



PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

Proposed Regional Growth Strategy Bylaw No. 2571, 2025

April 10, 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
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
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
Ashley Murphey, General Manager Development Services
Kari Bondaroff, General Manager Environmental Services
Kevin Clarkson, General Manager Community Services
Daris Gillis, Environmental Services Manager
Gerritt Lacey, Solid Waste Services Manager
Bryna Casey, Community Services Manager
Annette Andrews, Communications Manager
Trevor Ouellette, IT Manager
Olivia Lundahl, Electoral Area Officer
Ranush Ratnasekera, Communications Coordinator
Carmen Willms, Legislative Services Clerk/Recorder

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

2. STATEMENT OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Chair stated the procedural rules in place to govern the conduct of the Public Hearing as written in the agenda.

3. INTRODUCTION TO PROPOSAL

Staff summarized the proposal to the public.

4. SUMMARY OF APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Staff provided a summary of the application procedures and timeline as outlined in the agenda for those in attendance at the hearing.

5. COMMENTS FROM AGENCIES & MUNICIPALITIES RECEIVED

No comments from agencies or municipalities were received.

6. WRITTEN COMMENTS RECEIVED FROM THE PUBLIC

Staff read aloud the written comments received to date. All written comments received were in favour of the proposal.

7. COMMENTS FROM THE APPLICANT

The applicant commented that the Regional Growth Strategy Bylaw would be referred to all member municipalities, adjacent regional districts and the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing for formal review and comment.

8. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Director Rose commented that Electoral Area Directors should have the same opportunity as the member municipalities to provide comments to the Regional Growth Strategy Bylaw.

Director Sperling commented, asking why adjacent regional districts would need to be included in the referral for review and comment.

Staff replied that legislation required member municipalities to provide formal resolution either in support or opposed to the Regional Growth Strategy Bylaw. She noted that the legislation also specified that the Regional Growth Strategy Bylaw be referred to adjacent regional districts.

9. FINAL COMMENTS FROM THE APPLICANT

Staff noted that if full support for the Regional Growth Strategy Bylaw was received, the adoption of the bylaw was anticipated to occur on June 19, 2025.

10. TERMINATION OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Chair terminated the Public Hearing at 10:06 a.m.

CERTIFIED a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Peace River Regional District Public Hearing held on April 10, 2025 in the PRRD Board Room, 1981 Alaska Avenue, Dawson Creek, BC.

Leonard Hiebert, Chair

Tyra Henderson, Corporate Officer