



PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

REGIONAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

June 19, 2025, 10:00 a.m.
1981 Alaska Avenue, Dawson Creek, BC

Directors Present:

Chair Hiebert, Electoral Area D
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
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
Alternate Director Parslow, City of Dawson Creek

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
Gerritt Lacey, Solid Waste Services Manager
Bryna Casey, Community Services Manager
Ashley Murphey, General Manager of Development Services
Annette Andrews, Communications Manager
Trevor Ouellette, IT Manager
Olivia Lundahl, Electoral Area Officer
Carmen Willms, Legislative Services Clerk/Recorder

Delegations:

Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship

Rudi Mayser, Director, Strategic Initiatives (via Zoom)
Jennifer Chermesnok, Land & Resource Specialist (via Zoom)
Sandra Sulyma, Land & Resource Specialist (via Zoom)

Community Futures Peace Liard

Moir Green, Co-Chair
Scott Clerk, Co-Chair
Fanni DeMaio, Project Coordinator

EDF Renewables

John Olsen, Senior Project Developer
Loni Tsui, Permitting & Environmental Manager (via Zoom)
Toby Shepherd, Community Engagement Manager (via Zoom)

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

RD/25/06/01

MOVED

Director Krakowka

SECONDED

Director Graham

That the Regional Board adopt the June 19, 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 Regional Board Draft Meeting Minutes of May 22, 2025

4.2 Special Regional Board Draft Meeting Minutes of June 3, 2025

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

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6.1 Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship Re: Kaska-BC Land Use Planning Project

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9. BYLAWS

9.1 Chetwynd and Area Civic Properties Commission Establishment Bylaw No. 2579, 2025, CS-BRD-411

10. NEW BUSINESS

11. APPOINTMENTS

11.1 Board Appointment List

12. CONSENT CALENDAR

12.1 Report: City of Colwood Medical Clinic Pilot Project, ADM-BRD-605

12.2 North Peace Leisure Facility Replacement Steering Committee Draft Meeting Minutes of April 22, 2025

12.3 Chetwynd Public Library Regular Board Meeting Minutes of March 26, 2025

12.4 Letter of Support from Peace River Regional District to Timberline Trail and Nature Club Re: Grant Application to Northern Development Initiative Trust

12.5 Letter from Dawson Creek RCMP Re: Policing Report for March 2025

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- 12.6 Letter from Dawson Creek RCMP Re: Policing Report for April 2025
- 12.7 Letter from Indigenous Services Canada Re: West Moberly First Nation Ministerial Order
- 12.8 Email from BC Hydro Re: Grant-In-Lieu of Taxes Payment
- 12.9 Letter from Union of BC Municipalities Re: Disaster Risk Reduction-Climate Adaptation Funding Approval
- 12.10 Letter from Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs Re: Small-Scale Multi-Unit Housing
- 12.11 Bulletin from Union of BC Municipalities Re: Request for Input on Proposed Changes to Closed Meetings

13. STRATEGIC PLAN

- 13.1 2023 - 2026 Strategic Plan

14. COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

15. CHAIR'S REPORT

- 15.1 Chair's Report, DR-BRD-103

16. NOTICE OF MOTION

17. MEDIA QUESTIONS

18. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

- 18.1 Notice of Closed Board Meeting - June 19, 2025, ADM-BRD-614

19. ADJOURNMENT

CARRIED

3. GALLERY COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

4.1 Regional Board Draft Meeting Minutes of May 22, 2025

RD/25/06/02

MOVED

Director Sperling

SECONDED

Director Graham

That the Regional Board adopt the Board Meeting minutes of May 22, 2025.

CARRIED

4.2 Special Regional Board Draft Meeting Minutes of June 3, 2025

RD/25/06/03

MOVED

Director Quibell

SECONDED

Director Graham

That the Regional Board adopt the Special Board Meeting minutes of June 3, 2025.

CARRIED

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Director Taillefer, District of Taylor joined the meeting at 10:20 am.

6. DELEGATIONS

6.1 Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship Re: Kaska-BC Land Use Planning Project

Rudi Mayser, Director, Strategic Initiatives; Jennifer Chermesnok, Land and Resource Specialist, and Sandra Sulyma, Land and Resource Specialist at the Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship delivered a presentation titled "Kaska-BC Land Use Planning Project" which included the following information:

6.1 Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship Re: Kaska-BC Land Use Planning Project (Cont'd)

- Introduction to the Joint Planning Teams working with the Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation and the Ministry of Mining and Critical Minerals.
- The Northwest Strategy aims to advance prosperity, reconciliation and conservation; implementation of the strategy principles include certainty for industry, agreements with First Nations, delivering social/economic benefits to local and provincial governments and resource protection.
- An explanation of the mandate letters of the Water, Land and Resource Stewardship Ministry (WLRS) and the Mining and Critical Minerals (MCM) Ministry. WLRS and MCM partner with First Nations to enable mining exploration and development in BC's northwest and they aim to protect 30% of land and water by 2030.
- The Land Use Planning (LUP) engagement process involves First Nations, local government, stakeholders, industry, communities and interagency connections. The process guides resource management and stewardship through resource development, integrated management, conservation and protection within various zones. The four stages involved in the LUP process including pre-planning and initiation, plan development, plan evaluation and approval, and implementation and monitoring.
- Links to the public announcement and Land Use Planning webpage related to the Province's announcement of four LUP Projects on June 3, 2025 were provided.
- Maps of the Kaska-BC Land Use Planning Project area featuring the Dene K'éh Kusān proposed Indigenous Protected and Conserved Area (IPCA) were reviewed.
- The 1-year plan development and engagement process started June 2025 and is currently at the Plan Launch-Engagement Start stage. The final plan will be referred for approval in June 2026.
- The 'tenuring pause' during the 12-month planning process was explained. Details of the 'Plan Development Phases' and public engagement opportunities planned for 2025 to 2026 were provided. The outcome focuses on clarity on stewardship and conservation in Dene K'éh Kusān, clarity for mineral exploration and mining in the area, and creation of updated/consolidated plans.

A question-and-answer period ensued with the Directors and included:

- The percentage of BC's land and waters currently protected, and whether the land underwater due to the Site C Dam was included in that percentage. The presenter explained that 19.6% of BC's land and water was currently protected, and that the land underwater due to the Site C Dam did not qualify as a protected conservation area.
- Which First Nations were included on the Kaska-BC maps. The presenter noted that the First Nations included under the umbrella term Kaska were Liard and Ross River from the Yukon and Dease River and Kwadacha in BC. The presenter explained that the Kaska First Nations were the partner nations, and that the eleven neighbouring nations would also be included in the engagement process and the Land Use Planning Project.
- Whether a map which included the boundaries of the Treaty 8 Territory could be provided. The presenter explained that the Treaty 8 boundaries were considered confidential and were not typically shared publicly.

6.1 Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship Re: Kaska-BC Land Use Planning Project (Cont'd)

- Whether the tenuring pause timeline of one year was realistic. The presenter explained that the Kaska-BC Land Use Planning Project was a one year project, though decisions by the BC Cabinet regarding the final recommendations could extend the tenuring pause. The presenter noted that the tenuring pause was introduced to minimize the impact of possible legislative amendments on industry.
- An explanation of the mandate and legality of the Kaska-BC LUP Project. The presenter explained MCM's mandate was provided in their mandate letter and specified that approval for the Project was received at the Cabinet and Treasury Board levels which included the legal step in the form of an Order in Council under the *Environment and Land Use Act* to prevent new claims in the area while the process was ongoing.
- The difference between the current mandate and previous Land Use Plan; specifically, ways to ensure less division. The presenter explained that the current LUP Project would maximize engagement with the relevant groups and maintain a clear focus on the desired outcomes being conservation and clarity for the resource sector.
- The request to return to the Board after the engagement phase of the Project. The presenter confirmed that WLRS would return after development of the Draft Plan.

The Chair thanked the delegation from the Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship for their presentation, and they left the meeting at 10:47 a.m.

6.2 Community Futures Peace Liard Re: Rural Community Immigration Pilot Program

Moira Green, General Manager and Fanni DeMaio, Project Coordinator from Community Futures Peace Liard, along with Scott Clerk, Associate Vice President, Educational Services from Northern Lights College and co-chair delivered a presentation titled "Rural Community Immigration Pilot Program" which included the following information:

- An introduction to the Northeast BC Rural Community Immigration Pilot, which was established to address labour market and recruitment challenges by attracting and retaining newcomers to Canada.
- A explanation of how the program worked.
- The funding and operations of the project structure, which was funded for the first year through the South Peace Mackenzie Trust and Northern Lights College for a total of \$95,000. Presenters noted that they were in the process of finalizing a contract with the Northern Development Initiative Trust for funding in the amount of \$60,000 for years two through five.
- The role of local government is to provide a knowledge base of business and recruitment concerns. Many local governments had a member of staff that attended steering committee meetings regularly.
- The magnitude of the project area encompasses 220,000 square kilometres with an estimate of \$200,000 budgeted for years two through five. The presenter noted that the 2025 allocation was for sixty recommendations.
- The future of the project which requires funding and resources. The presenter noted that if Community Futures Peace Liard was unable to secure funding, the project would close.

6.2 Community Futures Peace Liard Re: Rural Community Immigration Pilot Program (Cont'd)

A question-and-answer period ensued and included:

- Whether the Peace River Regional District (PRRD) was currently involved with the Rural Community Immigration Pilot Project (Project). Staff explained that due to the lack of an Economic Development Service Function, the PRRD was unable to requisition funds to support an economic development project and therefore were not involved with the Project.
- Whether funding was for the administration of the program or went directly to applicants and businesses involved in the Project. The presenter clarified that Community Futures was seeking staff time to support the Program through participation in a steering committee.
- Information about the pilot aspect of the Project. The presenter noted that the Project was currently the second iteration of an immigration pilot program, and that the purpose of the pilot was to provide the federal government with a formula on how to attract and retain immigrants to rural communities.
- The importance of foreign-born staff retention to corporations in the PRRD.
- The implications of adding staff hours to assist with the Project due to staff capacity.
- The difference between the pilot project presented and a similar program in the Kootenays. The presenter explained that in the current project, the employer submits a candidate's application, whereas the previous program allowed candidates to apply directly.
- The approval process for candidates. The presenter explained that in the current project, applications were received and the steering committee recommended successful applicants to the federal government who expedited those applications. They noted that the ultimate decision on applicants lay with the Government of Canada.
- Whether the previous immigration pilot program on the East Coast that subsequently became permanent, was funded by the government or the community. The presenter was uncertain of this however noted that the Rural Community Immigration Pilot Program was not funded by the federal government.

The Chair thanked the delegation from Community Futures Peace Liard for their presentation, and they left the meeting at 11:13 a.m.

Recess

The Chair recessed the meeting at 11:15 a.m. due to technical issues.

Reconvene

The Chair reconvened the meeting at 11:20 a.m.

6.3 EDF Renewables Re: Taylor Wind Project

John Olsen, Senior Project Developer, Loni Tsui, Permitting and Environmental Manager and Toby Shepherd, Community Engagement Manager from EDF Renewables delivered a presentation titled "Taylor Wind Project" which included the following information:

6.3 EDF Renewables Re: Taylor Wind Project (Cont'd)

- An update on the Taylor Wind Project; the project was one of the winners of BC Hydro's 2024 Call for Power and was comprised of a partnership between EDF Renewables North America and the Saulteau First Nations. It was recently rebranded as EDF Power Solutions
- The project overview and history of the Taylor Wind Project, which proposes a 200-megawatt renewable energy project on private land with the transmission line located on crown land. The major components of the project were listed.
- A map of the Taylor Wind Project area and draft layout that displayed the proposed turbine locations and the proposed transmission line was reviewed.
- The Taylor Wind Project landscape and existing infrastructure. Presenters noted that rezoning and non-farm use of the land was required, and that the permit application had not been submitted but was in development
- Typical wind project life cycle included approximately 12 to 24 months for construction and commissioning and 30 years of operations. Potential impacts were listed along with possible mitigation measures.
- Pictorial examples of the civil and electrical construction which would include turbines installed on concrete foundations underground electrical cables going to the substation. Examples of an access road and turbine pad during the construction and then the operational phase processes were provided.
- EDF stewardship initiatives, which included existing land use, environmental engagement, community collaboration, hunting protocols, and a traffic management plan.
- Long-term local benefits of project include employment opportunities, local investments, community support, tax benefits, contract opportunities, equity ownership and reduction in air pollution and greenhouse gases. The presenter noted approximately 25% of the capital expenses were spent locally.
- Options to repower or extend the life of the project through advanced inspection, repair and replacement. Options for reclamation and decommissioning of the turbines included recycling the steel towers, reclaiming the cabling, power electronics, hub and frames, and returning mechanical components to equipment manufacturers for rebuilding. The presenter noted that they have a bond with the landowner to return the land to farm use once the project was complete.
- The lifespan and recycling plans for wind blades were discussed; recycling complexity and environmental impacts were noted, and blade recycling and reuse options were provided.

A question-and-answer period ensued and included:

- Whether EDF Power Solutions had other projects and what the process was for decommissioned blades on those projects. The presenter explained that they had other projects in Canada though none had been decommissioned yet and noted that most wind projects in other countries were repowered rather than decommissioned. The presenter mentioned that some of the decommissioned blades in other countries had been placed in landfills which had led to a company commitment in 2023 to reuse, recycle or recover 100% of blades from decommissioned projects.

6.3 EDF Renewables Re: Taylor Wind Project (Cont'd)

- The percentage of revenue earmarked for community support. The presenter noted that they did not know the percentage and could provide this information at a future meeting.
- Whether individual blades had been switched out on other projects in Canada, and what EDF Power Solutions had done with those blades. The presenter noted that the 2023 commitment was for decommissioned projects and he was unsure about individual blades, however, would request this information from the asset management team and return with an answer.
- Where the Operations and Maintenance building would be located. The presenter explained that there was no confirmation on where the building would be located at this time.
- Whether the lease agreement for the land on which the Taylor Wind Project would be located was restricted to solely what was needed for the towers or for the larger area. The presenter explained that the land agreement was for the whole quarter section and noted that the landowner would be able to farm the land that was not used for construction or operations of the project. The presenter added that there was a reclamation plan in place to allow the land used solely for construction to be farmed during the next season.
- The taxable assessed value of the Taylor Wind Project. The presenter explained that they only had an estimate and were required to apply to the Province and noted that there were differences between assets built on Crown land versus private land. The presenter explained that the application would occur prior to construction in 2027.
- When the last public open house for the project was held. The presenter explained that the last public open house was held in 2016, and another would be scheduled after a meeting with neighbouring landowners was held and once the government decision regarding which agency would be the regulator of the project was reached.
- Whether the environmental assessments done by the First Nations regarding the Taylor Wind Project could be shared. The presenter explained that some of the First Nations had formed a technical review panel, while communications with other First Nations were currently underway. He noted that after the process was complete, the request for information would be shared with the First Nations.
- The number of other projects that EDF Power Solutions operated in Canada. The presenter explained that EDF operated approximately 2.4 gigawatts throughout Canada. He confirmed that other projects could provide an example of the potential amount of money given to communities in a calendar year.
- Whether EDF Power Solutions was a Quebec based company. The presenter explained that the company originated in France and built power plants worldwide.
- Whether the parameters of the Taylor Wind Project had changed from its inception in 2012. The presenter explained that the turbines were larger, though the area required was the same. He added that the BC Hydro Call for Power was for a 30-year life span and initially the project aimed for a 40-year life span.
- How EDF Power Solutions would persuade residents who were resistant to having wind power turbines in the area to accept a new wind project. The presenter explained that potential impacts such as noise and shadow flickers had to meet government and industry standards. He mentioned that when speaking with

6.3 EDF Renewables Re: Taylor Wind Project (Cont'd)

residents, EDF used a visual simulator to show how the wind farm would look near a residence. He added that another bonus was the provision of clean power.

The Chair thanked the EDF Renewables delegation for their presentation, and they left the meeting at 12:04 p.m.

Director Veach, Village of Pouce Coupe left the meeting at 12:05 pm.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 Letter from Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation Re: West Moberly First Nations Treaty Land Entitlement

RD/25/06/04

MOVED

Director Rose

SECONDED

Director Sperling

That the Regional Board receive the letter from the Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation regarding West Moberly First Nations Treaty Land Entitlement for discussion.

CARRIED

Directors articulated the desire to learn more about the provincial process of the implementation of Treaty Land Entitlement agreements.

RD/25/06/05

MOVED

Director Rose

SECONDED

Director Sperling

That the Regional Board invite Naomi Saukila from the Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation to a future Board meeting to receive information about the provincial process regarding the implementation of Treaty Land Entitlement land agreements and an explanation of how existing tenures will be addressed in relation to the proposed transfers.

CARRIED

7.2 Email from MLA Kealy, Peace River North Re: Meeting Request

RD/25/06/06

MOVED

Director Sperling

SECONDED

Director Krakowka

That the Regional Board receive the email from MLA Kealy regarding a meeting request for discussion.

CARRIED

Directors noted that in past years, Members of Legislative Assembly (MLAs) were present during Minister Meetings attended during the annual Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) Conference, however the venue change and smaller room sizes at the 2025 Annual Conference had complicated whether MLAs would be able to attend Minister Meetings with PRRD Directors at the 2025 UBCM Conference. Directors noted that former MLAs had appeared as Delegations to the Regional Board to provide regional updates and this may be the best approach ahead of the 2025 UBCM Conference.

7.2 Email from MLA Kealy, Peace River North Re: Meeting Request (Cont'd)

RD/25/06/07

MOVED Director Sperling

SECONDED Director Zabinsky

That the Regional Board send MLA Kealy and MLA Neufeld a letter to attend, at their convenience, as a delegation at a future Regional Board meeting to discuss current issues impacting the Peace River Regional District.

CARRIED

7.3 Letter from Sequoia Legal LLP Re: Letter of Support Request for Halfway River First Nation Land Selection

RD/25/06/08

MOVED Director Hansen

SECONDED Director Krakowka

That the Regional Board receive the letter from Sequoia Legal LLP regarding a letter of support request for Halfway River First Nation for discussion.

CARRIED

Directors considered whether the Land Selection of Halfway River First Nation was overlapping any other First Nation selections. They noted that more information would be helpful for deciding on whether to provide a letter of support.

RD/25/06/09

MOVED Director Sperling

SECONDED Director Krakowka

That the Regional Board invite Sequoia Legal LLP to present regarding the Halfway River First Nation Land Selection.

CARRIED

7.4 Letter from North Wind Wellness Centre Society Re: Letter of Support Request

RD/25/06/10

MOVED Director Sperling

SECONDED Director Krakowka

That the Regional Board receive the letter from North Wind Wellness Centre Society requesting a letter of support for discussion.

CARRIED

The Directors discussed the lack of details necessary to inform a decision on providing a letter of support to the North Wind Wellness Centre Society regarding the acquisition of the Site C Worker Accommodation Facility.

RD/25/06/11

MOVED Director Sperling

SECONDED Director Courtoreille

That the Regional Board invite the North Wind Wellness Centre Society to come as a delegation to provide more information on the proposed acquisition of the Site C Worker Accommodation Facility.

CARRIED



7.5 Letter from Blueberry River First Nation Re: Letter of Support Request

RD/25/06/12

MOVED Director Taillefer

SECONDED Director Graham

That the Regional Board receive the letter from Blueberry River First Nation regarding a letter of support request for discussion.

CARRIED

Directors reviewed the letter from Blueberry River First Nation and noted that the land being applied for as 'Additions-to-Reserve' already belonged to the First Nation. They commented that the letter of support would be a general letter showing the Regional District's awareness of the application.

RD/25/06/13

MOVED Director Sperling

SECONDED Director Krakowka

That the Regional Board send a letter of support to Blueberry River First Nation regarding their 'Additions-to-Reserve' application for the "Dancing Grounds" lands as part of its Treaty Land Entitlement settlement agreement.

CARRIED

Recess

The Chair recessed to luncheon at 12:28 p.m.

Chair Hiebert, Electoral Area D left when the meeting was Recessed.

Director Hansen, City of Fort St. John left when the meeting was Recessed.

Director Quibell, District of Hudson's Hope left when the meeting was Recessed.

Reconvene

Acting Chair Sperling reconvened the meeting at 2:44 p.m.

8. REPORTS

8.1 RFP Award 30-2025 Business Continuity Consulting Services, ADM-BRD-609

RD/25/06/14

MOVED Director Graham

SECONDED Director Krakowka

That the Regional Board award Request for Proposal 30-2025 "Business Continuity Consulting Services" to MNP LLP at a cost of \$80,730 (excluding taxes); further, that the Chair and Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to sign the agreement on behalf of the Peace River Regional District.

CARRIED

Director Hansen, City of Fort St. John joined the meeting at 2:45 pm.

8.2 Chetwynd Public Library – 2024 Surplus Allocation, CS-BRD-407

RD/25/06/15

MOVED Director Rose
SECONDED Director Courtoreille

That in accordance with Article 11 of the “Funding, Service and Occupancy Agreement – Chetwynd Public Library”, the Regional Board require that the Chetwynd Public Library Association contribute \$100,000 from the prior year’s surplus funds to Minor Capital; further, that the Chetwynd Public Library Association obtain approval from the Regional Board prior to making any purchases funded from the Minor Capital Reserve Fund.

CARRIED

RD/25/06/16

MOVED Director Rose
SECONDED Director Courtoreille

That the Regional Board provide the full grant amount of \$690,000 to the Chetwynd Library Board as approved in the 2025 Financial Plan, and allow \$280,352.79, from prior years surplus, be spent in 2025 for furniture and fixtures for the Chetwynd Public Library.

CARRIED

RD/25/06/17

MOVED Director Rose
SECONDED Director Courtoreille

That in accordance with Article 11 of the “Funding, Service and Occupancy Agreement – Chetwynd Public Library”, the Regional Board allow the Chetwynd Public Library Association to transfer \$330,073 from the 2024 surplus to an Operating Reserve Fund to be held by the Chetwynd Public Library Association for future operating expenses.

CARRIED

8.3 Function 300 – UBCM Grant Funding - Amendment to Financial Plan, CS-BRD-412

RD/25/06/18

MOVED Director Sperling
SECONDED Director Zabinsky

That the Regional Board amend the 2025 Financial Plan for Function 300 – Emergency Planning to:

- Increase Grant Revenues - \$1,050,000; and
- Increase General Expenditures – Studies, Plans and Assessments - \$1,050,000

for the Union of BC Municipalities – Community Emergency Preparedness Fund – Disaster Risk Reduction-Climate Adaptation grant stream.

CARRIED

RD/25/06/19

MOVED Director Sperling
SECONDED Director Zabinsky

That the Regional Board amend the 2025 Financial Plan for Function 300 – Emergency Planning to:

- Increase Grant Revenues - \$40,000; and
- Increase General Expenditures – Minor Capital - \$40,000

for the Union of BC Municipalities – Community Emergency Preparedness Fund – Emergency Operation Centre Equipment and Training grant stream.

CARRIED

8.4 Function 315 and Function 335 – Capital Funding Opportunity, CS-BRD-413

RD/25/06/20

MOVED Director Zabinsky

SECONDED Director Courtoreille

That the Regional Board authorize an application to the Union of BC Municipalities Strategic Priorities Fund for a grant up to a maximum of \$5,750,000 to help purchase

- a replacement fire apparatus, water tender and a heavy wildland truck for the Charlie Lake Fire Department; and
- a fire apparatus, a command vehicle and a used mini pumper for the Moberly Lake Fire Department;

further that the Chair of the Regional Board, and the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to sign the agreement on behalf of the Peace River Regional District if the grant application is successful.

CARRIED

Director Quibell, District of Hudson's Hope joined the meeting at 2:51 pm.

8.5 Regional Sprinkler Protection Unit – Grant Opportunity, CS-BRD-414

RD/25/06/21

MOVED Director Taillefer

SECONDED Director Graham

That the Regional Board authorize an application to the Enbridge Safe Community First Responder Program for a grant up to a maximum of \$75,000 to help purchase the remaining items from the Sprinkler Protection Unit recommended item list from FireSmart Phase 2, 3 and partial completion of Phase 4 of the trailer; further, that the Chair of the Regional Board, and the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to sign the agreement on behalf of the Peace River Regional District.

Directors asked who would be eligible to use the Sprinkler Protection Unit (SPU). Staff explained that the SPU would primarily be available for the Regional District's use with the possibility of use outside of the Regional District. Directors noted that since the SPU was purchased using grant funding, no money would be involved if the unit was lent out. Staff clarified that the SPU was currently stored at the Regional District warehouse in Dawson Creek.

The Acting Chair called the Question to the Motion.

CARRIED

8.6 PRRD Fire Service Needs Assessment – Area D Bessborough Fire Services Expansion Study, CS-BRD-415

RD/25/06/22

MOVED Director Taillefer

SECONDED Director Zabinsky

That the Regional Board authorize staff to inform residents within the area of the Area D Bessborough Fire Services Expansion Study area, that due to the prohibitive start-up and operational costs, fire service expansion will not be provided for the foreseeable future.

CARRIED

8.7 Subdivision within the ALR, PRRD File No. 25-004 ALR SUB, ALC ID 103264, DS-BRD-486
RD/25/06/23

MOVED Director Sperling
SECONDED Director Zabinsky

That the Regional Board defer the report titled "Subdivision within the ALR, PRRD File No. 25-004 ALR SUB, ALC ID 103264, DS-BRD-486" to the July 17, 2025 Regional Board meeting.

CARRIED

8.8 Subdivision within the ALR, PRRD File No. 25-003 ALR SUB, ALC ID 103697, DS-BRD-487
RD/25/06/24

MOVED Director Graham
SECONDED Director Rose

That the Regional Board defer the report titled "Subdivision within the ALR, PRRD File No. 25-003 ALR SUB, ALC ID 103697, DS-BRD-487" to the July 17, 2025 Regional Board meeting.

CARRIED

8.9 Northeast Climate Resilience Network Membership, DS-BRD-488
RD/25/06/25

MOVED Director Graham
SECONDED Director Zabinsky

That the Regional Board authorize staff to participate in the Northeast Climate Resilience Network; further, that the membership fee of \$2,700 for 2025 be paid from Function 400 – Management of Development.

CARRIED

OPPOSED: Director Rose

8.10 2024 Statement of Financial Information, FN-BRD-339
RD/25/06/26

MOVED Director Zabinsky
SECONDED Director Quibell

That the Regional Board receive the Statement of Financial Information for the year ended December 31, 2024; further, that the Chair and Chief Financial Officer be authorized to sign the Statement of Financial Information as presented.

CARRIED

9. BYLAWS

9.1 Chetwynd and Area Civic Properties Commission Establishment Bylaw No. 2579, 2025, CS-BRD-411
RD/25/06/27

MOVED Director Rose
SECONDED Director Courtoreille

That the Regional Board give Chetwynd and Area Civic Properties Commission Establishment Bylaw No. 2579, 2025 to establish a Chetwynd Civic Properties Commission and delegate the management of the Chetwynd Recreation Centre, Chetwynd Leisure Centre and ancillary amenities of these facilities to the Commission, first and second readings.

CARRIED

10. NEW BUSINESS

RD/25/06/28

MOVED Director Sperling
SECONDED Director Zabinsky

That the Regional Board approve addition of a New Business item regarding Spring Cleanup extension for Kelly Lake.

CARRIED

RD/25/06/29

MOVED Director Krakowka
SECONDED Director Zabinsky

That the Regional Board approve addition of a New Business item regarding the Tumbler Ridge Medical Conference.

CARRIED

10.1 2025 Spring Cleanup Extension for Kelly Lake

RD/25/06/30

MOVED Director Sperling
SECONDED Director Graham

That the Regional Board authorize the extension of the solid waste spring cleanup dates in the community of Kelly Lake from June 19 to July 1, 2025 as the community was evacuated during the originally scheduled timeframe of June 2 to June 15, 2025; further, that the roll off bins, provided through the Emergency Operations Centre/Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness within the community for the return to home process, act as an extension of the spring cleanup campaign and be included in the waived tipping fee process for the collection of household and controlled waste only.

CARRIED

10.2 Tumbler Ridge Medical Conference

RD/25/06/31

MOVED Director Krakowka
SECONDED Director Courtoreille

That the Regional Board authorize Board approval for attendance at the Tumbler Ridge Medical Conference from July 4 to July 6, 2025.

CARRIED

11. APPOINTMENTS

12. CONSENT CALENDAR

The Acting Chair asked Directors whether they wished to lift any items from the June 19, 2025 Consent Calendar.

Director Sperling requested that Item 12.8 – Email from BC Hydro Re: Grant-In-Lieu of Taxes Payment be lifted from the Consent Calendar for discussion.

12.8 Email from BC Hydro Re: Grant-In-Lieu of Taxes Payment

RD/25/06/32

MOVED Director Sperling

SECONDED Director Krakowka

That the Regional Board refer the email from BC Hydro regarding the Grant-In-Lieu of Taxes payment item to the July 17, 2025 Board meeting, accompanied by a report on the subject.

CARRIED

Director Rose requested that Item 12.11 – Bulletin from Union of BC Municipalities Re: Request for Input on Proposed Changes to Closed Meetings be lifted from the Consent Calendar for discussion.

12.11 Bulletin from Union of BC Municipalities Re: Request for Input on Proposed Changes to Closed Meetings

RD/25/06/33

MOVED Director Rose

SECONDED Director Krakowka

That the Regional Board give authorization to attend the webinar regarding the UBCM request for input on proposed changes to Closed meetings on June 23, 2025.

CARRIED

RD/25/06/34

MOVED Director Graham

SECONDED Director Krakowka

That the Regional Board receive the remaining items on the June 19, 2025 Consent Calendar.

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, DR-BRD-103

RD/25/06/35

MOVED Director Rose

SECONDED Director Graham

That the Regional Board require that information pertaining to the Chair's report be presented in a written format versus being presented verbally to allow Directors the opportunity to review the information and formulate questions in advance.

Directors discussed the benefits of receiving information related to items on the Chair's Report in writing versus receiving information verbally during the meetings, as this would allow Directors adequate opportunity to review and formulate questions regarding the content reported. They agreed that it would be prudent to defer Motion RD/25/06/35 to the July 17, 2025 Regional Board meeting when the Chair would be present to speak to the Motion.



15.1 Chair's Report, DR-BRD-103 (Cont'd)

RD/25/06/36

MOVED

Director Zabinsky

SECONDED

Director Hansen

That Motion RD/25/06/35 be deferred to the July 17, 2025 Board meeting.

CARRIED

OPPOSED: Director Krakowka

16. NOTICE OF MOTION

17. MEDIA QUESTIONS

18. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

18.1 Notice of Closed Board Meeting - June 19, 2025, ADM-BRD-614

RD/25/06/37

MOVED

Director Zabinsky

SECONDED

Director Hansen

That the Regional Board recess to a Closed Meeting at 3:17 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.
6.1	Proposed changes to legislation	CC Section 90(2)(b) Consideration of information received and held in confidence relating to negotiations between a local government and the provincial government.
7.1	Land	CC Section 90(1) Acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements.

CARRIED

19. RECONVENE AND ADJOURNMENT

The Chair reconvened and adjourned the Open Regional Board meeting at 3:58 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 June 19, 2025 in the PRRD Board Room, 1981 Alaska Avenue, Dawson Creek, BC.

Leonard Hiebert, Chair

Tyra Henderson, Corporate Officer