



PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

REGIONAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**April 10, 2025, Immediately following the Public Hearing
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
Director Graham, Electoral Area B
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
Director Taillefer, District of Taylor (in person and via Zoom)
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
Kevin Clarkson, General Manager of Community Services
Ashley Murphey, General Manager of Development Services
Gerritt Lacey, Solid Waste Services Manager
Daris Gillis, Environmental Services Manager
Bryna Casey, Community Services Manager
Trevor Ouellette, IT Manager
Annette Andrews, Communications Manager
Ranush Ratnasekera, Communications Coordinator
Olivia Lundahl, Electoral Area Officer
Carmen Willms, Legislative Services Clerk/Recorder

Delegations:

FireWise Consulting Ltd.
Ernie Polsom, CEO (via Zoom)
Ken Kendall, Lead Associate (via Zoom)

STARS

Glenda Farnden, Sr. Municipal Relations Liaison

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

RD/25/04/01

MOVED

Director Krakowka

SECONDED

Director Hansen

That the Regional Board adopt the April 10, 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 Committee of the Whole Draft Meeting Minutes of March 20, 2025

4.2 Regional Board Draft Meeting Minutes of March 20, 2025

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

6. DELEGATIONS

6.1 Firewise Consulting Ltd. Re: PRRD Fire Service Needs Assessment

6.2 STARS Re: Celebrating Partnerships PRRD

7. CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 Letter from Tumbler Ridge Global Geopark Re: Mobile Interpretive Centre

7.2 Letter from Flat Cat Ranch Re: Letter of Support Request

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

7.4 Letter from Ministry of Health Re: Workplace Nasal Naloxone Pilot

7.5 Invoice from Federation of Canadian Municipalities Re: Annual Membership

7.6 Letter from Union of BC Municipalities Re: Annual Membership

8. REPORTS

8.1 Clearwater Callazon Resource Road, DR-BRD-099

8.2 Electoral Area Directors Committee Recommendations from March 27, 2025, ADM-BRD-593

8.3 Rural Budgets Administration Committee Recommendations from March 27, 2025, ADM-BRD-592

8.4 North Peace Regional Park – Operating Model and Funding Options, CS-BRD-390

8.5 Public Notification and Evacuation Route Planning Grant, CS-BRD-401

8.6 Mobile Computer Assisted Dispatch – UBCM Next Generation 911 Funding Application, CS-BRD-400

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

8.8 Request to Waive Minimum Parcel Frontage, PRRD File No. 24-117 MoTT, DS-BRD-479

8.9 Subdivision within the ALR, PRRD File No. 25-001 ALR SUB, ALC ID 013293, DS-BRD-478

8.10 Temporary Use Permit No. 25-001, DS-BRD-481

9. BYLAWS

9.1 Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2433, 2021, PRRD File No. 21-003 ZN, DS-BRD-480

10. NEW BUSINESS

11. APPOINTMENTS

11.1 2025 Board Appointments List

11.2 Letter from Village of Pouce Coupe Re: Director Veach

11.3 Letter from Village of Pouce Coupe Re: Alternate Director Woodill

12. CONSENT CALENDAR

12.1 Procurement Policy – Canadian Manufacturing Preference, FN-BRD-332

12.2 Special Health Care Scholarship Committee Draft Meeting Minutes of February 11, 2025

12.3 Electoral Area Directors Committee Draft Meeting Minutes of March 27, 2025

12.4 Rural Budgets Administration Committee Draft Meeting Minutes of March 27, 2025

12.5 Chetwynd Public Library Regular Board Meeting Minutes of February 26, 2025

12.6 Letter from North Peace Airport Society Re: Notification of Airport Operations Transition

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- 12.7 Letter from Dawson Creek RCMP Re: Policing Report for February 2025
- 12.8 Letter from Northern Health Re: Follow-up from March 6, 2025 Delegation
- 12.9 Response from Environmental Assessment Office Re: BC Hydro's Amendment Application EAC#E14-2
- 12.10 Letters Re: Wind Farm Projects
 - a. Response from Ministry of Energy and Climate Solutions Re: Wind Farm Projects
 - b. Response from BC Energy Regulator Re: Invitation to Present
 - c. Letter from Doig River First Nation to Ministry of Energy and Climate Solutions Re: Proposed Wind Projects
- 12.11 Letter from Columbia Shuswap Regional District to UBCM Re: Changes to Community Works Fund Eligibility
- 12.12 Letter from Columbia Shuswap Regional District to Minister of Housing and Minister of State Re: Short Term Rentals
- 13. STRATEGIC PLAN**
 - 13.1 2023 - 2026 Strategic Plan
 - 13.2 Strategic Plan Staff Update - April 10, 2025
- 14. COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE**
 - 14.1 Golata Community Space Project
- 15. CHAIR'S REPORT**
 - 15.1 Chair's Report for April 10, 2025
- 16. NOTICE OF MOTION**
- 17. MEDIA QUESTIONS**
- 18. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION**
- 18.1 Notice of Closed Board Meeting – April 10, 2025, ADM-BRD-591
- 19. ADJOURNMENT**

CARRIED

3. GALLERY COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

4.1 Committee of the Whole Draft Meeting Minutes of March 20, 2025

RD/25/04/02

MOVED

Director Sperling

SECONDED

Director Graham

That the Regional Board adopt the Committee of the Whole Meeting minutes of March 20, 2025.

CARRIED

4.2 Regional Board Draft Meeting Minutes of March 20, 2025

RD/25/04/03

MOVED

Director Graham

SECONDED

Director Krakowka

That the Regional Board adopt the Regional Board Meeting minutes of March 20, 2025.

CARRIED

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Director Sperling raised Item 12.2 – Site C Camp Demolition from the March 20, 2025 Regional Board meeting. He noted that there had been an increase in public interest and confusion about what facilities and materials would be disposed of.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES (Cont'd)

RD/25/04/04

MOVED Director Sperling
SECONDED Director Zabinsky

That the Regional Board send letter to the BC Hydro Site C to ask for a tour of the camp for the Regional Board with a comprehensive list of structural or interior assets to be disposed of.

CARRIED

RD/25/04/05

MOVED Director Sperling
SECONDED Director Graham

That the Regional Board send a letter to BC Hydro and ATCO to present to the Board regarding the disposal of the Site C Camp and its amenities or any other structures apart from the camp that will be disposed of from the Site C Camp, and carbon copy Premier Eby, Minister Dix, Minister Kahlon, Minister Osborne, the North and South Peace Members of Legislative Assembly, Member of Parliament Zimmer, and the First Nations within the Peace River Regional District in the letter.

CARRIED

Director Veach, Village of Pouce Coupe left the meeting at 10:17 a.m.

RD/25/04/06

MOVED Director Sperling
SECONDED Director Hansen

That the Regional Board vary the agenda to defer Item 6.1 – Delegation from FireWise Consulting Ltd. Re: PRRD Fire Service Needs Assessment and Item 6.2 – Delegation from STARS Re: Celebrating Partnerships PRRD to begin at 10:35 a.m.

CARRIED

Director Veach, Village of Pouce Coupe joined the meeting at 10:20 a.m.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 Letter from Tumbler Ridge Global Geopark Re: Mobile Interpretive Centre

RD/25/04/07

MOVED Director Zabinsky
SECONDED Director Courtoreille

That the Regional Board receive the letter from the Tumbler Ridge Global Geopark regarding the Mobile Interpretive Centre for discussion.

CARRIED

Directors clarified that the events listed were suggestions, and that the Tumbler Ridge Global Geopark would contact the event organizers to ensure suitability for the mobile interpretive exhibit.

RD/25/04/08

MOVED Director Veach
SECONDED Director Krakowka

That the Regional Board send a letter to the Tumbler Ridge Global Geopark suggesting the following possible outreach events for the mobile interpretive exhibit:

7.1 Letter from Tumbler Ridge Global Geopark Re: Mobile Interpretive Centre (Cont'd)

- Fort St. John Community Awards in Centennial Park
- North Pine Fall Fair
- Doig Days
- Canada Day event in Pouce Coupe

CARRIED

6. DELEGATIONS

6.1 Firewise Consulting Ltd. Re: PRRD Fire Service Needs Assessment

Ernie Polsom, CEO and Ken Kendall, Lead Associate for FireWise Consulting Ltd. delivered a presentation titled "PRRD Fire Service Needs Assessment" which included the following information:

- Focus of the Report
- Challenges in Developing Fire Service
- Review Process and Methodology
- Option 1: Maintain the Current Situation
- Option 3: Create a Composite Staffed Fire Service
- Option 5: Expanded Service Delivery Area (Regional Model)
- Important Areas of Consideration
 - Volunteer Recruitment and Retention
 - Volunteer Fire Fighter Training
- Fire Service Recommendations
 - Expanded Service Delivery Area
 - Apparatus Recommendations
 - Firehall Recommendations
- Community Expectations
- Financial
 - Fire Station Requirements
 - Capital Replacement Costs
 - Training Needs
 - Wages for Volunteer Firefighters
- Conclusion

A question-and-answer period ensued and included:

- Whether residents were asked if they were willing to pay higher taxes to fund a fire service. The presenter explained that residents were asked about paying higher taxes, but were not provided with specific dollar amounts, nor what they would consider affordable. Directors expressed concern that the lack of financial context may have affected the type of fire service the residents were willing to support.
- Clarification on the specific area. The presenter identified the area as Bessborough and Farmington in Electoral Area D.
- Affordable options to a fire service, which included trucks with suppression units or water tankers.
- Whether remote or satellite fire stations had been included in the Fire Service Needs Assessment. The presenter explained that the focus of the Fire Service Needs Assessment was the feasibility of creating a fire department in the designated area and that the regional model had been included as a more affordable option. He noted

6.1 Firewise Consulting Ltd. Re: PRRD Fire Service Needs Assessment (Cont'd)

that a satellite fire station was a possibility though it may not lower fire insurance premiums for residents.

- Acknowledgement that the Fire Service Needs Assessment was effective at providing different models of Fire Services for the specific area. Directors noted that a regional model could provide unequal service levels and potential dissatisfaction, and that costs for the service could be offset by insurance premium deductions.
- The importance of presenting different service levels with costs so the community could decide which would provide the best service. Directors provided the example of Tomslake, which started small and grew over 50 years.
- The importance of fire prevention, specifically smoke detectors in rural homes, due to the difficulty of fighting rural fires.
- The presenter noted that the sustainability of volunteer fire service was under threat in Canada, and that innovation and innovative approaches to recruit and retain volunteers would be essential for all fire service models.

The Chair thanked the delegates for their presentation, and they left the meeting.

Vice-Chair Dober, City of Dawson Creek left the meeting at 10:55 am.

6.2 STARS Re: Celebrating Partnerships PRRD

Glenda Farnden, Sr. Municipal Relations Liaison for STARS delivered a presentation titled "Celebrating Partnerships PRRD" which included the following information:

- History of how STARS began
- More Than Rapid Transport
 - Emergency Link Center
 - Transport Physicians
- Virtual Care Consultation - Advancing Rural Critical Care
- Work with Multiple Governments
 - Specialized Medical Tools
 - Leading Edge Technology
 - Education and Training
 - Innovation
 - Critical Care Expertise
- SIM Cup Championship
- Critical Care Anywhere
- Our Longest Mission
- PRRD Logo Unveilings
- Celebrating Partnerships
- Provincial Leaders
 - Based on Minimum \$2.50 per Capita
- Request to move out of the grant process and put on a fixed rate in the budget

A question-and-answer period ensued and included:

- Future presentations at member municipalities of the Peace River Regional District.
- Whether leftover funds from the STARS lottery were still available to other not-for-profit rescue organizations. The presenter noted that the program to distribute

6.2 STARS Re: Celebrating Partnerships PRRD (Cont'd)

leftover funds had ended in 2009 or 2010 due to the increase in call volume and the increased costs to maintain bases.

- Whether the STARS lottery was available in British Columbia for residents of the Peace River Regional District (PRRD). The presenter explained that lotteries were provincially governed by the gaming commission, which excluded PRRD residents from buying tickets for the Alberta lottery.
- Whether industry contributed financial support to STARS. The presenter explained that there were many industry partners and corporate sponsors.
- The number of calls that STARS responded to within the PRRD. The presenter noted that currently they responded to an average of ten to fifteen missions per year. She also explained that they were now working more closely with the BC dispatch line and were providing critical care expertise through consultation, and that the Postal Code Project gave residents access to STARS across Western Canada.
- The various healthcare responsibilities the PRRD has taken on due to medical staffing shortages in the region. The presenter acknowledged the financial burden of healthcare and noted that the proposed fixed annual funding amount allowed for a continued partnership while respecting the Regional Board's financial constraints.
- Acknowledgement of the fund raising efforts of STARS, and the suggested benchmark of \$2 per capita funding. The presenter expressed appreciation to the PRRD for the ongoing partnership.
- Appreciation for the lives saved by STARS in the PRRD.
- An update on the Alberta regions that do not contribute to STARS. The presenter explained that ten more rural municipalities were added in the past year, and that there had been a shift from fluctuating per capita funding to fixed annual rates, which ensured consistent funding despite population growth adjustments and changing councils.
- Clarification that STARS responds to emergency care calls regardless of local funding, and that the cost per capita is minimal for public safety. The presenter noted that STARS had 50% of operational and equipment costs covered through fundraising and donor support, despite being provincially funded.

The Chair thanked STARS for the presentation and noted that the request to consider becoming a fixed rate item on the budget during the presentation would be considered at a future Board meeting. The delegate left the meeting.

Recess

The Chair recessed the meeting to luncheon at 11:57 a.m.

Reconvene

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

7. CORRESPONDENCE

7.2 Letter from Flat Cat Ranch Re: Letter of Support Request

RD/25/04/09

MOVED Director Hansen

SECONDED Director Sperling

That the Regional Board receive the letter from Flat Cat Ranch regarding a letter of support request for discussion. **CARRIED**

Vice-Chair Dober, City of Dawson Creek joined the meeting at 1:03 pm.

RD/25/04/10

MOVED Director Graham

SECONDED Director Krakowka

That the Regional Board send a letter of support to the Flat Cat Ranch regarding their grant application to the Peace Agricultural Impact & Opportunities Initiative Grant and the South Peace Mackenzie Trust for the proposed Shared-Use Agricultural Processing Facility project.

CARRIED

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

RD/25/04/11

MOVED Director Zabinsky

SECONDED Director Sperling

That the Regional Board receive the letter from the North Central Local Government Association regarding the *Local Government Act* reform survey request for information.

CARRIED

7.4 Letter from Ministry of Health Re: Workplace Nasal Naloxone Pilot

RD/25/04/12

MOVED Director Krakowka

SECONDED Director Veach

That the Regional Board receive the letter from the Ministry of Health regarding the Workplace Nasal Naloxone Pilot initiative for discussion. **CARRIED**

Directors discussed whether nasal naloxone kits would be appropriate for staff as staff traveled throughout the Regional District. Staff raised concerns about added responsibilities as staff were not trained first responders. Directors deliberated on whether the initiative should be investigated further.

RD/25/04/13

MOVED Director Sperling

SECONDED Director Graham

That the Regional Board that staff be authorized to bring back an extensive report regarding the Workplace Naloxone Pilot Initiative.

DEFEATED

IN FAVOUR: Directors Hiebert, Graham, Quibell and Sperling

7.5 Invoice from Federation of Canadian Municipalities Re: Annual Membership

RD/25/04/14

MOVED Director Sperling

SECONDED Director Rose

That the Regional Board authorize payment of \$5,359.02 being annual membership fees due to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities from Function 110 - Legislative Regional.

The Directors debated the merits of paying the annual membership fees for the Federation of Canadian Municipalities from Function 110 – Legislative Regional or Function 120 – Legislative Electoral Areas. Discussion topics included concern over the fairness for the municipal taxpayers, concerns that municipalities and the Regional District would pay twice for residents, the implications of travel costs, and the power of a unified voice at the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Conference.

The Chair called the Question to the Motion.

DEFEATED

IN FAVOUR: Directors Hiebert, Dober, Graham, Krakowka, Rose and Sperling

RD/25/04/15

MOVED Director Hansen

SECONDED Director Krakowka

That the Regional Board receive a report on the pros and cons of changing the membership from an electoral area membership to a regional membership for Federation of Canadian Municipalities and North Central Local Government Association.

Directors discussed changing the memberships of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and the North Central Local Government Association (NCLGA) from electoral area membership to regional membership. They noted the indirect consequences to the member municipal councils and the financial implications around travel budgets and policy changes.

The Chair called the Question to the Motion.

CARRIED

OPPOSED: Directors Rose and Veach

Director Taillefer, District of Taylor left the meeting at 2:00 pm.

7.6 Letter from Union of BC Municipalities Re: Annual Membership

RD/25/04/16

MOVED Director Sperling

SECONDED Director Hansen

That the Regional Board authorize payment to the Union of BC Municipalities for the membership for UBCM Annual Dues from Function 110 - Legislative Regional.

Directors discussed the value of paying the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) annual dues from Function 110 – Legislative Regional. Some noted that municipality taxpayers would pay more, though other Directors observed that the municipalities were all part of the Regional District and there was inherent value in having a regional voice with UBCM.



7.6 Letter from Union of BC Municipalities Re: Annual Membership (Cont'd)

The Chair called the Question to the Motion.

CARRIED

OPPOSED: Directors Courtoreille, Hansen, Veach and Zabinsky

8. REPORTS

8.1 Clearwater Callazon Resource Road, DR-BRD-099

RD/25/04/17

MOVED Director Sperling

SECONDED Director Graham

That the Regional Board authorize Director Rose to attend a video call on Tuesday April 8, 2025 at 10:00 PST to investigate if there is any interest in forming a Resource Road group to manage the Clearwater Callazon Resource Road.

Directors discussed that access to the Clearwater Callazon Resource Road (Road) for recreation purposes had impacts beyond Electoral Area E, making the April 8, 2025 meeting and possible future meetings of interest to the Regional Board. Directors noted that the Road was built by industry, and that Saulteau First Nation and West Moberly First Nation use the Road to reach TLE lands. They also stated that the Road was used recreationally by Peace River Regional District residents.

The Chair called the Question to the Motion.

CARRIED

RD/25/04/18

MOVED Director Sperling

SECONDED Director Graham

That the Regional Board authorize Director Rose to attend the Clearwater Callazon Resource Road Group meetings.

CARRIED

8.2 Electoral Area Directors Committee Recommendations from March 27, 2025, ADM-BRD-593

RD/25/04/19

MOVED Director Sperling

SECONDED Director Graham

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

RD/25/04/20

MOVED Director Sperling

SECONDED Director Graham

That the Regional Board authorize development of a cost estimate to undertake aquatic harvesting at Charlie Lake and identification of potential funding sources available for the project.

CARRIED

8.2 Electoral Area Directors Committee Recommendations from March 27, 2025, ADM-BRD-593 (Cont'd)

RD/25/04/21

MOVED Chair Hiebert
SECONDED Director Veach

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

RD/25/04/22

MOVED Chair Hiebert
SECONDED Director Veach

That the Regional Board authorize development of a cost estimate to undertake aquatic harvesting at Swan Lake and identification of potential funding sources available for the project.

CARRIED

RD/25/04/23

MOVED Director Rose
SECONDED Director Graham

That the Regional Board authorize Environmental Services to investigate the purchase/construction of a bulk potable tank loader station to connect to West Moberly First Nations potable water system.

CARRIED

RD/25/04/24

MOVED Director Rose
SECONDED Director Graham

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

RD/25/04/25

MOVED Director Sperling
SECONDED Director Graham

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 and to investigate if there are any other funding opportunities.

CARRIED

8.3 Rural Budgets Administration Committee Recommendations from March 27, 2025, ADM-BRD-592

RD/25/04/26

MOVED Director Sperling
SECONDED Director Graham

That the Regional Board adopt the amended Rural Recreational and Cultural Grants-In-Aid Policy No. 0340-61 which amendments include:

8.3 Rural Budgets Administration Committee Recommendations from March 27, 2025, ADM-BRD-592 (Cont'd)

- change the annual allocation meeting attendance requirement from 'all applicants' to 'applicants requested by the Director';
- change the allocation determination from 'consensus' to 'the Director';
- add a policy definition for 'maintenance' for clarity;
- clarify the process for unspent funds;
- add capital as an eligible expense;
- added West to the title of Schedule M to match the rest of the Schedule;
- change Area B to either bursary or scholarship to reflect past practice; and
- list and attach all Schedules to the policy.

CARRIED

RD/25/04/27

MOVED

Director Rose

SECONDED

Director Sperling

That the Regional Board adopt the amended Community Works Gas Tax Grant Policy, which aligns the policy with the newly signed 2024-2034 Community Works Fund Agreement and the Community Works Fund Program Guide.

CARRIED

8.4 North Peace Regional Park – Operating Model and Funding Options, CS-BRD-390

RD/25/04/28

MOVED

Director Graham

SECONDED

Director Sperling

That the Regional Board authorize that the North Peace Regional Park's classification be transitioned from a Regional Park to a Community Park, and that the costs for development, maintenance, and operations be paid for through the Area 'B' Community Parks Function; further, that the Regional Board authorize that an updated Use and Occupancy Agreement be drafted for a one-year term formalizing that the North Peace Fall Fair Society continue to operate the North Peace Regional Park.

CARRIED

8.5 Public Notification and Evacuation Route Planning Grant, CS-BRD-401

RD/25/04/29

MOVED

Director Veach

SECONDED

Director Hansen

That the Regional Board authorize submission of a grant application on behalf of the Peace River Regional District to the Union of BC Municipalities Community Emergency Preparedness Fund – Public Notification & Evacuation Route Planning grant program in the amount of \$40,000 to be used towards the cost of notification and evacuation route planning.

In response to Director questions, Staff explained that a portion of the money would be used for staff administration time, though the intent for most of the grant would be to hire a consultant to help with the evacuation route planning and enhanced emergency planning.

The Chair called the Question to the Motion.

CARRIED

8.6 Mobile Computer Assisted Dispatch – UBCM Next Generation 911 Funding Application, CS-BRD-400

RD/25/04/30

MOVED Director Sperling

SECONDED Director Hansen

That the Regional Board authorize submission of a grant application on behalf of the Peace River Regional District to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities – Next Generation 911 Fund for a grant of up to \$100,000 to be used towards the purchase of mobile Computer Assisted Dispatch (CAD) units for the Moberly Lake Fire Department and Charlie Lake Fire Department.

CARRIED

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

RD/25/04/31

MOVED Director Sperling

SECONDED Director Graham

That the Regional Board defer consideration of Development Variance Permit No. 24-012 until the new Regional Zoning Bylaw has been approved.

Directors noted that it may be prudent to defer Development Variance Permits until after the Regional Zoning Bylaw was approved, as zoning may change for some properties.

The Chair called the Question to the Motion.

CARRIED

OPPOSED: Directors Dober and Krakowka

8.8 Request to Waive Minimum Parcel Frontage, PRRD File No. 24-117 MoTT, DS-BRD-479

RD/25/04/32

MOVED Director Sperling

SECONDED Director Graham

That the Regional Board approve the request to waive the 10% minimum parcel frontage for the proposed ± 25.1 ha remainder lot on the subject property identified as PID 030-260-795 within Peace River Regional District Zoning Bylaw No. 1343, 2001, as the proposed accesses are ± 25 m wide and can therefore accommodate future road development.

CARRIED

8.9 Subdivision within the ALR, PRRD File No. 25-001 ALR SUB, ALC ID 013293, DS-BRD-478

RD/25/04/33

MOVED Director Graham

SECONDED Director Sperling

That the Regional Board support Agricultural Land Reserve Subdivision Application No. 25-001 (ALC ID 103293) to subdivide the 254.23 ha property identified as PID: 004-992-971 into one ± 63.5 ha lot, and one ± 190 ha lot, and authorize the application to proceed to the Agricultural Land Commission.

CARRIED

8.10 Temporary Use Permit No. 25-001, DS-BRD-481

RD/25/04/34

MOVED

Director Rose

SECONDED

Director Graham

That the Regional Board authorize the issuance of Temporary Use Permit No. 25-001 to construct a 30-person temporary worker camp on a 10.525 ha portion of the subject property identified as PID 011-979-763 for a three-year term.

CARRIED

9. BYLAWS

9.1 Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2433, 2021, PRRD File No. 21-003 ZN, DS-BRD-480

RD/25/04/35

MOVED

Director Rose

SECONDED

Director Courtoreille

That the Regional Board give Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2433, 2021 to rezone the property identified as PID 005-979-552 from R-4 (Residential-4 Zone) to C-2 (General Commercial Zone), and to add a site-specific text amendment to the C-2 Zone to permit a campground, unlimited term, for a maximum of two recreational vehicles on the subject property, third reading.

CARRIED

RD/25/04/36

MOVED

Director Rose

SECONDED

Director Courtoreille

That the Regional Board adopt Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2433, 2021.

CARRIED

10. NEW BUSINESS

RD/25/04/37

MOVED

Director Courtoreille

SECONDED

Director Sperling

That the Regional Board receive a new business item regarding the Rural Community Immigration Pilot Program.

CARRIED

10.1 Rural Community Immigration Pilot Program

Directors discussed the Rural Community Immigration Pilot Program led by Community Futures Peace-Liard. Directors expressed interest in learning more about the Pilot Program and noted that rural businesses could benefit from the initiative.

RD/25/04/38

MOVED

Director Courtoreille

SECONDED

Director Veach

That the Regional Board invite Community Futures Peace Liard to present regarding the Rural Community Immigration Pilot Program.

CARRIED

11. APPOINTMENTS

11.2 Letter from Village of Pouce Coupe Re: Director Veach

RD/25/04/39

MOVED Director Zabinsky

SECONDED Director Veach

That the Regional Board receive the letter from the Village of Pouce Coupe regarding the appointment of Director Veach for information.

CARRIED

Director Veach noted an error in the letter and emphasized that her role as a Director of the Regional Board was to represent the entire Peace River Regional District.

11.3 Letter from Village of Pouce Coupe Re: Alternate Director Woodill

RD/25/04/40

MOVED Director Sperling

SECONDED Director Hansen

That the Regional Board receive the letter from the Village of Pouce Coupe regarding the appointment of Alternate Director Woodill for information.

CARRIED

12. CONSENT CALENDAR

The Chair asked Directors whether they wished to lift any items from the April 10, 2025 Consent Calendar.

RD/25/04/41

MOVED Director Sperling

SECONDED Director Veach

That the Regional Board place Item 12.9 - Response from Environmental Assessment Office Re: BC Hydro's Amendment Application EAC#E14-2 and Item 12.10 - Letters Re: Wind Farm Projects on the May 1, 2025 Regional Board agenda for discussion.

Amendment:

RD/25/04/42

MOVED Director Sperling

SECONDED Director Veach

That the Regional Board amend the motion to change the referral to the Committee of the Whole.

CARRIED

Director Taillefer, District of Taylor joined the meeting at 2:47 p.m.

Motion as Amended:

RD/25/04/41

MOVED Director Sperling

SECONDED Director Veach

That the Regional Board place Item 12.9 - Response from Environmental Assessment Office Re: BC Hydro's Amendment Application EAC#E14-2 and Item 12.10 - Letters Re: Wind Farm Projects on the May 1, 2025 Committee of the Whole agenda for discussion.

CARRIED

12. CONSENT CALENDAR (Cont'd)

Director Krakowka requested that Item 12.6 – Letter from North Peace Airport Society Re: Notification of Airport Operations Transition be lifted from the Consent Calendar for discussion.

12.6 Letter from North Peace Airport Society Re: Notification of Airport Operations Transition

RD/25/04/43

MOVED Director Krakowka

SECONDED Director Zabinsky

That the Regional Board invite the North Peace Airport Society to a future Regional Board meeting.

Directors discussed concerns regarding the restaurant hours within the North Peace Airport. Directors noted that the restaurant leased the space from the airport facility, which was run by Vantage, and that the North Peace Airport Society was not involved in daily operations. Directors who were also members of the North Peace Airport Society volunteered to raise the subject at the next North Peace Airport Society meeting.

The Chair called the Question to the Motion.

DEFEATED

IN FAVOUR: Directors Courtoreille, Krakowka and Quibell

Director Rose requested that Item 12.8 – Letter from Northern Health Re: Follow-up from March 5, 2025 Delegation be lifted from the Consent Calendar for discussion.

12.8 Letter from Northern Health Re: Follow-up from March 6, 2025 Delegation

RD/25/04/44

MOVED Director Veach

SECONDED Director Courtoreille

That the Regional Board request a meeting between Chair Hiebert and Director Rose with the Minister of Health regarding the lack of access to Seniors Health Services and Programs in the rural communities of the Northeast region.

Directors expressed disappointment regarding the follow-up letter sent by Northern Health, specifically regarding the suggestion to reach out to United Way for solutions about the lack of access to Seniors Health Services. Director Rose noted his upcoming Municipal Finance Authority General Meeting in Victoria and suggested that a meeting with the Minister of Health may provide better solutions.

The Chair called the Question to the Motion.

CARRIED

RD/25/04/45

MOVED Director Sperling

SECONDED Director Krakowka

That the Regional Board receive the remaining items of the April 10, 2025 Consent Calendar, save for Items that were acted on.

CARRIED



13. STRATEGIC PLAN

The Chief Administrative Officer provided a quarterly update on the Regional Board's 2023-2026 Strategic Plan.

14. COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

14.1 Golata Community Space Project

15. CHAIR'S REPORT

15.1 Chair's Report for April 10, 2025

The Chair and Vice-Chair provided a synopsis of events attended between March 17 and April 4, 2025. Vice-Chair Dober noted a meeting he attended of the Peace Region Economic Development Alliance (PREDA) and suggested the Regional Board receive information about PREDA at a future Regional District Board meeting.

16. NOTICE OF MOTION

17. MEDIA QUESTIONS

18. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

18.1 Notice of Closed Board Meeting – April 10, 2025, ADM-BRD-591

RD/25/04/46

MOVED

Director Graham

SECONDED

Director Veach

That the Regional Board recess to a Closed Meeting at 3:33 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, 5.2 & 5.3	Personnel	CC Section 90(1)(c) Labour Relations or Other Employee Relations
6.1	Litigation	CC Section 90 (1)(g) Litigation or Potential Litigation affecting the Regional District

CARRIED

19. ADJOURNMENT

The Chair reconvened and adjourned the Open Regional Board meeting at 4:32 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 April 10, 2025 in the PRRD Board Room, 1981 Alaska Avenue, Dawson Creek, BC.

Leonard Hiebert, Chair

Tyra Henderson, Corporate Officer