – March 20, 2025, ADM-BRD-589

19. ADJOURNMENT

CARRIED

3. GALLERY COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS

Item 7.1 - Email from Cathy Peters Re: Drug Decriminalization

Item 8.3 - Aquatic Harvester WSA – Section 11 Approvals for Charlie and Swan Lake

Item 12.2 - Site C Camp Demolition

Item 12.7 - Letter from City of Abbotsford Re Support for UBCM Resolution for Infrastructure Support

Item 6.1 - BC Nurses Union Re Implementing Minimum Nurse-to-Patient Ratios

Gwenn Bourdon, resident of Fort St. John, spoke regarding several Items on the March 20, 2025 Agenda. She expressed appreciation for the email from Cathy Peters regarding drug decriminalization. Regarding the Aquatic Harvester, she explained that a group of residents in the Charlie Lake area had offered to purchase a machine for this purpose at no cost to the taxpayer. She spoke regarding the Site C Camp Demolition and explained that the Site C Camp could be used for housing supply issues brought up by the City of Abbotsford regarding infrastructure support. Ms. Bourdon then spoke regarding the BC Nurses Union delegation about implementing minimum nurse-to-patient ratios and explained that due to the *Health Professions and Occupation Act*, patients would be less safe, and doctors would not want to work in British Columbia.

Item 6.1 - BC Nurses Union Re Implementing Minimum Nurse-to-Patient Ratios

Deborah Johnson, resident of Fort St. John, spoke regarding the BC Nurses Union delegation, and explained that the *Health Professions and Occupation Act* had an enforcement date of June 2025, and that it would drive doctors and health care professionals out of British Columbia. She explained that dentists and optometrists were already opposing it.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

4.1 Special Regional Board Draft Meeting Minutes of February 26, 2025

RD/25/03/02 (20)

MOVED Director Veach

SECONDED Director Hansen

That the Regional Board adopt the Special Regional Board Meeting minutes of February 26, 2025. **CARRIED**

4.2 Committee of the Whole Draft Meeting Minutes of March 6, 2025

RD/25/03/03 (20)

MOVED Director Veach

SECONDED Director Sperling

That the Regional Board adopt the Committee of the Whole Meeting minutes of March 6, 2025. **CARRIED**



4.3 Regional Board Draft Meeting Minutes of March 6, 2025

RD/25/03/04 (20)

MOVED Director Veach

SECONDED Director Krakowka

That the Regional Board adopt the Regional Board Meeting minutes of March 6, 2025.

CARRIED

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

6. DELEGATIONS

6.1 BC Nurses Union Re Implementing Minimum Nurse-to-Patient Ratios

Raelene Stevenson, Lobby Coordinator, North East Region and Laura Baker, Steward at Large, North East Region for BC Nurses Union delivered a presentation titled "Implementing Minimum Nurse-to-Patient Ratios" which included the following information:

- Why Ratios? – Ratified in the Collective Agreement in April 2023
 - Member Priorities
 - Recruitment and Retention
 - Safety for All – Increase in quality of care and safety for nurses and patients
- Acute Care Ratios
 - Community and Long Term Care ratios still in development
- Minimum Nurse Patient Ratio Governance Structure and Working Groups in BC
- What is Needed to Make Ratios a Reality?
 - Retain and recruit more nurses
 - Provide safe and healthy workplaces
 - Apply a diversity, equity and inclusion lens
- Where Do Local Governments Fit In?
 - Create communities that are attractive to nurses
 - Provide childcare and other resources that help promote work/life balance
- What Else Can Local Governments Do?
 - Advocate with provincial and federal governments
 - Educate the public about nurse-to-patient ratios

A question-and-answer period ensued and included:

- Whether the BC Nurses Union was aware of the health care scholarships provided by the Peace River Regional District to nursing students. The presenter noted that the scholarships were appreciated, and acknowledged the good work done by the Northern Lights College in transitioning Licenced Practical Nurses to Registered Nurses.
- Whether the Town of Smithers had already implemented nurse-to-patient ratios. The presenter explained that Smithers had implemented a pilot project for ratios. She noted that since ratios were implemented, Smithers reported that nurse satisfaction in Smithers had gone up, that nurse sick time had decreased, and that patient care was improved.

6.1 BC Nurses Union Re Implementing Minimum Nurse-to-Patient Ratios (Cont'd)

- The role social media plays in the recruitment of nurses to a community. The presenter explained that while they understood the sentiments behind negative social media posts, positive experiences were important to post about as well. They noted the challenges in delivering services that were impacted by staffing capacity which was difficult on patients and nurses alike. The presenter explained that safe care was compromised when nurses worked too many hours which was why nurse-to-patient ratios were so important.
- The importance of a work-life balance for health care workers. The presenter noted that opening a dialogue between the BC Nurses Union and communities regarding this issue was a goal of the presentation.
- What enforcement of mandatory ratios would encompass. The presenter acknowledged that hospital diversions could be a consequence of a failure to meet nurse-to-patient ratios. She noted that sufficient staff levels led to patient safety and better outcomes. The presenter explained that public pressure on the provincial government would be the best incentive for addressing nurse-to-patient ratios.
- Whether healthcare alerts for the public were available to inform people about hospital diversions. The presenter explained that they were not, and BC Nurses would support more transparency around closures.
- The number of inactive nurses that could return to work if staffing ratios were improved. The presenter outlined the failure of monetary incentives in encouraging nurses to return to work and noted that implementing nurse-to-patient ratios could be more effective.
- Whether other Canadian provinces had implemented nurse-to-patient ratios. The presenter explained that British Columbia would be the first. She noted the success of the GoHealth Program and stated that improving consistent staffing could attract traveling nurses in the GoHealth Program to move permanently to the region.
- The reason behind the delay in implementing the \$750 million fund for nurse-to-patient ratios and whether the distribution was fair across the province, inclusive of the rural areas. The presenter explained that \$300 million was set aside for 2025, and the delay was due to ensuring the plan was properly tailored to rural and northern needs.

The Chair thanked the BC Nurses Union for their presentation and the delegates left the meeting.

Recess

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

Reconvene

The Chair reconvened the meeting at 12:30 p.m.

6.2 BC Hydro Re: 2024 Call for Power

Monique Stevenson, Senior Manager, Power Acquisitions and Mike Kellett, Manager, Northern Community Relations for BC Hydro delivered a presentation titled "2024 Call for Power" which included the following information:

- Purpose - Electricity demand was forecast to increase

- **6.2 BC Hydro Re: 2024 Call for Power (Cont'd)**
 - Engagement and call design
 - Eligibility requirements
 - Developed in collaboration with First Nations
 - Canada Infrastructure Bank participation
 - Request for Proposal results - September 2024
 - Electricity purchase agreements awarded - 10 projects
 - What we learned
 - There is a great spirit of collaboration across the sector
 - That British Columbia is an attractive investment climate for independent power producers
 - Future calls
 - Information will be shared when available
 - Going forward
 - Committed to conducting regular Calls for Power

A question-and-answer period ensued and included:

- The percentage of equity in a project that qualifies a First Nation to apply for an Indigenous Equity loan. The presenter explained that up to a 51% equity position in a project was required.
- The plans for end-of-life disposal of wind turbine blades. The presenter explained that the Independent Power Producers (IPPs) could refurbish their facilities, reuse infrastructure, or decommission the blades. She noted that the end-of-life disposal was up to the IPPs to determine and recognized that disposal plans may be a useful requirement for future projects.
- Concerns regarding the lack of comprehensive consultation and cumulative impact studies for the proposed wind projects. The presenter noted that questions about cumulative impacts and the removal of Environmental Assessments were better directed to the Province. She noted that discussions were ongoing about how to ensure rigorous permitting in the future.
- Whether there were specific Calls for Power in the lower mainland where 80% of the British Columbia population resides. The presenter explained that the Call for Power was province wide, and incentives were included for projects located in the lower mainland.
- Concern regarding the Province's handling of the role of Indigenous people in decision-making and environmental processes. The presenter explained that the decision to exempt the projects from Environmental Assessments was made by the Province, and that engagement with First Nations focused on economic participation.
- Whether efficiency and line loss were considered when calculating energy projections. The presenter clarified that projections were based on what the project would produce in a year, taking into consideration variability but not line loss.
- Whether wind energy projects were subsidized. The presenter explained that the projects went through a competitive procurement process to ensure the lowest market price, and that the BC Utilities Commission decided if the contracts were in the public interest. The presenter noted that she would follow up on whether the wind energy projects were being subsidized.

6.2 BC Hydro Re: 2024 Call for Power (Cont'd)

- The timeline for future Calls for Power, and whether they were delayed until the completion of the construction of the Site C Dam. The presenter noted that Calls for Power were scheduled to occur every two years, starting with 2026. She explained that the timing of the Calls for Power was informed by the BC Hydro Energy Planning Group and according to the work done in the 2021 Integrated Resource Plan.
- Concern that Northern British Columbia was having to absorb the difficulties of the Province, despite being a resource hub.

The Chair thanked BC Hydro for their presentation and the delegates left the meeting.

6.3 Tetra Tech Re: Regional Solid Waste Management Plan Amendment

Sarah Keith, B.Sc., Project Scientist and Regulatory Expert for Tetra Tech delivered a presentation titled "Regional Solid Waste Management Plan Amendment" which included the following information:

- Last Project Timeline
- Current Project Timeline
- Desktop Site Selection: Areas A, B, C2, L as potential sites
- Site Reconnaissance
- Further Environmental Field Work
- Consultation to Date
 - Presentation to the Solid Waste Committee
 - Information sent to 25 Local Governments
 - Meeting with the Ministry of Environment
 - Communication with First Nations and adjacent landowners in the area
 - Presentation to the Public Technical Stakeholder Committee
 - Consultation of First Nations
- What We Have Heard
 - More favourable response for Area B, adjacent to the current landfill
- Regional Solid Waste Management Plan (RSWMP) Amendment
 - The need to include a future facilities section
- Strategy 12: Without the amendment an alternative site cannot be considered
- Proposed Amendment Text
- Proposed RSWMP Schedule
- Proposed Consultation Plan
- RSWMP Amendment Timeline

The Chair thanked Tetra Tech for their presentation and Ms. Keith left the meeting.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 Email from Cathy Peters Re: Drug Decriminalization

RD/25/03/05 (20)

MOVED Director Zabinsky

SECONDED Director Hansen

That the Regional Board receive the email from Cathy Peters regarding drug decriminalization for information. **CARRIED**



7.2 Email from North Pine Farmers Institute Re: Request for Letter of Support

RD/25/03/06 (20)

MOVED Director Sperling

SECONDED Director Graham

That the Regional Board send a letter of support to the North Pine Farmers Institute regarding their grant application to the BC Hydro Agricultural Compensation Fund for \$1,000,000 to expand the facility to accommodate additional storage.

CARRIED

7.3 Letter from BC Hydro Re: Site C Community Recreation Site Fund

RD/25/03/07 (20)

MOVED Director Hansen

SECONDED Director Krakowka

That the Regional Board receive the letter from BC Hydro regarding the Site C Community Recreation Site Fund for discussion.

CARRIED

Directors discussed the area in which the Site C Community Recreation Site Fund was limited for use. They observed that the funds were only for capital expenses; not operational. Staff noted that the Regional Board could ask BC Hydro about new opportunities for the Site C Community Recreation Site Fund.

RD/25/03/08 (20)

MOVED Director Sperling

SECONDED Director Veach

That the Regional Board authorize staff to contact BC Hydro to question whether the Site C Community Recreation Site Funds could be used for alternate uses; where they can be used, and if they can be used in areas other than the reservoir.

CARRIED

OPPOSED: Director Rose

7.4 Letter from School District 59 Re: Strategic Plan and Budget Consultation Invitation

RD/25/03/09 (20)

MOVED Director Sperling

SECONDED Director Veach

That the Regional Board authorize Director Rose to attend the Strategic Plan and Budget Consultation dinner meeting on April 2, 2025 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

CARRIED

8. REPORTS

8.1 Site C Regional Legacy Benefits Agreement – Environmental Assessment E14-02 re Changed Generation Capacity, DR-BRD-098

RD/25/03/10 (20)

MOVED Director Quibell

SECONDED Director Sperling

That the Regional Board provides the following comment to the BC Hydro Environmental Assessment Office regarding *Environmental Assessment Certificate (EAC) #E14-02* –

8.1 Site C Regional Legacy Benefits Agreement – Environmental Assessment E14-02 re Changed Generation Capacity, DR-BRD-098 (Cont'd)

Request to Amend Section 4.3.1.4, Schedule A Project Description, regarding Generating Unit Capacity:

“That the Peace River Regional District Board requests that a condition of the approval for Environmental Assessment Certificate (EAC) #E14-02 - Request to Amend Section 4.3.1.4, Schedule A Project Description, regarding Generating Unit Capacity be a review and amendment to the annual amount of the Site C Regional Legacy Benefit Agreement. Specifically, that the annual amount of the Site C Regional Legacy Benefit Agreement payment be increased in equal proportion to the increased Generating Unit Capacity.”

CARRIED

Directors confirmed that this resolution to BC Hydro would not reopen the Site C Regional Legacy Benefits Agreement.

8.2 Regional Solid Waste Management Plan 2025 Amendment, ENV-BRD-233

RD/25/03/11 (20)

MOVED Director Zabinsky

SECONDED Director Sperling

That the Regional Board approve initiating the process of amending the Peace River Regional District's Regional Solid Waste Management Plan to include a section that allows for future facilities to be contemplated; further, that staff notify the public of its intention to amend the Solid Waste Management Plan and begin consultation on the proposed amendment through the Public and Technical Stakeholder Committee.

CARRIED

8.3 Aquatic Harvester WSA – Section 11 Approvals for Charlie and Swan Lake, ENV-BRD-227

RD/25/03/12 (20)

MOVED Director Sperling

SECONDED Director Zabinsky

That the Regional Board receive and refer 'Approval Letter 9000857 – Swan Lake, Section 11 Approval 9000857, WSA Approval Letter 9000856 – Charlie Lake and WSA Section 11 Approval 9000856' which outlines the *Water Sustainability Act* approvals and conditions for removing aquatic vegetation from Charlie Lake and Swan Lake to the Electoral Area Directors Committee for further consideration.

CARRIED

8.4 Non-Farm Use within the ALR, PRRD File No. 25-001, ALC ID 103196, DS-BRD-475

RD/25/03/13 (20)

MOVED Director Rose

SECONDED Director Hansen

That the Regional Board support Agricultural Land Reserve Non-Farm Use Application No. 25-001 to permit a 2.5 ha gravel and sand extraction operation on the property identified as PID: 014-912-333 and authorize the application to proceed to the Agricultural Land Commission.

CARRIED



8.5 Development Variance Permit No. 24-012, DS-BRD-476

RD/25/03/14 (20)

MOVED Director Sperling

SECONDED Director Courtoreille

That the Regional Board defer the report titled "Development Variance Permit No. 24-012, DS-BRD-476" to the April 10, 2025 Regional Board Meeting.

CARRIED

9. BYLAWS

9.1 Regional Growth Strategy Bylaw No. 2571, 2025, DS-BRD-477

RD/25/03/15 (20)

MOVED Director Veach

SECONDED Director Hansen

That the Regional Board give Regional Growth Strategy Bylaw No. 2571, 2025 first and second readings; Further, that a Public Hearing be held pursuant to Section 434 of the *Local Government Act* on April 10, 2025 before the Regional Board Meeting, and that public notification be authorized pursuant to Section 466 of the *Local Government Act*.

CARRIED

OPPOSED: Director Rose

Directors expressed concern regarding the possible need for a new location for the Public Hearing for the Regional Growth Strategy Bylaw. Directors discussed how the new bylaw would be applied. Staff noted that the bylaw was a high-level document with no regulatory components, and that legislative process dictated that Regional Growth Strategies be adopted by bylaw to be legitimate. Staff explained the document would be used as a reference to support the updates of other bylaws and policies.

RD/25/03/16 (20)

MOVED Director Sperling

SECONDED Director Veach

That the Regional Board authorize staff to change the venue for the April 10, 2025 Public Hearing and Board Meetings if required.

CARRIED

9.2 PRRD Five Year Financial Plan (2024-2028) Amendment Bylaw No. 2575, 2025, FN-BRD-328

RD/25/03/17 (20)

MOVED Director Sperling

SECONDED Director Hansen

That the Regional Board give PRRD Five Year Financial Plan (2024 – 2028) Amendment Bylaw No. 2575, 2025, a bylaw to carry forward the 2024 operating expenditure overages and fund in 2025, add additional funding for projects, increase capital expenditures, and reallocate capital expenditures from operating to capital, first three readings.

CARRIED



9.2 PRRD Five Year Financial Plan (2024-2028) Amendment Bylaw No. 2575, 2025, FN-BRD-328 (Cont'd)

RD/25/03/18 (20)

MOVED Director Sperling

SECONDED Director Hansen

That the Regional Board adopt PRRD Five Year Financial Plan (2024 – 2028) Amendment Bylaw No. 2575, 2025. **CARRIED**

9.3 2025-2029 Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw No. 2572, 2025 - Adoption, FN-BRD-329

RD/25/03/19 (20)

MOVED Director Veach

SECONDED Director Hansen

That the Regional Board adopt '2025-2029 Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw No. 2572, 2025'. **CARRIED**

10. NEW BUSINESS

11. APPOINTMENTS

11.1 Directors Appointment to North Peace Airport Society, ADM-BRD-588

RD/25/03/20 (20)

MOVED Director Sperling

SECONDED Director Hansen

That the Regional Board remove Jordan Kealy as a Director from the North Peace Airport Society representing Electoral Area B and as the Peace River Regional District Member representative; further, that the Regional Board appoint Brad Sperling as a Director to the North Peace Airport Society, representing Electoral Area C, and that Reid Graham be appointed as the Peace River Regional District Alternate Member Representative to the North Peace Airport Society. **CARRIED**

RD/25/03/21 (20)

MOVED Director Sperling

SECONDED Director Hansen

That the Regional Board reaffirms appointment of Jim McKnight – Director of the North Peace Airport Society representing Electoral Area C. **CARRIED**

12. CONSENT CALENDAR

The Chair asked Directors whether they wished to lift any items from the March 20, 2025 Consent Calendar.

Director Sperling requested that Item 12.2 – Site C Camp Demolition be lifted from the Consent Calendar for discussion.

12.2 Site C Camp Demolition, ENV-BRD-232

RD/25/03/22 (20)

MOVED Director Sperling

SECONDED Director Krakowka

12.2 Site C Camp Demolition, ENV-BRD-232 (Cont'd)

That the Regional Board receive the report titled “Site C Camp Demolition, ENV-BRD-232” which provides an overview of the planned demolition of a 1,700-bed camp and other auxiliary structures located at the BC Hydro Site C Project, for discussion.

CARRIED

Directors expressed dismay that the Site C Camp demolition materials would be brought to the North Peace Regional Landfill. They noted that they had previously requested first right of refusal for camp assets. Directors mentioned that the demolition would result in a large amount of waste, possibly forcing the need for a new landfill site. They expressed concern over the tight timeline that was given to repurpose the facilities to prospective buyers. They listed organizations who could benefit from the items. Directors noted the onerous requirements in place to remove the facilities from the Site C Camp.

RD/25/03/23 (20)

MOVED Director Rose

SECONDED Director Sperling

That the Regional Board authorize a letter to be written to ATCO Industries/BC Hydro requesting that BC Hydro work with ATCO, their subcontractor and Site C camp provider to repurpose, or find other opportunities for the 1700-bed camp structures and; further that the Peace River Regional District additionally request to not receive any of the structures at any of the regional landfills in sorted or demolished form.

CARRIED

RD/25/03/24 (20)

MOVED Director Krakowka

SECONDED Director Sperling

That the Regional Board invite ATCO and BC Hydro to a future Board Meeting as a delegation to discuss the demolition of the Site C Camp.

CARRIED

Director Sperling requested that Item 12.3 – 2024 Investment Update be lifted from the Consent Calendar for discussion.

12.3 2024 Investment Update, FN-BRD-331

Directors acknowledged the excellent job undertaken by the Chief Financial Officer in managing the Peace River Regional District’s 2024 Investments and expressed gratitude for the efforts of the Finance Department.

RD/25/03/25 (20)

MOVED Director Sperling

SECONDED Director Krakowka

That the Regional Board receive the remainder of the March 20, 2025 Consent Calendar items.

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 March 20, 2025

The Chair provided a synopsis of events he attended between February 27 and March 12, 2025.

16. NOTICE OF MOTION

17. MEDIA QUESTIONS

18. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

18.1 Notice of Closed Board Meeting – March 20, 2025, ADM-BRD-589

RD/25/03/26 (20)

MOVED Director Sperling

SECONDED Director Krakowka

That the Regional Board recess to a Closed Meeting at 2:18 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	Site C Camp	CC Section 90(1)(i) Advice Subject to Solicitor-Client Privilege.
6.1	Wind Projects	CC Section 90(1)(i) Advice Subject to Solicitor-Client Privilege.

CARRIED

19. ADJOURNMENT

The Chair reconvened and adjourned the Open Regional Board meeting at 3:07 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 March 20, 2025 in the PRRD Board Room, 1981 Alaska Avenue, Dawson Creek, BC.

Leonard Hiebert, Chair

Tyra Henderson, Corporate Officer