



ELECTORAL AREA DIRECTORS' COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Note: The following minutes are subject to correction when endorsed by the Committee at the next Electoral Area Directors' Committee meeting.

Date: November 24, 2020
Time: 9:30 AM
Location: CSR D Boardroom
555 Harbourfront Drive NE, Salmon Arm

Directors Present	K. Cathcart^	Electoral Area A
	D. Brooks-Hill^	Electoral Area B
	P. Demenok	Electoral Area C
	R. Talbot	Electoral Area D
	R. Martin^	Electoral Area E
	J. Simpson (Chair)	Electoral Area F
Staff Present	C. Hamilton*	Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)
	J. Sham	Assistant Deputy Corporate Officer
	D. Mooney*	Manager, Operations Management
	C. Robichaud	Legislative Clerk
	D. Sutherland*	Team Leader, Protective Services

* attended a portion of the meeting only.

^ electronic participation.

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:31 AM.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Moved By Director Demenok
Seconded By Director Talbot

THAT: the agenda of November 24, 2020 Electoral Area Directors' Committee meeting be approved.

CARRIED

3. Meeting Minutes

3.1 Adoption of Minutes

Moved By Director Demenok
Seconded By Director Talbot

THAT: the minutes of the September 29, 2020 Electoral Area Directors' Committee meeting be adopted.

CARRIED

3.2 Business Arising from the Minutes

5.2 Rural Roads and 5.3 Internet and Cellular Service in Rural Areas.

For Information - Invitations have been extended to service providers on both items. Peter Cocker, Road Area Manager, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure has accepted the invitation to appear as a delegation; no other service providers have provided a response.

4. Delegations

4.1 Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure - Rural Roads Discussion

Peter Cocker, Road Area Manager, MoTI, in attendance by Zoom, to provide verbal report of rural roads in the CSRD.

Discussion:

Director Demenok voiced concern about road repairs and the lag time of snow removal. Sorrento has culverts that desperately need to be replaced to alleviate worries of potential washouts from future flooding. Recent road repairs in Area C appear to be substandard.

Mr. Cocker appreciates the feedback, performance failures have been documented and corrective action is underway.

Director Cathcart meets with her MoTI representative semi-annually to examine road issues and receives regular updates from Ministry staff.

Director Talbot also communicated concerns with rural roads in Electoral Area D and will reach out directly to the Road Area Manager to further discuss.

Director Martin asked about raising the priority of road repairs with the Ministry. Raised concerns with the liquid brine that is used on roads and feels that the roads accumulate hazardous slush as a result. Danger trees roadsides are also troubling, as they may be on private property, what can be done to ensure the safety of drivers.

Mr. Cocker is happy to meet with Directors to find solutions to road issues. The chemical application of the liquid brine is required to ensure that snow does not bond to the road and is applied as stated in the winter maintenance agreement with the contractor. Danger trees would need to be assessed and if located on private property the homeowner would need to be contacted.

5. Reports by Staff

5.1 Road Rescue in the CSRD

Report from Derek Sutherland, Team Leader Protective Services dated November 16, 2020.

Moved By Director Demenok

Seconded By Director Talbot

THAT: the Electoral Area Directors recommend the Board send a letter to the Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General requesting the finalization and release of the Road Rescue Report commissioned by the Fire Chiefs Association of BC to facilitate road rescue decision making at a local level.

Discussion on the motion:

Director Talbot voiced displeasure that the topic has not been satisfactorily resolved after many years of discussion. Fears what may happen to Areas D and F if the City of Vernon or the Village of Chase remove service from these rural areas.

Director Demenok would like Area C to be included as a part of the potential solution discussion noted in the staff report.

Director Martin feels that Area Directors need to meet with the local MLA's to get some traction regarding road rescue. Requested for Area E to take part in the potential solutions conversation noted in the staff report.

Director Cathcart is pleased with progress thus far to identify and provide cover for the service gaps Area A.

CARRIED

6. Reports by Electoral Area Directors

6.1 Reduction of Fire Hazards - FireSmart

Request by Director Demenok.

Team Leader, Protective Services to provide verbal response.

Discussion:

Director Demenok suggests adding wording to the FireSmart communications to indicate vacant lots are eligible for grant funding. There may be opportunity for the CSRD conduct a mail out to inform property owners of the potential grant funding available.

Team Leader, Protective Services noted that the FireSmart program offers mitigation solutions on undeveloped land depending on the proximity zone. Coordinating an unsolicited mailout would involve staff time which is not covered under the scope of the grant funding; therefore, may have budgetary implications. It would be possible to publish social media posts notifying vacant lot owners of the program and available grant funding.

Chair has requested that the topic be brought forward to the next Committee meeting.

7. Adjournment

Moved By Director Talbot

Seconded By Director Demenok

THAT: the Electoral Area Directors' Committee meeting of November 24, 2020 be adjourned.

CARRIED

10:46 AM

CORPORATE OFFICER

CHAIR