



PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES

THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 2021

LOCATION Peace River Regional District Office, Dawson Creek, BC

ATTENDANCE

Directors

Chair Sperling, Electoral Area 'C'
Vice-Chair Rose, Electoral Area 'E'
Director Ackerman, City of Fort St. John
Director Bumstead, City of Dawson Creek
Director Courtoreille, District of Chetwynd
Director Fraser, District of Taylor
(via teleconference)
Director Goodings, Electoral Area 'B'
(via teleconference)
Director Heiberg, District of Hudson's Hope
Director Hiebert, Electoral Area 'D'
(via teleconference)
Director Zabinsky, City of Fort St. John

Alternate Directors

Alternate Director Kirby, District of Tumbler Ridge
Alternate Director White, Village of Pouce Coupe

Absent Directors

Director Bertrand, District of Tumbler Ridge
Director Michetti, Village of Pouce Coupe

Staff

Shawn Dahlen, Chief Administrative Officer
Tyra Henderson, Corporate Officer
Teri Vetter, Chief Financial Officer
Tab Young, Deputy Corporate Officer
Paulo Eichelberger, GM of Environmental Services
Trish Morgan, GM of Community Services
Crystal Brown, Electoral Area Manager
Jeff McDonald, Communications Manager
(via teleconference)
Trevor Ouellette, IT Manager
David Sturgeon, Protective Services Manager
Brenda Deliman, Recorder (via teleconference)

Delegations (via teleconference)

4.1 Dave Mitchell & Associates Ltd.

Dave Mitchell

4.2 Ministry of Transportation & Infrastructure

Darrell Gunn and Katherine Styba

1. CALL TO ORDER The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

2.1 Adoption of Agenda CW/21/01/01
MOVED Director Heiberg, SECONDED Director Zabinsky,
That the Committee of the Whole adopt the January 28, 2021 Meeting Agenda:

1. Call to Order
2. Adoption of Agenda
3. Gallery Comments or Questions

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2.1 Adoption of Agenda
(Cont'd)

4. Delegations

4.1 Dave Mitchell & Associates Ltd – Moberly Lake Volunteer Fire Department Needs Assessment

4.2 Ministry of Transportation & Infrastructure – Highway Maintenance Contracts

5. Reports

5.1 Function 275 – Grants to Community Organizations

6. Media Questions

7. Adjournment

CARRIED

3. GALLERY COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS

Director Fraser

Director Fraser entered the meeting via teleconference at 10:03 a.m.

4. DELEGATIONS

4.1

MLVFD Needs Assessment
– Dave Mitchell & Assoc

The Committee of the Whole was provided with a presentation on the Moberly Lake Volunteer Fire Department (MLVFD) – Needs Assessment. Topics included:

- Project overview
- Company background
- Current and future fire service context (changes to legislation, evolution of dispatch systems)
- Arising issues (bylaw revisions, training requirements)
- Long term fire service strategy (sustainable funding model, regulatory compliance, consistent policies, operations planning, enhanced response model)
- PRRD support (staff assistance from the protective services, finance, human resources, IT, and communications departments)
- Recommendations (bylaws / agreements, legislation, occupational health and safety, pre-plans, training)

A question and answer period ensued. Topics included:

- Increased costs associated with service (equipment, training, taxpayer strain)
- Fire Underwriters Rating
- Society versus Regional District operated fire services

4.2

Hwy Maint. Contracts –
MoTI

The Committee of the Whole engaged in a discussion with the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure on highway maintenance contracts in the North and South Peace. Topics included:

- Poor maintenance of the Pine Pass (necessary route to medical services, reduced air travel options, substandard for Class A road)
- New Contractor (interpretation of highway maintenance contract)
- Highway maintenance contracts (renewal schedule, reviews)
- Chip seal (uses and determination of use)
- Bi-annual contract administration review
- Northern winter weather conditions



Hwy Maint. Contracts –
MoTI (Cont'd)

- Need for fuller consultation with highway users
- Woodbox culverts between Fort St. John and Dawson Creek (fire hazard, historical relic, removal / replacement)

5. REPORT

5.1

Func. 275 – Grants to
Community Orgs, Rec #1:

CW/21/01/02

MOVED Director Bumstead, SECONDED Director Ackerman,

That the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Regional Board approve the multi-year grant commitments totalling \$391,400 be included in Function 275 – Grants to Community Organizations 2021 budget, funded from the 2020 surplus, for the following organizations:

STARS	\$170,000
Canadian Cancer Society	\$50,000
Peace Liard Regional Arts Council	\$10,000
South Peace Health Services Society	\$150,000 (for 2020 and 2021)
School District 60 – Rural Learn to Swim	\$10,000
South Peace District Crime Prevention	\$1,400

CARRIED

Rec #2: Health Care
Scholarships

CW/21/01/03

MOVED Director Courtoreille, SECONDED Director Heiberg,

That the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Regional Board approve \$102,389 for Health Care Scholarships be included in Function 275 – Grants to Community Organizations 2021 budget, with funding of \$44,095 from Medical Scholarship Reserve and \$58,294 from 2020 surplus.

CARRIED

Rec #3: NP Division of
Family Practice

CW/21/01/04

MOVED Director Heiberg, SECONDED Director Ackerman,

That the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Regional Board approve \$100,000 for North Peace Division of Family Practice be included in Function 275 – Grants to Community Organizations 2021 budget, funded from 2020 surplus.

CARRIED

Rec #4: SAR Groups

CW/21/01/05

MOVED Director Courtoreille, SECONDED Director Heiberg,

That the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Regional Board approve an allocation of \$50,000 for Search and Rescue groups to be included in Function 275 – Grants to Community Organizations 2021 budget, funded from 2020 surplus.

CARRIED

Rec #5: DC Charity Society

CW/21/01/06

MOVED Director Zabinsky, SECONDED Director Courtoreille,

That the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Regional Board authorize a grant in the amount of \$36,000, payable from the 2020 surplus in Function 275 – Grants to Community Organizations, Regional Grant-in-Aid, to be issued to Dawson Creek Charity Society to support operational costs; and further, that \$36,000 be included as a grant commitment as part of Function 275 – Grants to Community Organizations, Regional Grant-in-Aid in the 2021 Annual Budget.

DEFEATED

IN FAVOUR: Directors Bumstead and Hiebert, Alternate Director White



5.1 CW/21/01/07
Func. 275 – Grants to MOVED Director Fraser, SECONDED Director Heiberg,
Community Orgs – Rec #5: That the Regional Board invite the Dawson Creek Charity Society as a delegation
DC Charity Society to the February 11, 2021 Committee of the Whole Meeting to present their
(Cont'd) Regional Grant-in-Aid application.

CARRIED

OPPOSED: Directors Ackerman and Rose

Rec #6: DC Triathlon CW/21/01/08
Assoc. MOVED Director Ackerman, SECONDED Director Bumstead,
That the Regional Board invite the Dawson Creek Triathlon Association as a
delegation to the February 11, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting to present
their Regional Grant-in-Aid application.

CARRIED

Rec #7-9: CW/21/01/09
NEAT, Peace Country MOVED Director Ackerman, SECONDED Director Zabinsky,
Barrel Racing Assoc., That the Regional Board invite the Northern Environmental Action Team, Peace
SPARK Women's Country Barrel Racing Association, and the SPARK Women's Leadership
Leadership Conf. Society Conference Society as delegations to the February 11, 2021 Committee of the
Whole meeting to present their applications for Regional Grant-in-Aid.

CARRIED

6. MEDIA QUESTIONS

7. ADJOURNMENT The Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

CERTIFIED a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on January 28, 2021 in the Regional District Office Board Room, Dawson Creek, BC.

Brad Sperling, Chair

Tyra Henderson, Corporate Officer