



# PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

## SEARCH AND RESCUE GRANT ALLOCATION MEETING NOTES

**JUNE 25, 2025, 7:00 p.m.**

**1981 Alaska Avenue, Dawson Creek, BC**

Present: Chair Lenoard Hiebert, EEC Committee Chair/Electoral Area D Director/Regional Board Chair  
Roxanne Shepherd – Chief Financial Officer, PRRD  
Ryan Kirkham – Protective Services Manager, PRRD  
Kyla Traichevich – Community Services Clerk /Recorder, PRRD  
Gerald Noksana, President - Tumber Ridge Search and Rescue Society  
Dan Milne – Treasurer, Tumber Ridge Search and Rescue Society(via Zoom)  
Brian Lamond – President, North Peace Search and Rescue Society (via Zoom)  
Andre Lagace – Treasurer, North Peace Search and Rescue Society (via Zoom)  
BJ Saunders – President, South Peace Emergency Response Team (via Zoom)  
David Shoemaker – Vice-President, South Peace Emergency Response Team  
Michelle Tonn – Treasurer, South Peace Emergency Response Team (via Zoom)

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### **1. WELCOME AND MEETING OBJECTIVES**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

### **2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

MOVED Brian Lamond, SECONDED Gerald Noksana,

That the Search and Rescue Grant Allocation agenda of July 9, 2024, be adopted as presented:

#### **1. WELCOME/OPENING**

#### **2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

#### **3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

3.1. Search and Rescue Grant Allocation Meeting Minutes of July 9, 2024

#### **4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

#### **5. NEW BUSINESS**

5.1. 2025 Search and Rescue Grant Requests and Allocation

#### **6. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION**

6.1. SAR Group Updates

#### **7. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

7.1. 2025 Search and Rescue Grant Allocations – Summary of Information

7.2. Search and Rescue Grants – Summary of Allocations and Payments

7.3. Health Related Grant-in-Aid Policy

#### **8. QUESTIONS/COMMENTS**

#### **9. ADJOURNMENT**

**CARRIED**



### 3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

#### 3.1 Search and Rescue Grant Allocation Meeting Minutes of July 9, 2024

MOVED Gerald Noksana, SECONDED Brian Lamond

That the Search and Rescue Grant Allocation meeting minutes of July 9, 2024 be adopted.

**CARRIED**

### 4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

The group discussed that a multi-year request or increase may be reviewed when a new Regional Board is elected. As of now. The grant amount is set to \$100,000 for 2025, and next year, 2026, will likely stay the same. Grant allotment is discussed each year around budget time and is agreed upon by the Regional Board in March.

### 5. NEW BUSINESS

#### 5.1 2025 Search and Rescue Grant Requests and Allocation

MOVED Brian Lamond, SECONDED David Shoemaker,

That the Regional Board approve the 2024 Search and Rescue Grant Allocations in the following amounts:

North Peace Search and Rescue Society	\$ 46,000.00
South Peace Emergency Response Team	\$ 30,000.00
Tumbler Ridge Search and Rescue Society	\$ 24,000.00
Total allocation	\$ 100,000.00

**CARRIED**

### 6. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

#### 6.1 SAR Group Updates

##### North Peace Search and Rescue Society:

- 2025 is off to a busy start, already on task number 12.
- The Society is focusing on completing lots of training this year.
- The group has now moved into a new location, working along with the City of Fort St John. There will be a grand opening in October, and an invitation will be extended to all the PRRD Directors and SAR teams.
- Working on reviewing/renewing EMCR GSAR gap analysis.
- Over the winter, received a CDFL kit, and has since applied to EMCR for the capability, hoping to be ready by the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter.
- Continued community support and fundraising.
- The Society has completed Adventure Smart presentations for 8 different schools.
- Currently, the Society has received 12 applications (GSAR), and of those 12, 10 have graduated and are able participate on the team. The team's total of volunteers is now at 43. Brian mentioned that there will be a new recruit group this winter, and they will include some current members in the program that are needing a refresher.

##### Tumber Ridge Search and Rescue Society:

- So far, the team has had 1 call this year.
- The Society will be taking a break in summer from weekly training, especially for those with families, until school starts.



- The Society is looking to complete more advanced training. There is a lot of interest in expanding teams and getting more designated advanced teams.
- Currently, The Society has 6 recruits, and 4 have passed. The total number of volunteers is now 23.
- The Society is working on updating and advancing first aid and certificates.
- The first week in July, the group is completing high-angle rope assessment, which will bring numbers up.

South Peace Emergency Response Team:

- So far, the call volume has been about the same from 2024, which was 5 tasks.
- Currently, the group has 5 new members who have completed the GSAR program. The Society is always accepting new recruits. 30 total active members
- Completed large in-depth first aid training (12 team members) for wilderness first responder.
- Currently working on flat water boat operators training (purchased boat, on its way).
- The Team has been participating in lots of fundraising, and upcoming is a golf tournament (next weekend).
- The group has an operational and administrative team with specific members now and noted that it has been a big help getting the word out and helped with the great engagement.

## **7. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

### **7.1 2025 Search and Rescue Grant Allocations – Summary of Information**

### **7.2. Search and Rescue Grants – Summary of Allocations and Payments**

### **7.3 Health Related Grant-in-Aid Policy**

## **8. QUESTIONS/COMMENTS**

## **9. ADJOURNMENT**

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.