

DIRECTOR REPORT

To: Chair and Directors Report Number: DR-RBAC-002

From: Karen Goodings, Director Date: March 4, 2021

Subject: North Peace Rural Roads Coalition Memorandum of Understating

PURPOSE / ISSUE:

To commit funding for North Peace Rural Roads.

RECOMMENDATION #1

That the Rural Budgets Administration Committee authorize a funding commitment up to a maximum of \$112,500, payable from Electoral Area B Fair Share, to be issued to the District of Taylor, for the North Peace Rural Roads Coalition.

RECOMMENDATION #2

That the Rural Budgets Administration Committee recommend that the Regional Board enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the District of Taylor and the District of Hudson's Hope for the North Peace Rural Roads Coalition.

BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

On February 11, 2021, the Peace River Regional District Board passed the following motion:

MOVED, SECONDED, CARRIED

That the Regional Board refer the draft Memorandum Of Understanding (MoU) regarding North Peace Rural Road Coalition from the District of Taylor to the Rural Budgets Administration Committee for confirmation of funding up to \$150,000 in 2021 for the North Peace Rural Roads initiative; further, that the Rural Budgets Administration Committee provide a recommendation to the Regional Board whether or not the Memorandum of Understanding should be signed.

On February 18, 2021, the Rural Budgets Administration Committee resolved:

MOVED, SECONDED, CARRIED

That the Rural Budgets Administration Committee recommend that the Regional Board propose to the District of Taylor and the District of Hudson's Hope that the estimated contract value listed in the draft North Peace Rural Roads Coalition Memorandum of Understanding be changed from "\$50,000 - \$150,000" to "\$0 to a maximum of \$150,000 a year"; and further, that the funding commitment for the North Peace Rural Roads be resolved by the Rural Budgets Administration Committee.

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During its December 15, 2020 Regional Council Meeting, the District of Taylor resolved that a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) be drafted for the District of Taylor to take over contract and procurement administration for the North Peace Rural Roads Coalition. At its January 18, 2021 Regular Council Meeting, Council resolved to endorse the draft MOU and requested that it be distributed to participating local government partners for further review and feedback.

STRATEGIC PLAN RELEVANCE

- Partnerships
 - ☑ Collaboration with Local and First Nations governments

Attachments:

1. Draft North Peace Rural Roads Coalition Memorandum of Understanding