



# PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

## REGIONAL BOARD MINUTES

**April 18, 2024, 10:00 a.m.**

**Pomeroy Hotel and Conference Centre**

**11308 Alaska Road, Fort St. John, BC**

**Directors Present:**

Chair Sperling, Electoral Area C  
Vice-Chair Hiebert, Electoral Area D  
Director Courtoreille, District of Chetwynd  
Director Dober, City of Dawson Creek  
Director Hansen, City of Fort St. John  
Director Kealy, Electoral Area B  
Director Krakowka, District of Tumbler Ridge  
Director Quibell, District of Hudson's Hope  
Director Rose, Electoral Area E  
Director Taillefer, District of Taylor  
Director Veach, Village of Pouce Coupe  
Director Zabinsky, City of Fort St. John

**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  
Kevin Clarkson, General Manager of Community Services  
Ashley Murphey, General Manager of Development Services  
Gerritt Lacey, Solid Waste Services Manager  
Annette Andrews, Communications Manager  
Trevor Ouellette, IT Manager  
Becky Gelsthorpe, Executive Assistant  
Carmen Willms, Recording Clerk

**Delegation:**

**The Festival Company (Extreme Mudfest)**  
Billie Jo Aasen, Owner, and CEO

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:59 a.m.

**2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

RD/24/04/01(18)

MOVED

Director Krakowka

SECONDED

Director Quibell

That the Regional Board adopt the April 18, 2024 Board Meeting Agenda:

**2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA (Cont'd)**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**3. GALLERY COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS**

**4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

4.1 Regional Board Draft Meeting Minutes of April 4, 2024

**5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

**6. DELEGATIONS**

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**7. CORRESPONDENCE**

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11.1 2024 Board Appointment List

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12.2 Chetwynd Public Library Minutes for January 23, 2024

12.3 Letter from Peace River Regional Cattlemen's Association Re: Appreciation

12.4 Letters Re: Chetwynd Northern Initial fire Attack Crew Base Relocation

12.5 Response from Honourable Bowinn Ma, Minister of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness  
Re: Clarity regarding Emergency Disaster Management Act

12.6 Response from Honourable Bowinn Ma, Minister of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness  
Re: Delayed Implementation of Emergency and Disaster Management Act

12.7 Letter from Honourable Ravi Kahlon, Minister of Housing Re: Bill 16

12.8 Letter from Honourable Ravi Kahlon, Minister of Housing Re: Small-Scale Multi-Unit Housing

12.9 Letter from City of Port Alberni - Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (AVICC)  
Re: UBCM Resolutions - Rural Seniors

12.10 Letter from City of Prince George Re: North Central Local Government Association Resolutions

**13. STRATEGIC PLAN**

13.1 2023 - 2026 Strategic Plan

**14. COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE**

14.1 Blackfoot Park Season Opening

**15. CHAIR'S REPORT**

**16. NOTICE OF MOTION**

**17. MEDIA QUESTIONS**

**18. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION**

18.1 Notice of Closed Board Session – April 18, 2024, ADM-BRD-496

**19. ADJOURNMENT**

**CARRIED**

**3. GALLERY COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS**

**Item 8.1 – Solid Waste Committee – Recommendations from Meeting held on April 5, 2024**

The Corporate Officer read aloud a gallery comment from Norman Calliou, leader of Kelly Lake First Nation, regarding Agenda Item 8.1 – Recommendation #3: Kelly Lake Transfer Station Temporary Closure. Mr. Calliou expressed concern about the closure of the Kelly Lake Transfer Station due to the possibility of a makeshift dump resulting, noting that a makeshift dump in 2023 was a significant expense to clean up. He stated the measures currently being taken to address thefts from the Kelly Lake Transfer Station, and offered to provide night security for a month through his organization until a plan of action could be found.

**Item 6.1 – The Festival Company (Extreme Mudfest) Re: Temporary Use Permit, No. 24-001**

Lloyd Lintott, a neighbouring landowner to the subject property in the application, spoke against issuing the Temporary Use Permit, No. 24-001 during gallery comments at the April 4, 2024 Board Meeting, and brought further concerns forward regarding the same issue. He expressed concern with the lack of contact the applicant has had with neighbouring residents thus far. He mentioned that the location was outside of the Pouce Coupe Fire Protection area, but the Pouce Coupe Fire Department had been included as part of the Emergency Plan.

RD/24/04/02(18)

MOVED

Director Krakowka

SECONDED

Director Zabinsky

That the Regional Board authorize that the Gallery Comments time limit of two minutes be extended for Lloyd Lintott.

**CARRIED**

Mr. Lintott was concerned that the current dead-end road was unsuitable for emergency situations; further, that the property was not large enough meet parking requirements for the large event. He also disputed that there were three exits from the property.

**Item 6.1 – The Festival Company (Extreme Mudfest) Re: Temporary Use Permit, No. 24-001**

Fred Schneider, who farms land on Riverside Road, opposed issuing Temporary Use Permit, No. 24-001. He was concerned about safety on the road with so many people anticipated and disputed that the property in question had three exits should there be an emergency. He worried that dust caused by traffic on the gravel road during the event would affect the neighbouring residents and cause possible health issues for pastured cattle.

**4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**4.1 Regional Board Draft Meeting Minutes of April 4, 2024**

RD/24/04/03(18)

MOVED

Director Hiebert

SECONDED

Director Taillefer

That the Regional Board adopt the Board Meeting minutes of April 18, 2024.

**CARRIED**

**5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

**Recess**

The Chair recessed the Board meeting to allow time to address technical issues at 11:12 a.m.

## Reconvene

The Chair reconvened the Board meeting at 11:22 a.m.

## 6. DELEGATIONS

### 6.1 The Festival Company (Extreme Mudfest) Re: Temporary Use Permit, No. 24-001

Billie Jo Aasen, Owner, and CEO of The Festival Company presented to the Regional Board regarding Item 8.6 - Temporary Use Permit 24-001 and the "Extreme Mudfest" event. The presentation included the following topics:

- History and start of Mudfest.
- Information about the Mudfest festival.
- Different events that occur within the festival.
- Attendee statistics.
- Timeline of the Mudfest project.
- Tentative schedule of the Mudfest event.
- Water source for building the track.
- Emergency measures and plans, including the hiring of a Fire Suppression Consultant.
- Summary.

A question-and-answer period ensued and included:

- Whether engagement with neighbouring residents had occurred. Ms. Aasen explained that her first priority was to focus on obtaining the required permitting which would be followed by community conversations.
- Whether The Festival Company had vehicles that could control dust and maintain grass. The presenter answered that they did.
- When the traffic management plan would be completed. The presenter answered that the plan would be ready in the next few weeks.
- The number of security guards. The presenter explained that the company employed to handle security at similar events rotates their security guards from event to event.
- What types of liability insurance policies the company had purchased. Ms. Aasen explained that two policies were in place: a \$5 million racing liability policy, and a \$5 million camping liability policy. She assured Directors that a mandatory insurance policy was required from every contractor involved including the food trucks and security.
- The strategy for fire protection. The presenter spoke about having on-site water trucks, on-site ponds, and a hired consultant who will help build the necessary plan.
- How medical patients would be transported to hospital. The presenter explained that the ambulance on site would be used to stabilize a patient, and BC Ambulance would be called for transport.
- Whether BC Ambulance or the RCMP had been contacted about providing additional manpower. The presenter replied that permitting was the first priority, and that a general emergency plan would be created after permit approval.
- The scenario in which a permit was issued but the festival was unable to retain emergency support for fire, ambulance, and policing. Ms. Aasen answered that, in said scenario, the event would not run.

**6.1 The Festival Company (Extreme Mudfest) Re: Temporary Use Permit, No. 24-001 (Cont'd)**

- Whether alternate venues had been considered. The presenter explained that the rodeo grounds in Dawson Creek had been considered, but the short turnaround after the Dawson Creek Fall Fair to convert the rodeo grounds into a racetrack made it unfeasible.

**7. CORRESPONDENCE**

**7.1 Letter from Conuma Resources Re: Letter of Support Request - Quintette Mine**

RD/24/04/04(18)

MOVED Director Krakowka

SECONDED Director Zabinsky

That the Regional Board provide a Letter of Support for the Quintette Early Works Application and Coal Importation Amendment Application. **CARRIED**

**Vary Agenda**

Chair Sperling suggested the agenda be varied to consider Agenda Items 8.6 - Temporary Use Permit, No. 24-001, DS-BRD-394 and 8.7 - Development Variance Permit Application 24-001 DVP, DS-BRD-396 as both applicants were in attendance awaiting the Board's decision.

RD/24/04/05(18)

MOVED Director Quibell

SECONDED Director Courtoreille

That the Regional Board vary the agenda to consider Agenda Items 8.6 - Temporary Use Permit, No. 24-001, DS-BRD-394 and 8.7 - Development Variance Permit Application 24-001 DVP, DS-BRD-396 prior to the lunch break. **CARRIED**

**8. REPORTS**

**8.6 Temporary Use Permit, No. 24-001, DS-BRD-394**

The Corporate Officer explained that the comment period had been extended due to delayed signage and deferral of the report. The Corporate Officer read aloud five comments received after the Regional Board Meeting agenda had been published from Fred Schneider, Melissa Meise, Ed Reinink, Tamara Grantham and Lloyd Lintott, and Kevin McCleary regarding Temporary Use Permit, No. 24-001.

Director Hansen, City of Fort St. John left the meeting at 12:09 p.m.

RD/24/04/06(18)

MOVED Director Hiebert

SECONDED Director Kealy

That the Regional Board receive the report regarding Temporary Use Permit, No. 24-001 for discussion. **CARRIED**

**OPPOSED:** Directors Courtoreille, Dober, and Krakowka

#### 8.6 Temporary Use Permit, No. 24-001, DS-BRD-394 (Cont'd)

Directors discussed that there would be no liability to the Peace River Regional District if the Temporary Use Permit was issued. Clarity was provided that the “Extreme Mudfest” event was outside of the Pouce Coupe Fire Department boundary. There was agreement that family friendly events were needed in the area but that the applicant lacked communication with neighbouring residents. Staff provided information that traffic management, fire protection, and emergency preparedness lay outside the Regional District’s jurisdiction.

RD/24/04/07(18)

MOVED Director Rose

SECONDED Director Taillefer

That the Regional Board authorize the issuance of Temporary Use Permit No. 24-001 to hold the event “Extreme Mudfest” over a 4-day period, once a year, on the property identified as PID 003-588-165 for a 3-year term subject to the following conditions:

1. Provision of security to ensure all structures associated with the events are removed post-event; and
2. Confirmation from the Ministry of Transportation that all of their requirements have been satisfied.

#### Amendment:

RD/24/04/08(18)

MOVED Director Hiebert

SECONDED Director Veach

That the motion be amended to add “3. That the applicant meet with all neighbouring residents”.

**CARRIED**

**OPPOSED:** Chair Sperling, Directors Kealy, Krakowka, and Rose

Director Hansen, City of Fort St. John joined the meeting at 12:22 p.m.

Directors discussed the importance of hearing back from the applicant regarding the stipulations being added to the resolution. Despite having no liability if the Temporary Use Permit was issued, there was concern about ensuring certain criteria were met. Clarification about the time frame between refusing the Temporary Use Permit and reapplication was discussed. Staff explained that, according to the Development Approval Procedure Bylaw, the applicant would be unable to reapply for another Temporary Use Permit until six months had lapsed unless the timeframe was varied through a Board resolution with a two thirds majority vote. Directors recognized the positive economic benefits that would be derived from issuing the Temporary Use Permit but wanted community and emergency concerns to be met by the applicant.

RD/24/04/09(18)

MOVED Director Krakowka

SECONDED Director Veach

Defer the motion on the floor and require the proponent to:

1. Meet with the neighbouring residents.
2. Meet with the RCMP and Fire Protection and provide emergency plans; and

**8.6 Temporary Use Permit, No. 24-001, DS-BRD-394 (Cont'd)**

3. Provide traffic plan.

**DEFEATED**

**IN FAVOUR:** Directors Hansen, Kealy, Krakowka, Taillefer, Veach, and Zabinsky

**Second Amendment:**

RD/24/04/10(18)

MOVED Director Krakowka

SECONDED Director Veach

That the motion be amended by adding “further, that the applicant reach out to all stakeholders, including BC Ambulance, the RCMP, Fire Protection and request written confirmation that all safety measures have been considered and put into place before the Temporary Use Permit is issued”.

Directors discussed what kind of confirmation they would like to see Peace River Regional District staff receive from the applicant before issuing the Temporary Use Permit. Staff presented concerns regarding the ambiguity of the amendment. Directors clarified that a Letter of Support or a letter that indicated approval of the event would suffice. Directors noted that this request was out of the Peace River Regional District’s jurisdiction and the external agencies were not required to respond.

The Chair called the Question to the Second Amendment to the Motion.

**CARRIED**

**OPPOSED:** Directors Courtoreille, Dober, Rose, and Taillefer

**Motion as Amended:**

RD/24/04/07(18)

MOVED Director Rose

SECONDED Director Taillefer

That the Regional Board authorize the issuance of Temporary Use Permit No. 24-001 to hold the event “Extreme Mudfest” over a 4-day period, once a year, on the property identified as PID 003-588-165 for a 3-year term subject to the following conditions:

1. Provision of security to ensure all structures associated with the events are removed post-event;
2. Confirmation from the Ministry of Transportation that all of their requirements have been satisfied; and
3. That the applicant meet with all neighbouring residents;

Further, that the applicant reach out to all stakeholders, including BC Ambulance, the RCMP, Fire Protection and request written confirmation that all safety measures have been considered and put into place before the Temporary Use Permit is issued.

**CARRIED**

**OPPOSED:** Directors Courtoreille, Dober, and Taillefer



**8.7 Development Variance Permit Application 24-001 DVP, DS-BRD-396**

RD/24/04/11(18)

MOVED Chair Sperling

SECONDED Director Zabinsky

That the Regional Board respectfully refuse the issuance of Development Variance Permit No. 24-001 DVP, to increase the maximum permitted accessory building floor area from 232 m<sup>2</sup> to 297.29 m<sup>2</sup> (a difference of ± 65.29 m<sup>2</sup>) to construct a shop on the property identified as PID: 025-186-931, within PRRD Zoning Bylaw No. 1343, 2001, as the proposal is not consistent with zoning.

**CARRIED**

**OPPOSED:** Director Quibell

**Recess**

The Chair recessed the meeting for luncheon at 12:33 p.m.

**Reconvene**

The Chair reconvened the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

**8.1 Solid Waste Committee – Recommendations from Meeting held on April 5, 2024, ENV-BRD-180**

Director Quibell, District of Hudson's Hope, left the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

RD/24/04/12(18)

MOVED Director Hiebert

SECONDED Director Hansen

That the Regional Board develop an "Illegal Dumping Policy" to inform decision making objectives around re-occurring illegal dumping at Peace River Regional District solid waste sites.

**CARRIED**

Directors confirmed that the Solid Waste Regulation and Fees Bylaw referenced a fine against illegal dumping, but there was no policy on how to administer the fine.

Director Quibell, District of Hudson's Hope, joined the meeting at 1:06 p.m.

RD/24/04/13(18)

MOVED Director Hiebert

SECONDED Director Zabinsky

That the Regional Board enter into a partnership with Interchange Recycling to offer residential waste oil and antifreeze collection at the Chetwynd Landfill.

**CARRIED**

Directors confirmed that Chetwynd Landfill was the second site operated by the Peace River Regional District to accept residential waste oil and antifreeze. They also verified that cooking oil was not included in the partnership.



**8.1 Solid Waste Committee – Recommendations from Meeting held on April 5, 2024, ENV-BRD-180 (Cont'd)**

RD/24/04/14(18)

MOVED Director Hiebert  
SECONDED Director Zabinsky

That the Regional Board authorize staff to temporarily close the Kelly Lake Transfer Station due to the numerous break-ins, thefts and costs associated to provide staff time to explore options to mitigate ongoing issues at the facility; further, that staff ensures that messaging regarding the closure is provided to the community.

**CARRIED**

**OPPOSED:** Directors Dober and Krakowka

Directors discussed the process of hiring security for the Kelly Lake Transfer Station, which would entail going through the procurement process. Alternative options for users of the Kelly Lake Transfer Station included using the Tomslake Transfer Station, the Tumbler Ridge Transfer Station, and taking solid waste to nearby communities in Alberta. Various solutions to curb the theft of diesel fuel were discussed.

RD/24/04/15(18)

MOVED Director Dober  
SECONDED Director Zabinsky

That the Regional Board increase the total spend of Contract 40-2022 “PRRD Landfill Environmental Monitoring and Reporting” held by Matrix Solutions Inc. from the original value of \$467,985.75 to a new value of \$547,985.75 (excluding taxes) to accommodate the replacement and installation of monitoring wells at the Dawson Creek and Taylor Closed Landfills.

**CARRIED**

RD/24/04/16(18)

MOVED Director Dober  
SECONDED Director Hiebert

That the Regional Board share the report titled “Chetwynd Landfill Replacement Project Update, ENV-SWC-156” including the attached report titled “New Landfill Feasibility – Site Selection – Landfill Siting Memo” and “New Landfill Feasibility – Chetwynd Area Stage 1: Site Selection – Site Reconnaissance” with the following government agencies and neighbouring communities:

- District of Chetwynd,
- BC Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy,
- Blueberry River First Nations,
- Doig River First Nation,
- Halfway River First Nation,
- Kwadacha Nation,
- McLeod Lake Indian Band,
- Saulteau First Nations,
- Tsay Keh Dene Band,
- West Moberly First Nations,
- Lheidli T'enneh First Nation,

**8.1 Solid Waste Committee – Recommendations from Meeting held on April 5, 2024, ENV-BRD-180 (Cont'd)**

- Horse Lake First Nation,
- Simpcw First Nation,
- Secwepemc LOC,
- Dene Tha First Nation,
- Prophet River First Nation,
- Ross River Dena Council,
- Kaska Dena Council,
- Liard First Nation,
- Carrier Sekani Tribal Council,
- Gitxsan Hereditary Chiefs,
- Takla Nation,
- Binche Whut'en,
- Tahltan Central Government, and
- Nak'azdli Band.

**CARRIED**

RD/24/04/17(18)

MOVED

Director Zabinsky

SECONDED

Director Hiebert

That the Regional Board award Request for Proposal 23-2024 “Hudson’s Hope Transfer Station Operations” to Secure Energy for a 41-month term ending October 31, 2027 at a total cost of \$917,760 (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**

**8.2 2024 UBCM Minister Meeting Requests, ADM-BRD-494**

RD/24/04/18(18)

MOVED

Chair Sperling

SECONDED

Director Krakowka

That the Regional Board identify three meetings, and a maximum of three topics for each meeting, to be requested with either Provincial Ministers, staff and/or other agencies during the 2024 Union of BC Municipalities Convention.

**CARRIED**

Directors discussed possible Minister meetings and topics at the 2024 Union of BC Municipalities Convention (UBCM), which included:

- Honourable Josie Osborne, Minister of Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation, regarding:
  - Additional windfarms, impacts and economic benefits in region or lack thereof
  - Where Conuma is at with their permitting, emphasizing the risk of Conuma running out of resources and losing clients

## 8.2 2024 UBCM Minister Meeting Requests, ADM-BRD-494 (Cont'd)

- Honourable Nathan Cullen, Minister of Land, Water and Resource Stewardship, regarding:
  - First Nations traditional territory overlap
  - Description of their portfolio
- Honourable Mike Farnworth, Solicitor General, regarding:
  - The Peace Regional RCMP Proposal
  - Reinstatement of GIS unit
- Honourable Bruce Ralston, Minister of Forests, regarding:
  - Forestry permits
  - Woodlot licences
  - BC Timber sales
- Honourable George Heyman, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy, regarding:
  - New landfills
- Honourable Adrian Dix, Minister of Health, regarding:
  - Emergency Room diversions
  - Support for Northern Health
- Honourable Jennifer Whiteside, Minister of Mental Health and Addictions
  - Lack of mental health facilities
  - Northwinds Facility scope being reduced due to lack of support and funding
- Premier Eby
  - Holding the Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions accountable in regard to the Northwinds Facility scope.

Directors discussed the benefits of asking for face-to-face meetings at the UBCM. Directors suggested that meetings be held with mid-level government officials rather than Ministers due to the upcoming provincial elections in 2024 which may result in Ministerial changes.

## 8.3 eScribe Subscription Agreement Renewal (2025 – 2027), ADM-BRD-495

RD/24/04/19(18)

MOVED

Director Hiebert

SECONDED

Director Hansen

That the Regional Board approve a three-year (2025-2027) Subscription Agreement with eScribe, for agenda management services, at a maximum total cost of \$44,000 (excluding taxes) starting July 1, 2024; further, that the Chair and Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to sign the Agreement on behalf of the Peace River Regional District.

**CARRIED**

**8.4 Contract Award RFQ 01-2024 Architectural Services (QBS) for Standalone EOC, ENV-BRD-181**

RD/24/04/20(18)

MOVED Director Zabinsky

SECONDED Director Hansen

That the Regional Board award RFQ 01-2024 “Architectural Services (QBS) for a Standalone EOC” to McElhanney Ltd. for land investigative works, detailed design of an Emergency Operations Centre, support in compiling tender documents for the procurement process, and construction quality assurance and oversight, at a cost of \$210,414.29 (excluding taxes).

**CARRIED**

**OPPOSED:** Director Rose

**8.5 Contract Award – RFP 11-2024 Charlie Lake Sewer Trucked Waste Facility Back-up Power, ENV-BRD-182**

RD/24/04/21(18)

MOVED Chair Sperling

SECONDED Director Hansen

That the Regional Board award RFP 11-2024 “Charlie Lake Sewer Trucked Waste Facility Back-up Power Supply” to Total Power Ltd. for supply and delivery of a diesel stand-by generator with stairs and a platform at a cost of \$141,965 (excluding taxes); further, that the Chair and Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to sign the agreement on behalf of the PRRD

**CARRIED**

**8.8 Section 57 Notice for PID 024-883-212, DS-BRD-397**

RD/24/04/22(18)

MOVED Chair Sperling

SECONDED Director Zabinsky

That the Regional Board authorize the Corporate Officer to place a notice on title of the property identified as PID 024-883-212 regarding construction of a Detached Accessory Building, without a Building Permit and contrary to PRRD Building Bylaw No. 2131, 2014 pursuant to Section 57 of the *Community Charter* and Section 302 of the *Local Government Act*.

**CARRIED**

Directors discussed the process of placing a Section 57 Notice on Title of a property, including the communication between the property owner and Peace River Regional District staff. They confirmed that a Section 57 was used a last resort, and that the property owner had been given an opportunity to attend the Board meeting.

**9. BYLAWS**

**9.1 Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2547, 2024, PRRD File No. 24-002 ZN, DS-BRD-398**

RD/24/04/23(18)

MOVED Director Kealy

SECONDED Director Hiebert

**9.1 Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2547, 2024, PRRD File No. 24-002 ZN, DS-BRD-398 (Cont'd)**

That the Regional Board give Peace River Regional District Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2547, 2024 to rezone the property identified as PID 030-945-461 from A-2 Zone (Large Agricultural Holdings Zone) to C-F (Communal Farm Zone) first and second readings; and further,

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

RD/24/04/24(18)

MOVED Director Kealy

SECONDED Director Hiebert

That the Regional Board authorize the Corporate Officer to remove the Restrictive Covenant from Title which:

- a. Restricts further subdivision of the lands; and
- b. Restricts further development on the lands.

**CARRIED**

**10. NEW BUSINESS**

**10.1 Invitations to Ministers to Discuss Crime**

RD/24/04/25(18)

MOVED Director Krakowka

SECONDED Director Hiebert

That the Regional Board approve the addition of a New Business item regarding Letters to Ministers regarding invitations to attend Regional Board meetings.

**CARRIED**

RD/24/04/26(18)

MOVED Chair Sperling

SECONDED Director Taillefer

That the Regional Board invite Attorney General, Niki Sharma; Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General, Mike Farnworth; and Jennifer Whiteside, Minister of Mental Health and Addictions, to attend a Regional Board meeting on June 11, 2024 to discuss crime and various health and safety issues currently ongoing in the region.

**CARRIED**

RD/24/04/27(18)

MOVED Director Quibell

SECONDED Director Hiebert

That the Regional Board send a letter to local First Nations requesting a letter of support for the Peace River Regional District's invitations to Attorney General, Niki Sharma; Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General, Mike Farnworth; and Jennifer Whiteside, Minister of Mental Health, and Addictions to increase provincial attention to this issue.

**CARRIED**

**10.2 2023 National Women's U18 Hockey Legacy Funds**

RD/24/04/28(18)

MOVED Director Dober

SECONDED Director Courtoreille

That the Regional Board approve addition of a New Business item to allow Director Dober to make a presentation to the Regional Board regarding the 2023 National Women's U18 hockey legacy funds.

**CARRIED**

**OPPOSED:** Director Taillefer

Director Dober presented a commemorative framed poster and a cheque in the sum of \$10,000 to the Peace River Regional District Regional Board on behalf of the National Women's U18 Hockey Committee. The hockey legacy funding was received from the City of Dawson Creek and staff confirmed the funds would be returned to Function 224 - Sport and Cultural Events Grant-In-Aid.

**11. APPOINTMENTS**

**11.1 2024 Board Appointment List**

**12. CONSENT CALENDAR**

Chair Sperling asked Directors whether they wished to lift any items from the April 18, 2024 Consent Calendar.

**12.4 Letters Re: Chetwynd Northern Initial Fire Attack Crew Base Relocation**

RD/24/04/29(18)

MOVED Director Rose

SECONDED Director Courtoreille

That the Regional Board provide a letter of support to Honourable Bruce Ralston, Minister of Forests, for reinstatement of the Chetwynd Northern Initial Fire Attack Crew Base in the District of Chetwynd.

**CARRIED**

**12.5 Response from Honourable Bowinn Ma, Minister of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness Re: Clarity regarding Emergency Disaster Management Act**

Chair Sperling brought Item 12.5 - Response from Honourable Bowinn Ma, Minister of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness Re: Clarity regarding Emergency Disaster Management Act, before the Board, and recommended the Board review the information provided.

**12.9 Letter from City of Port Alberni - Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (AVICC) Re: UBCM Resolutions - Rural Seniors**

Director Veach lifted Item 12.9 - Letter from City of Port Alberni - Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (AVICC) Re: UBCM Resolutions - Rural Seniors, to draw attention to rural seniors as a topic the Peace River Regional District should also advocate for at the 2024 Union of BC Municipalities Convention.



**13. STRATEGIC PLAN**

**13.1 2023 - 2026 Strategic Plan**

The 2023-2026 Strategic Plan was included for the Regional Board's information.

**14. COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE**

**14.1 Blackfoot Park Season Opening**

Chair Sperling noted that Blackfoot Regional Park would be officially open for camping May 15 to September 15, 2024 and reservations could be made online via the Let's Camp reservation system starting April 15, 2024; campers can reserve up to 30 days in advance.

**15. CHAIR'S REPORT**

**16. NOTICE OF MOTION**

Chair Sperling gave notice that he would bring a motion forward at the May 2, 2024 Regional Board meeting requesting that the Regional Board send a letter to Minister Josie Osborne, Ministry of Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation regarding windfarms in the Peace Region.

**17. MEDIA QUESTIONS**

**18. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION**

**18.1 Notice of Closed Board Session – April 18, 2024, ADM-BRD-496**

RD/24/04/30(18)

MOVED

Director Krakowka

SECONDED

Director Veach

That the Regional Board recess to a Closed Meeting at 2:15 p.m. 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         | Land        | CC Section 90(1)(e) Acquisition of property.           |

**CARRIED**

**19. RECONVENE AND ADJOURN**

The Chair reconvened the open meeting to the public and adjourned the meeting at 2:31 p.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 April 18, 2024 in the Pomeroy Hotel and Conference Centre, 11308 Alaska Road, Fort St. John, BC.

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Brad Sperling, Chair

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Tyra Henderson, Corporate Officer