



PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

Special Committee of the Whole Meeting Agenda

June 28, 2023, 10:00 a.m.

North Peace Arena

9805 96 Ave, Fort St John, BC

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May 27, 2023

Chair and Directors
Peace River Regional District
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RE: Treaty Land Sharing

Dear Chair Hiebert and Directors of Peace River Regional District

It has come to the attention of Landry Women's Institute that the Peace River Regional District has sent a letter of support to Dale Bumstead, Scion Strategies Ltd. and Edward Stanford, Urban Systems regarding "Treaty Land Sharing". It is of concern to landowners that you would support this when land agreements are best left to provincial and federal governments rather than local government.


Landry WI is not against those who wish to participate, but by the Regional District supporting "Treaty Land Sharing; it gives the impression that the Peace River Regional District supports this program prior to consultation with landowners and their concerns with liability and legality. More importantly discussion and opinion of local landowners & Agricultural producers has not occurred. British Columbia has ample crown land that is available to be utilized for Treaty Land Sharing.

Landry WI concerns include:

- No consultation prior to letter of support
- Liability and legality of the land sharing program
- Opting out of the program
- The connection of Food Producers to the land
- Present and future meaning and understanding of fee simple property
- The effect of future subdivision approvals

Landry WI awaits a written response to our concerns and requests to have a Peace River District delegation at your next Committee of the Whole when this will be discussed.

For Home and Country,


Lynn Norman
President, Landry Women's Institute



Nor' Pioneer Women's' Institute
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May 24, 2023

Chair and Directors
Peace River Regional District
Box 810
Dawson Creek, BC
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RE: Treaty Land Sharing

Dear Chair Hiebert and Directors of Peace River Regional District

It has come to the attention of Nor' Pioneer Women's Institute that the Peace River Regional District has sent a letter of support to Dale Bumstead, Scion Strategies Ltd. and Edward Stanford, Urban Systems regarding Saskatchewan's "Treaty Land Sharing". It is of concern to landowners that you would support this when land agreements are best left to provincial and federal governments rather than local government. It has always been our understanding that private fee simple land is not up for discussion.

Nor' Pioneer is not against those who wish to participate, but by the Regional District supporting "Treaty Land Sharing"; it gives the impression that you as a political body representing us the people, think it is a good idea prior to looking into liability and legality.

Having researched the "Treaty Land Sharing" website; it does not include that the government of Saskatchewan has endorsed this other than funding from Government of Saskatchewan's First Nations and Metis Community Partnerships Projects Fund and SaskCulture's Multicultural Initiatives Fund. This came about because Saskatchewan was selling crown land and has only 2% of crown land; British Columbia has 80% crown land.

We understand that in Saskatchewan access is by consent of the individual landowner, but for example, what happens when the moose is shot on a permissible property but dies on a neighboring property? Respect needs to be a two way street.

Nor' Pioneer WI requests to have a delegation at your next Committee of the Whole when this will be discussed.

For Home and Country,

Maya Wenger
President, Nor' Pioneer Women's Institute



DIRECTOR REPORT

To: Chair and Directors

Report Number: DR-COW-001

From: Brad Sperling, Director, Area C

Date: June 8, 2023

Subject: Peace River Local Government Association Discussion

PURPOSE / ISSUE:

To discuss the future of the Peace River Local Government Association with the following agenda topics:

- Formalize the PRLGA to align with the Union of BC Municipalities.
- Expand the PRLGA to include the Northern Rockies Regional Municipality – potentially creating a North East BC Association.
- Include neighbouring First Nation representatives to discuss common issues/goals while respecting each other's jurisdictions.
- Future leadership table discussion to garner possibilities/thoughts of working together.

BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

The Electoral Area Directors Committee (EADC) discussed the merit of renewing the Peace River Regional District (PRRD) North Central Local Government Association Membership (NCLGA) and decided only to renew their membership if they needed more value from the membership fee.

The Committee discussed that NCLGA is too large and that the PRRD didn't have much in common with the rest of the communities that NCLGA represents; further, stating that the PRRD does a better job advocating for their own needs than NCLGA does on behalf of the PRRD. Instead, the Committee proposed that there could be better value in re-looking at the Peace River Local Government Association (PRLGA) instead of continuing with their NCLGA Membership.

At the April 20, 2023, the Regional Board passed the following recommendation:

MOVED, SECONDED, and CARRIED

That the Regional Board discuss the future of the Peace River Local Government Association at an upcoming Committee of the Whole Meeting

The PRLGA meetings were held once a year before the North Central Local Government Association (NCLGA) Convention. The intent was for the Member municipalities and the PRRD to provide any resolutions to PRLGA Meeting agendas for discussion and support, in advance of them being forwarded to the NCLGA meeting. It was also an opportunity for each community to provide an update on events and/or projects they undertook that year.

The last PRLGA meeting was held Thursday, March 28, 2019, at the Northern Grand Hotel in Fort St. John. In 2020, the meeting was scheduled to be held in Tumbler Ridge, and was cancelled on short notice due to COVID.

Restrictions on face to face meetings prevented a meeting in 2021, and there was no resumption of meetings in 2022.

STRATEGIC PLAN RELEVANCE:

- Not Applicable to Strategic Plan

Deferred June 8, 2023 Committee of the Whole