



# PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

## REGIONAL BOARD MINUTES

**March 21, 2024, 10:00 a.m.**  
**1981 Alaska Avenue, Dawson Creek, BC**

**Directors Present:** Chair Sperling, Electoral Area C  
Vice-Chair Hiebert, Electoral Area D  
Alternate Director Beattie, District of Hudson's Hope  
Director Courtoreille, District of Chetwynd  
Director Dober, City of Dawson Creek  
Alternate Director Klassen, City of Fort St. John  
Director Kealy, Electoral Area B (via Zoom)  
Director Krakowka, District of Tumbler Ridge  
Director Rose, Electoral Area E  
Director Zabinsky, City of Fort St. John

**Directors Absent:** Director Taillefer, District of Taylor  
Director Veach, Village of Pouce Coupe

**Staff Present:** Shawn Dahlen, Chief Administrative Officer  
Tyra Henderson, Corporate Officer  
Roxanne Shepherd, Chief Financial Officer  
Joanne Caldecott, Deputy Corporate Officer  
Kari Bondaroff, General Manager of Environmental Services  
Ashley Murphey, General Manager of Development Services  
Bryna Casey, Community Services Manager  
Ryan Kirkham, Protective Services Manager  
Annette Andrews, Communication Manager  
Trevor Ouellette, IT Manager  
Jenni Griffiths, Recording Clerk

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- 1. CALL TO ORDER**  
The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.
  - 2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**  
RD/24/03/01(21)  
MOVED Director Krakowka  
SECONDED Director Hiebert  
That the Regional Board adopt the March 21, 2024 Board Meeting Agenda:
    - 1. CALL TO ORDER**
    - 2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**
    - 3. GALLERY COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS**

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#### **4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

- 4.1 Regional Board Draft Meeting Minutes of February 26, 2024
- 4.2 Regional Board Draft Meeting Minutes of March 7, 2024

#### **5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

#### **6. DELEGATIONS**

#### **7. CORRESPONDENCE**

- 7.1 Village of Pouce Coupe Request for Letter of Support Re: NCLGA and UBCM Resolution for Consultation on Resource Sector Jobs

#### **8. REPORTS**

- 8.1 2024 Indigenous Partnerships Success Showcase, DR-BRD-081
- 8.2 British Columbia Energy Regulator Invitation, DR-BRD-080
- 8.3 RCMP Delegation, DR-BRD-079
- 8.4 March 14, 2024 Electoral Area Directors Committee Recommendation, ADM-BRD-487
- 8.5 Contract Award – CDW Canada, ADM-BRD-482
- 8.6 Contract Award – ESRI Canada ArcGIS, ADM-BRD-483
- 8.7 TELUS Contract Extension, ADM-BRD-484
- 8.8 Community to Community Grant Application 2024, ADM-BRD-485
- 8.9 Chetwynd Library Construction and Architectural Contracts Amendment, CS-BRD-313
- 8.10 Tate Creek Community Centre Funding Agreement Extension, CS-BRD-321
- 8.11 Charlie Lake Fire Department – Request for Permission re: 2024 Provincial Wildfire Deployment, CS-BRD-312
- 8.12 RFP Award 03-2024 – Charlie Lake Fire Department – Fleet Purchase, CS-BRD-314
- 8.13 RFP Award 06-2023 Fire Apparatus Replacement – DCFD Engine, CS-BRD-315
- 8.14 RFP Award 21-2024 FireSmart Consultant, CS-BRD-316
- 8.15 RFP Award 22-2024 – Structural Protection Unit – Charlie Lake Fire Department, CS-BRD-318
- 8.16 Climate Action Plan – Contract Amendment, DS-BRD-389
- 8.17 Non-Farm Use within the ALR, PRRD File No. 24-002 ALR NFU, ALC ID 100040, DS-BRD-391

#### **9. BYLAWS**

- 9.1 OCP & Zoning Amendment Bylaw Nos. 2544 & 2545, 2024, PRRD File No. 24-001, DS-BRD-387  
That the Regional Board defer report titled "OCP & Zoning Amendment Bylaw Nos. 2544 & 2545, 2024, PRRD File No. 24-001," until the next Board Meeting.
- 9.2 OCP & Zoning Amendment Bylaws No. 2540 & 2541, 2024, PRRD File No. 23-014 OCPZN, DS-BRD-392
- \*9.3 2024-2028 Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw No. 2546, 2024, FN-BRD-277 (for consideration of adoption)

#### **10. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **11. APPOINTMENTS**

- 11.1 2024 Board Appointment List

#### **12. CONSENT CALENDAR**

- 12.1 Government Finance Officers Association Award Re: Canadian Award for Financial Reporting
- 12.2 2023 Investment Update, FN-BRD-278
- 12.3 Regional Growth Strategy – Project Update, DS-BRD-390
- 12.4 Clear Course Presentation Re: Grant Writer Services Program Update
- 12.5 Letter from Hudson's Hope Re: Support for Bill-34 - Public Consumption of Illegal Substances
- 12.6 Letter from the Regional District of Central Kootenay Re: Letter to Premier Eby and Ministers Ma and Heyman - Feedback on EDMA and Regulations
- 12.7 Letter from the Union of BC Municipalities Re: Update on the Canada Community-Building Fund Renewal
- 12.8 Letter from the Union of BC Municipalities Re: Provincial Response to 2023 Wildfire Resolution
- 12.9 Letter from the Union of BC Municipalities Re: Volunteer and Composite Fire Department Final Grant Payment
- 12.10 Buick Arena Annual Report

#### **13. STRATEGIC PLAN**

- 13.1 2023 - 2026 Strategic Plan

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**14. COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE**

**15. CHAIR'S REPORT**

**16. NOTICE OF MOTION**

**17. MEDIA QUESTIONS**

**18. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION**

18.1 Notice of Closed Board Session – March 21, 2024, ADM-BRD-486

**19. ADJOURNMENT**

**CARRIED**

**3. GALLERY COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS**

**4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**4.1 Regional Board Draft Meeting Minutes of February 26, 2024**

RD/24/03/02(21)

MOVED

Director Krakowka

SECONDED

Director Dober

That the Board Meeting adopt the Regional Board Meeting minutes of February 26, 2024.

**CARRIED**

**4.2 Regional Board Draft Meeting Minutes of March 7, 2024**

RD/24/03/03(21)

MOVED

Director Hiebert

SECONDED

Director Krakowka

That the Board Meeting adopt the Regional Board Meeting minutes of March 7, 2024.

**CARRIED**

**5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

**6. DELEGATIONS**

**7. CORRESPONDENCE**

**7.1 Village of Pouce Coupe Request for Letter of Support Re: NCLGA Resolution for Local Consultation on Resource Sector Jobs**

RD/24/03/04(21)

MOVED

Director Krakowka

SECONDED

Director Hiebert

That the Regional Board defer the letter from the Village of Pouce Coupe re: the NCLGA Resolution for Local Consultation on Resource Sector Jobs to the next Board Meeting when the Pouce Coupe Director is in attendance.

**CARRIED**

**OPPOSED:** Director Rose

**8. REPORTS**

**8.1 2024 Indigenous Partnerships Success Showcase, DR-BRD-081**

RD/24/03/05(21)

MOVED

Director Hiebert

SECONDED

Director Zabinsky

That the Regional Board authorize Chair Sperling to attend the 2024 Indigenous Partnerships Success Showcase; the reconciliation movement's annual BC Conference to be held on June 5-6, 2024, at the Vancouver Convention Centre in Vancouver, BC.

**CARRIED**

**OPPOSED:** Directors Kealy and Rose

**8.2 British Columbia Energy Regulator Invitation, DR-BRD-080**

RD/24/03/06(21)

MOVED

Director Hiebert

SECONDED

Alternate Director Klassen

That the Regional Board invite representatives from the British Columbia Energy Regulator to a future Regional Board Meeting to provide updates to the Regional Board on BCER activities.

**CARRIED**

**8.3 RCMP Delegation, DR-BRD-079**

RD/24/03/07(21)

MOVED

Director Zabinsky

SECONDED

Director Rose

That the Regional Board invite the Dawson Creek, Fort St. John, Chetwynd, Tumbler Ridge, and Hudson's Hope RCMP Detachment Commanders to attend Committee of the Whole Meetings at least annually to provide a review of policing activities over the past year and identify priorities issues for the upcoming year in their respective detachments.

Directors discussed attempts to streamline the process for receiving regular policing updates, noting concerns regarding the availability of already very busy Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) Detachment Commanders. Overarching updates for grouped areas, e.g. Dawson Creek, Chetwynd and Tumbler Ridge from the person who oversees the northern region was suggested as a possible means to mitigate time and travel constraints. Directors noted however that it was more beneficial for elected officials to hear about the different problems being faced in their own community, and for the Regional District to have the opportunity to explore solutions that may be helpful in all areas in the region. Directors suggested that efforts to invite the Fort St. John Detachment Commander to present when Regional Board meetings are held in Fort St. John could be made.

The Chair called the Question to the Motion.

**CARRIED**

**8.4 March 14, 2024 Electoral Area Directors Committee Recommendation, ADM-BRD-487**

RD/24/03/08(21)

MOVED

Director Hiebert

SECONDED

Alternate Director Klassen

That the Regional Board send a letter to the Honourable Nathan Cullen, Minister of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship; the Honourable Pam Alexis, Minister of Agriculture and Food; and the Honourable Bruce Ralston, Minister of Forests expressing concern about availability of and access to water for agricultural purposes such as cattle grazing on crown land in 2024.

**Amendment**

RD/24/03/09(21)

MOVED

Chair Sperling

SECONDED

Director Hiebert

That the motion be amended to add that the letter also express concerns over the timeframes involved to approve permits, and request that the Ministries involved consider shortening the length of the time to process the relevant permits.

**CARRIED**

**8.4 March 14, 2024 Electoral Area Directors Committee Recommendation, ADM-BRD-487 (Cont'd)**

**Motion as Amended:**

RD/24/03/08(21)

MOVED

Director Hiebert

SECONDED

Alternate Director Klassen

That the Regional Board send a letter to the Honourable Nathan Cullen, Minister of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship; the Honourable Pam Alexis, Minister of Agriculture and Food; and the Honourable Bruce Ralston, Minister of Forests expressing concern about availability of and access to water for agricultural purposes such as cattle grazing on crown land in 2024; further, that the letter also express concerns over the timeframes involved to approve permits, and request that the Ministries involved consider shortening the length of the time to process the relevant permits.

**CARRIED**

**8.5 Contract Award – CDW Canada, ADM-BRD-482**

RD/24/03/09(21)

MOVED

Director Krakowka

SECONDED

Director Zabinsky

That the Regional Board authorize the purchase of 'SCALE Computing HCI Nodes' to CDW Canada at a total cost of \$81,433.05 (excluding taxes); further, that the Chair and Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to sign the agreement on behalf of the Peace River Regional District.

**CARRIED**

**8.6 Contract Award – ESRI Canada ArcGIS, ADM-BRD-483**

RD/24/03/10(21)

MOVED

Director Hiebert

SECONDED

Director Zabinsky

That the Regional Board award the 'ArcGIS Enterprise' contract to ESRI Canada, at a total cost of \$112,260 (excluding taxes) over a 3-year period starting May 17, 2024; further, that the Chair and Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to sign the agreement on behalf of Peace River Regional District.

**CARRIED**

**8.7 TELUS Contract Extension, ADM-BRD-484**

RD/24/03/11(21)

MOVED

Director Zabinsky

SECONDED

Alternate Director Klassen

That the Regional Board approve the extension to the 'Cellular Phone Services' TELUS Communications contract to provide services to a maximum cost of \$95,000 (excluding taxes), for an additional two-year term commencing July 1, 2024; and further, that the Chair and Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to sign the contract on behalf of the Peace River Regional District

**CARRIED**

**8.8 Community to Community Grant Application 2024, ADM-BRD-485**

RD/24/03/12(21)

MOVED

Alternate Director Klassen

SECONDED

Director Zabinsky

That the Regional Board authorize the submission of a grant application to the Regional Community to Community Forum Program for a grant of up to \$10,000 to be used to co-host a Community-to-Community Meeting with Saulteau First Nation.

**CARRIED**

**8.9 Chetwynd Library Construction and Architectural Contracts Amendment, CS-BRD-313**

RD/24/03/13(21)

MOVED

Director Rose

SECONDED

Director Courtoreille

That the Regional Board authorize amendment of the contract for architectural and engineering services with Faction Architecture Inc. for the construction of the new Chetwynd Library from \$350,000 to \$411,000 (excluding taxes); inclusive of additional works related to the selection of Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment at a value of \$12,000, additional fees related to the project timeframe extension of \$31,500 and disbursements to a maximum value of \$17,500; further, that the Chair and Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to sign the amended contract on behalf of the Peace River Regional District.

**CARRIED**

RD/24/03/14(21)

MOVED

Director Rose

SECONDED

Director Courtoreille

That the Regional Board authorize amendment of the contract for RFP 27-2021 “Chetwynd Library – Design Build” with C. Chandler Celtic Construction Ltd. for construction services of a new Chetwynd Library from \$4,898,853 to \$4,997,944 (excluding taxes) for costs related to inflation and supply chain issues, adjustments to scope due to change orders, and costs related to construction delays; further that the Chair and Chief Administrative officer be authorized to sign the amended contract on behalf of the Peace River Regional District.

**CARRIED**

**8.10 Tate Creek Community Centre Funding Agreement Extension, CS-BRD-321**

RD/24/03/15(21)

MOVED

Director Hiebert

SECONDED

Director Zabinsky

That the Regional Board authorize an extension to April 12, 2028, of the “Tate Creek Community Centre Funding Agreement” with the Tomslake and District Recreation Commission, which outlines the conditions under which the Regional District will release funds for the operation of the facility; further that the Chair and Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to sign the contract extension on behalf of the Peace River Regional District.

**CARRIED**

**8.11 Charlie Lake Fire Department – Request for Permission re: 2024 Provincial Wildfire Deployment, CS-BRD-312**

RD/24/03/16(21)

MOVED

Chair Sperling

SECONDED

Director Hiebert

That the Regional Board approve submitting an Expression of Interest to provide, in principle, the release of Charlie Lake Fire Department Tender 1 (CL-3), and Rescue 1 (CL-7) to the Province of BC to support provincial wildfire fighting efforts, additionally to send Squad 3 as a support vehicle for wildland deployment changes during the 2024 fire season; further that the Chair be authorized to deploy the apparatus if requested by the Office of the Fire Commissioner (OFC), or the British Columbia Wildfire Service, on an as needed, case-by-case basis, subject to an assessment of local conditions and wildfire risk at the time of the request.

**CARRIED**

**8.12 RFP Award 03-2024 – Charlie Lake Fire Department – Fleet Purchase, CS-BRD-314**

RD/24/03/17(21)

MOVED

Director Kealy

SECONDED

Director Dober

That the Regional Board award RFP 03-2024 'Charlie Lake Fire Department – Fleet Purchase' to HUB Fire Engines & Equipment Ltd. at a cost not to exceed \$300,000 (excluding taxes); further, that the Chair and Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to sign the agreement on behalf of the Peace River Regional District.

**CARRIED**

**8.13 RFP Award 06-2023 Fire Apparatus Replacement – DCFD Engine, CS-BRD-315**

RD/24/03/18(21)

MOVED

Director Hiebert

SECONDED

Director Dober

That the Regional Board award RFP 06-2023 'Fire Apparatus Replacement – DCFD Engine' to Fort Garry Fire Truck Ltd. at a cost of \$1,374,995 (excluding taxes); further, that the Chair and Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to sign the agreement on behalf of the Peace River Regional District.

Clarification was sought regarding the source and structure of funding for the Dawson Creek Fire Department (DCFD) Engine. The Chair and Chief Financial Officer confirmed that the purchase of the DCFC fire engine was the same as the purchase of the Charlie Lake fire engine where funding was placed into an annual capital replacement line item with funding approved under the Fire Protection Agreement that exists between the municipalities and corresponding electoral areas. The Chair explained that the grant funding was received in allotments which offset the capital replacement costs paid. The Chair further explained that it was the responsibility of each locally elected official to place funds into capital reserves in anticipation of growing reserves for future purchases. Directors noted that stipulated within the Fire Protection Agreement was the requirement to set aside funding year over year, to allow the capital reserves to grow.

The Chair called the Question to the Motion.

**CARRIED**



**8.14 RFP Award 21-2024 FireSmart Consultant, CS-BRD-316**

RD/24/03/19(21)

MOVED Director Hiebert

SECONDED Fort St. John Alternate

That the Regional Board award RFP 21-2024 'FireSmart Consultant' Phase 1 to Mammoth Forestry Ltd. at a cost of \$10,000 (excluding taxes) for a two-year term; further, that the Chair and Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to sign the agreement on behalf of the Peace River Regional District.

**CARRIED**

RD/24/03/20(21)

MOVED Director Hiebert

SECONDED Alternate Director Klassen

That the Regional Board authorize the submission of a request to the UBCM Community Resiliency Investment (CRI) - FireSmart Community Funding and Supports (FCFS) Program funding stream for supplemental funding available for recipients directly impacted by the 2023 Wildfires for the maximum amount of \$100,000.

**CARRIED**

RD/24/03/21(21)

MOVED Director Hiebert

SECONDED Director Krakowka

That the Regional Board provide approval to award RFP 21-2024 'FireSmart Consultant' Phase 2 to Mammoth Forestry Ltd. for a two-year term for the maximum amount of identified funding available through the UBCM Community Resiliency Investment (CRI) - FireSmart Community Funding and Supports (FCFS) Program funding stream contingent on the successful award of the grant at a maximum cost of \$500,000 for 2024, and a maximum cost of \$400,000 for 2025 contingent on the successful award of the grant funding from UBCM.

**CARRIED**

**8.15 RFP Award 22-2024 – Structural Protection Unit – Charlie Lake Fire Department, CS-BRD-318**

RD/24/03/22(21)

MOVED Director Kealy

SECONDED Director Hiebert

That the Regional Board award RFP 22-2024 'SPU Charlie Lake Fire Department' to WASP Manufacturing Ltd. at a cost of \$257,000 (excluding taxes); further, that the Chair and Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to sign the agreement on behalf of the Peace River Regional District.

**CARRIED**

Questions were raised regarding grant funding available through the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Community Resilience Investment (CRI) - FireSmart Community Funding and Supports (FCFS). The Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) informed the Regional Board that UBCM funding opportunities had been utilized however certain limitations existed. With efficiency in mind and pending the upcoming wildfire season, an amendment was suggested to include deployment of the Structural Protection Unit (SPU) in the resolution, however the CAO explained this was not possible as the PRRD was not yet in possession of the SPU. He explained that once the equipment was owned by the



**8.15 RFP Award 22-2024 – Structural Protection Unit – Charlie Lake Fire Department, CS-BRD-318 (Cont'd)**

Regional District and was in its possession, the Regional Board could then provide direction on its deployment.

**8.16 Climate Action Plan – Contract Amendment, DS-BRD-389**

RD/24/03/23(21)

MOVED

Alternate Director Klassen

SECONDED

Director Courtoreille

That the Regional Board authorize the Chair and Chief Administrative Officer to sign the amended Climate Action Plan Contract on behalf of the Peace River Regional District for a total increase of \$22,150 (excluding taxes).

**CARRIED**

**OPPOSED:** Directors Kealy and Rose, and Alternate Director Beattie

RD/24/03/24(21)

MOVED

Alternate Director Klassen

SECONDED

Director Zabinsky

That the Regional Board amend the 2024 Financial Plan for Function 400 – Management of Development to increase the transfer from Operating Reserves by \$30,000 and increase the Contract for Services by \$30,000.

**CARRIED**

**OPPOSED:** Directors Kealy and Rose

**8.17 Non-Farm Use within the ALR, PRRD File No. 24-002 ALR NFU, ALC ID 100040, DS-BRD-391**

RD/24/03/25(21)

MOVED

Director Rose

SECONDED

Director Hiebert

That the Regional Board support Agricultural Land Reserve Non-Farm Use Application No. 24-002 ALR NFU, ALC ID 100040 to construct a 230 kV switching station on a ±4.61 ha portion of the subject property identified as PID: 014-687-101 and authorize the application to proceed to the Agricultural Land Commission.

Directors expressed frustration regarding an industrial use being allowed on farmland as part of the BC Government's green energy plan 'CleanBC', especially since the voltage of these powerlines was not suitable for residential use and they did not provide power to any residents in the vicinity. Forcing these powerlines onto private land because BC Hydro won't allow them on road rights-of-way means that powerlines are being placed 50, 60 to 100 feet from roadways in farm fields which disrupts agricultural use. The Province has advised that the intended use of these powerlines is to provide power to particular switching stations in an effort to remove compressors off of natural gas and onto the cleaner electric energy. When clarification was sought regarding the reasoning behind this practice, BC Hydro simply advised it was not their practice to place powerline next to roadways.

The Chair called the Question to the Motion.

**CARRIED**

**OPPOSED:** Directors Courtoreille and Kealy, and Alternate Director Beattie

**9. BYLAWS**

**9.1 OCP & Zoning Amendment Bylaw Nos. 2544 & 2545, 2024, PRRD File No. 24-001, DS-BRD-387**

RD/24/03/26(21)

MOVED

Director Hiebert

SECONDED

Director Rose

That the Regional Board give South Peace Fringe Area Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 2544, 2024 to amend the designation of the subject property identified as PID 011-652-403 from Ag (Agriculture) to LDR (Low Density Residential) first and second readings; further,

That the Regional Board give Peace River Regional District Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2545, 2024 to rezone the subject property identified as PID 011-652-403 from A-2 (Large Agricultural Holdings Zone) to R-6 (Residential 6 Zone) first and second readings; and further,

That a Public Hearing be held pursuant to Section 464 of the *Local Government Act*, delegated to Director of Electoral Area D, and that public notification be authorized pursuant to Section 466 of the *Local Government Act*.

**CARRIED**

**9.2 OCP & Zoning Amendment Bylaws No. 2540 & 2541, 2024, PRRD File No. 23-014 OCPZN, DS-BRD-392**

RD/24/03/27(21)

MOVED

Director Rose

SECONDED

Director Hiebert

That the Regional Board give West Peace Fringe Area Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 2540, 2024 to amend the designation on a ±10.83 ha (26.76 ac) portion of the subject property identified as PID 014-907-852 from AgR (Agriculture Resource) and S (Settlement) to I (Industrial), S (Settlement), and AgR (Agriculture Resource) third reading; and further

That the Regional Board give Peace River Regional District Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2541, 2024 to rezone a ±10.83 ha (26.76 ac) portion of the subject property identified as PID 014-907-852 from A2 (Large Agriculture Holdings Zone) and P-1 (Park and Open Space) to I-1 (Light Industrial Zone), A-2 (Large Agriculture Holdings Zone), and P-2 (Civic, Assembly and Institutional Zone) third reading.

**CARRIED**

RD/24/03/28(21)

MOVED

Director Rose

SECONDED

Director Hiebert

That the Regional Board adopt Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 2540, 2024 and Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2541, 2024.

**CARRIED**

**9.3 2024-2028 Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw No. 2546, 2024, FN-BRD-277 (for consideration of adoption)**

RD/24/03/29(21)

MOVED

Director Hiebert

SECONDED

Director Zabinsky

That the Regional Board adopt the Peace River Regional District Five Year Financial Plan (2024-2028) Bylaw No. 2546, 2024.

**CARRIED**

**10. NEW BUSINESS**

RD/24/03/30(21)

MOVED

Director Kealy

SECONDED

Director Krakowka

That the Regional Board approve addition of a New Business item regarding sending a letter to the Honourable Ralston, Minister of Forests regarding a forestry matter.

**CARRIED**

Director Kealy expressed earnest concern regarding the lack of progress in completing clean-up of blowdown in the Red Creek area following storms that occurred in the area. Given the upcoming wildfire season and prevailing drought conditions, he asked the Regional Board to urge the Ministry of Forests to take the appropriate action to resolve this matter.

RD/24/03/31(21)

MOVED

Director Kealy

SECONDED

Director Hiebert

That the Regional Board send a letter to the Honourable Ralston, Minister of Forests, requesting an update on plans and/or progress made on the clean-up of blowdown due to storms in the Red Creek area which still remain, and which create an increased risk of becoming wildfire fuel as the wildfire season approaches.

**CARRIED**

**11. APPOINTMENTS**

**11.1 2024 Board Appointment List**

**12. CONSENT CALENDAR**

RD/24/03/32(21)

MOVED

Director Hiebert

SECONDED

Director Zabinsky

That the Regional Board receive the March 21, 2024 consent calendar for information

**CARRIED**

**13. STRATEGIC PLAN**

**13.1 2023 - 2026 Strategic Plan**

**14. COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE**

**15. CHAIR'S REPORT**

**16. NOTICE OF MOTION**



**17. MEDIA QUESTIONS**

Max Bowder from Energeticcity.ca asked the following questions:

1. Agenda Item 8.3 – RCMP Delegation: When will the RCMP delegations be attending a Committee of the Whole Meeting. The Regional Board advised that specific dates were unknown as these delegations were yet to be scheduled.
2. Agenda Item 8.5 – Contract Award – CDW Canada: What were Scale Computing HCI Nodes used for. Staff explained these were essentially physical servers where the PRRD's data could be stored.

**18. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION**

**18.1 Notice of Closed Board Session – March 21, 2024, ADM-BRD-486**

RD/24/03/33(21)

MOVED

Alternate Director Klassen

SECONDED

Director Hiebert

That the Regional Board recess to a Closed Meeting for the purpose of discussing the following items:

Agenda Item	Description	Authority
3.1	Minutes	CC Section 97(1)(b) Closed Minutes, access to records.
5.1	Bill 44 Housing Legislation	CC Section 90(1)(i) Receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege.
6.1, 6.2, 6.3 & 6.4	North Peace Leisure Facility Replacement	CC Section 90(1)(k) Discussions respecting a proposed service.

**CARRIED**

Chair adjourned the regular Board meeting at 11:25 a.m.

**19. RECONVENE AND ADJOURN**

The Chair reconvened the open meeting to the public and adjourned the meeting at 11:41 a.m.

CERTIFIED a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Regional Board of the Peace River Regional District from a meeting held on March 21, 2024 in the PRRD Board Room, 1981 Alaska Avenue, Dawson Creek, BC.

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Brad Sperling, Chair

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Tyra Henderson, Corporate Officer