

REPORT

To: Chair and Directors

Report Number: CS-BRD-032

From: Emergency Executive Committee

Date: January 28, 2021

Subject: Peace River Regional District Emergency Response Plan – Kelly Lake

The following recommendation is from the December 10, 2020, Emergency Executive Committee meeting and is being presented to the Regional Board for its consideration:

RECOMMENDATION: [Corporate Unweighted]

That the Regional Board approve that a letter be sent to the Kelly Lake Leaders Group stating that the Peace River Regional District has an emergency response plan and that the Kelly Lake community falls under that plan; and further, until the status of the community changes, they will stay under the Peace River Regional District Emergency Response Plan.

BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

The draft minutes of the December 10, 2020, Emergency Executive Committee Meeting are on the Consent Calendar.

Budget related recommendations will be brought forward at the Special Budget Meeting on February 17, 2021.

Please <u>click here</u> to access the Committee Agenda, and see Item 9.1 to review the report.

Additional Information: The community of Kelly Lake is an Indigenous community within the Peace River Regional District (PRRD). The community is not recognized by the Federal Government as a registered First Nation; thus, they are not self-governing, and the PRRD is their local government authority. The Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation (MIRR) has been working with the community since 2018 to assist them with a number of community development initiatives, and to do so; a Leaders Group was formed that brought together representatives from the five different non-profit societies in Kelly Lake (Kelly Lake First Nation Society, Kelly Lake Cree Nation Society, Foothills First Nation Society, Kelly Lake Metis Settlement Society, and the Metis Community Society of Kelly Lake). The Leaders Group (which now consists of only two members), has been working with a contractor to develop an emergency plan for the community; however, the emergency plan that has been developed is structured similarly to a local government plan.

As a community within the PRRD, Kelly Lake is under the PRRD Emergency Response Plan should an emergency event occur in that area.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:

1. That the Regional Board provide further direction.

STRATEGIC PLAN RELEVANCE:

Responsive Service DeliveryEnhance Emergency Planning and Response Capacity

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION(S):

None at this time.

COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATION(S):

None at this time.

OTHER CONSIDERATION(S):

None at this time.