



## PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

### COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2021

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**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 Bertrand, District of Tumbler Ridge  
Director Bumstead, City of Dawson Creek  
Director Courtoreille, District of Chetwynd  
Director Fraser District of Taylor  
Director Goodings, Electoral Area 'B'  
Director Heiberg, District of Hudson's Hope  
Director Hiebert, Electoral Area 'D'  
Director Zabinsky, City of Fort St. John

##### Alternate Directors

Alternate Director White, Village of Pouce Coupe

##### Absent Directors

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  
Brenda Deliman, Recorder  
(via teleconference)

##### Delegations (via teleconference)

- 4.1 SPARK – Jennifer Moore
- 4.2 NEAT – Karen Mason-Bennett
- 4.3 DC Charity Society – Sandra Biddulph
- 4.4 DC Triathlon Association – James Maxwell
- 4.5 PC Barrel Racing Association - Kyla Conlon-Fettes

**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/21/02/01  
MOVED Director Rose, SECONDED Director Fraser,  
That the Committee of the Whole adopt the February 11, 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  
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**4. Delegations**

- 4.1 SPARK Women's Leadership Conference
- 4.2 Northern Environmental Action Team (NEAT)
- 4.3 Dawson Creek Charity Society
- 4.4 Dawson Creek Triathlon Association
- 4.5 Peace Country Barrel Racing Association

**5. Reports**

**6. Media Questions**

**7. Adjournment**

**CARRIED**

**3. GALLERY COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS**

**4. DELEGATIONS – Regional Grant-in-Aid Applicants**

4.1  
SPARK Women's  
Leadership Conference

The Committee of the Whole was provided with an overview of the SPARK Women's Leadership Conference application for Regional Grant-in-Aid funding to assist with the annual Leadership Conference. Topics included:

- SPARK mandate and history
- Conference content (project management, social media, marketing, everyday leadership)
- Impacts (women supporting women, mentoring, career advancement, non-profit/volunteer group capacity increase, businesses launched)
- SPARK 2021 (hybrid event, conference topics)

A question and answer period ensued regarding additional funding opportunities within the Region.

4.2  
NEAT

The Committee of the Whole was provided with an overview of the Northern Environmental Action Team (NEAT) application for Regional Grant-in-Aid funding to assist with the annual Northern Youth Climate Summit. Details were provided on the Summit, including keynote speakers and student leadership groups.

4.3  
DC Charity Society

The Committee of the Whole was provided with an overview of the Dawson Creek Charity Society application for Regional Grant-in-Aid funding to assist with obtaining a new facility to store and sort food hampers and provide food and necessities to residents in the Dawson Creek and Pouce Coupe, BC area. Details were provided on the Society's programs, including supports for dental care, non-medical therapies, and food security.

A question and answer period ensued regarding the Society's application process and registration status.



4.4  
DC Triathlon Assoc.      The Committee of the Whole was provided with an overview of the Dawson Creek Triathlon Association's application for Regional Grant-in-Aid funding to assist with the annual triathlon. The Committee viewed a video of the Association's annual event and engaged in a question and answer period on topics including the number of participants, the variety of ages, where they come from, and permitting.

4.5  
PC Barrel Racing Assoc.      The Committee of the Whole was provided with an overview of the Peace Country Barrel Racing Association application for Regional Grant-in-Aid funding to assist in promoting and hosting barrel racing events. Topics included:

- History of the Association
- Event venues
- Financial information (balance sheet, membership and clinic fees, event costs)
- Mentorship and learning

A question and answer period ensued regarding event venues and benefitting areas.

## 5. REPORT

## 6. MEDIA QUESTIONS

## 7. ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:13 a.m.

CERTIFIED a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on February 11, 2021 in the Regional District Office Board Room, Dawson Creek, BC.

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Brad Sperling, Chair

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Tyra Henderson, Corporate Officer