



PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

ELECTORAL AREA DIRECTORS COMMITTEE MINUTES

March 27, 2025, 10:00 a.m.
1981 Alaska Avenue, Dawson Creek, BC

Directors Present: Chair Rose, Electoral Area E
Vice-Chair Sperling, Electoral Area C
Director Hiebert, Electoral Area D
Director Graham, Electoral Area B

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
Ashley Murphey, General Manager of Development Services
Daris Gillis, Environmental Services Manager
Bryna Casey, Community Services Manager
Trevor Ouellette, IT Manager
Olivia Lundahl, Electoral Area Officer
Katherine Lovino, Administrative Clerk

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**
The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
 2. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**
MOVED Director Hiebert
SECONDED Director Sperling
That the Electoral Area Directors Committee Meeting Agenda of March 27, 2025 be adopted:
 1. **CALL TO ORDER**
 2. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**
 3. **GALLERY COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS**
 4. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**
 - 4.1 Electoral Area Directors Committee Draft Meeting of February 13, 2025
 5. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**
 6. **DELEGATIONS**
 7. **CORRESPONDENCE**
 - 7.1 Letter from Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship Re: Aquatic Harvester Approval for Charlie Lake
 - 7.2 Letter from Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship Re: Aquatic Harvester Approval for Swan Lake
 - 7.3 Letter from North Central Local Government Association Re: Local Government Act Reform - Survey Request

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8. REPORTS

8.1 West Moberly First Nations Bulk Potable Water Tank Loader Station, DR-EADC-022

9. NEW BUSINESS

10. DIARY

10.1 EADC Diary

11. CONSENT CALENDAR

11.1 EADC Terms of Reference

12. NOTICE OF MOTION

13. ADJOURNMENT

CARRIED

3. GALLERY COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

4.1 Electoral Area Directors Committee Draft Meeting of February 13, 2025

MOVED Director Hiebert

SECONDED Director Graham

That the Electoral Area Directors Committee Meeting Minutes of February 13, 2025 be adopted.

CARRIED

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

6. DELEGATIONS

7. CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 Letter from Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship Re: Aquatic Harvester Approval for Charlie Lake

MOVED Director Sperling

SECONDED Director Hiebert

That the Electoral Area Directors Committee receive the 'Letter from Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship Re: Aquatic Harvester Approval for Charlie Lake' which outlines the *Water Sustainability Act* approvals and conditions for removing aquatic vegetation from Charlie Lake for discussion.

CARRIED

The Committee raised concerns about the cost of cleaning up Charlie Lake. They noted that the Regional District lacked a service function that costs could be allocated to therefore any work done would be paid for using Fair Share funds. Noting that two boat launches were owned by the Province while another was owned by the City of Fort St. John, the question arose whether the PRRD had authority to do aquatic harvesting work at Charlie Lake.

Staff confirmed that while funding had not yet been allocated and no current planning was yet in place to undertake any aquatic harvesting work, the PRRD did have the necessary authority to proceed pending the Board's direction. The possibility of obtaining an extension to the permit timeframe (to 2026-2027) was also discussed. Directors discussed the need for further investigation regarding included bylaw formation, funding from the province, and forming a regional benefiting area. They discussed their shared

7.1 Letter from Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship Re: Aquatic Harvester Approval for Charlie Lake (Cont'd)

desire to hold community meetings to revisit the potential work involved with local groups and residents, and opted to seek an extension from the province to allow adequate time to explore things further.

MOVED Director Sperling

SECONDED Director Hiebert

That the Electoral Area Directors Committee recommends that the Regional Board apply to the Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship for an extension for the 2026-2027 Aquatic Harvester Approval # 9000856 for Charlie Lake.

CARRIED

MOVED Director Sperling

SECONDED Director Hiebert

That the Electoral Area Directors Committee recommends that the Regional Board authorize development of a cost estimate to undertake aquatic harvesting at Charlie Lake and identifies potential funding sources available for the project.

CARRIED

7.2 Letter from Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship Re: Aquatic Harvester Approval for Swan Lake

MOVED Director Hiebert

SECONDED Director Sperling

That the Electoral Area Directors Committee recommend that the Regional Board apply to the Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship for an extension for the 2026-2027 Aquatic Harvester Approval # 9000857 for Swan Lake.

CARRIED

MOVED Director Hiebert

SECONDED Director Sperling

That the Electoral Area Directors Committee recommends that the Regional Board authorize development of a cost estimate to undertake aquatic harvesting at Swan Lake and identifies potential funding sources available for the project.

CARRIED

7.3 Letter from North Central Local Government Association Re: Local Government Act Reform - Survey Request

MOVED Director Hiebert

SECONDED Director Sperling

That the Electoral Area Directors Committee receive the "Letter from North Central Local Government Association Re: Local Government Act Reform- Survey Request" for information.

CARRIED

8. REPORTS

8.1 West Moberly First Nations Bulk Potable Water Tank Loader Station, DR-EADC-022

MOVED Chair Rose

SECONDED Director Hiebert

That the Electoral Area Directors Committee recommend to the Regional Board that Environmental Services be authorized to investigate the purchase/construction of a bulk potable tank loader station to connect to West Moberly First Nations potable water system.

CARRIED

MOVED Chair Rose

SECONDED Director Sperling

That the Electoral Area Directors Committee recommend that the Regional Board send a letter to West Moberly First Nation to confirm their interest in having a bulk potable tank loader station connect to the West Moberly First Nations potable water system.

CARRIED

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Letter to Ministry of Agriculture and Food Re: North Pine Farmers Institute

MOVED Director Sperling

SECONDED Director Hiebert

That the Electoral Area Directors Committee accept a new business item regarding a letter from the North Pine Farmers Institute.

CARRIED

Director Sperling noted that he and other members of the Committee had received a letter from the North Pine Farmers Institute (NPFI) wherein they sought financial support from the Ministry of Agriculture for a proposed expansion of storage to enhance the function of the grain elevator they operate in the North Peace. Committee members agreed that that the NPFI was a nonprofit organization in good standing with successful operations in years past and providing a letter of support for their funding request may assist their efforts to obtain grants from the Province.

MOVED Director Sperling

SECONDED Director Graham

That the Electoral Area Directors Committee recommend that the Regional Board send a letter to Minister Popham, Ministry of Agriculture and Food in support of the North Pine Farmers Institute efforts to obtain grants to fund their grain elevator and storage expansion project.

CARRIED

10. DIARY

11. CONSENT CALENDAR

12. NOTICE OF MOTION

13. ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:27 a.m.



CERTIFIED a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Peace River Regional District Electoral Area Directors Committee meeting held on March 27, 2025 in the PRRD Board Room, 1981 Alaska Avenue, Dawson Creek, BC.

Dan Rose, Chair

Katherine Lovino, /Recorder

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