



REPORT

To: Chair and Directors

Report Number: ADM-BRD-163

From: Crystal Brown, Electoral Area Manager

Date: March 11, 2021

Subject: Saulteau First Nations and Peace River Regional District Memorandum of Understanding

RECOMMENDATION #1: *[Corporate Weighted]*

That the Regional Board enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Saulteau First Nations, which outlines guiding principles on how the parties will work together in a manner of mutual cooperation, trust and respect, for a period of three years; and further, that the Chair and Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to sign the Memorandum of Understanding on behalf of the PRRD.

RECOMMENDATION #2: *[Corporate Unweighted]*

That the Regional Board authorize that a Community to Community meeting be held with Saulteau First Nations, where a ceremonial signing of the Memorandum of Understanding will take place.

BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

The purpose of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Saulteau First Nations and the Peace River Regional District is to establish guiding principles for improving communication and dialogue between the Parties, in support of building and maintaining a good working relationship that fosters a mutual respect and understanding for one another.

By signing the MOU, the Parties commit to convene a minimum of one Chief to Senior Representative Meeting per calendar year to support the relationship between the Parties or on a frequency as agreed by the Parties. The purpose of these meetings is to:

- a. Facilitate understanding between the Parties of each others roles, responsibilities and obligations regarding current issues, activities, considerations, and concerns;
- b. Develop an understanding between the Parties regarding potential impacts that may result from each others' activities;
- c. Provide a forum for the open and transparent discussion of local issues, initiatives and concerns;
- d. Provide a forum to advance and/or support each Parties interests and initiatives; and
- e. Provide a forum to exchange information and build an understanding of each Parties needs and interests.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:

1. That the Regional Board provide further direction.

STRATEGIC PLAN RELEVANCE:

- ☒ Partnerships
- ☒ Collaboration with Local and First Nations governments

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION(S):

None at this time.

COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATION(S):

None at this time.

OTHER CONSIDERATION(S):

Due to COVID-19, the Community to Community meeting will be held over Zoom.

Attachments:

1. Saulteau First Nations and Peace River Regional District Memorandum of Understanding