

MEETING NO 3 – February 25, 2025

A Special Open North Cariboo Joint Advisory Committee meeting was held on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2025 commencing at 4:30 p.m. at Council Chambers, City Hall, 410 Kinchant Street, Quesnel, B.C.

**PRESENT FROM CITY:** Laurey-Anne Roodenburg (CHAIR), Mayor Ron Paull, Councillors Scott Elliott, Tony Goulet, Debra McKelvie, Martin Runge and Mitch Vik

**Staff:** Director Community Services Jeff Norburn, Deputy Corporate Administrator Rhya Hartley [Recorder]

**PRESENT FROM CRD:** Co-chair Jim Glassford, Directors Barb Bachmeier, John Massier, Mary Sjostrom

**Staff:** Manager Community Services Darron Campbell

**REGRETS:** None

**GUEST(s):** School District #28

- Julie-Anne Runge Board Chair
- Lisa Boudreau Vice Chair
- Jennifer Woollends Secretary Treasurer/CFO

**MEDIA:** The Goat, The Quesnel Cariboo Observer

**GALLERY:** There were no members of the public in attendance at the meeting.

1. CALL TO ORDER - CO-CHAIR ROODENBURG TO CHAIR THE MEETING

Co-Chair Glassford called the February 25, 2025 Special Open North Cariboo Joint Advisory Committee meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. and, recognized that the meeting was held on the traditional territory of the Lhtako Dene Nation.

Co-Chair Roodenburg assumed chairing the meeting upon her arrival at 4:33 p.m.

2. ADOPTION OF SPECIAL OPEN AGENDA

25-03-16 By consensus THAT the North Cariboo Joint Advisory Committee adopt the February 25, 2025 Special Open Agenda, as presented.

CARRIED  
UNANIMOUSLY

3. SPECIAL MEETING BUSINESS: Meeting with School District #28

**3.1 NCJAC Discussion Items:**

a. Provincial lobbying:

- I. Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MoTI): Barkerville Highway school speed zone at Barlow Creek Elementary
- Director Massier provided an update. After years of lobbying for school zone speed limits, the Ministry has acknowledged that there is potential for change. There is a traffic report John is hoping to acquire.
  - A speed-reader may help deter excessive speed

Actions that MoTI suggested be undertaken prior to next school season:

- East toward the City – Cut and thin the trees on the property approaching Barlow Creek Elementary, to improve sightlines.
- Property adjacent to school heading away from City - Contact private property owner to discuss same mitigation (fire smart).

II. CNC/UNBC – future programming

Discussion included:

- The college is struggling financially with the reduction in International Student permits and has been looking at regionalizing to Prince George, affecting the local campus programming.
- Advocate for student housing

- A private sector Committee to lobby for improved utilization of our local campus, as the current Committee is mainly comprised of CNC/UNBC staff; not conducive to increasing/reestablishing local programs.
- b. Organizational information updates:
- I. Plans when the new Carson Elementary School opens
    - The School District advised a catchment review is in progress, looking at all routes. Community engagement will follow.
    - The existing Carson Elementary located on Graham Avenue will be demolished once the new school is operational.
  - II. General safety in school zones
    - Concerns raised by the Committee regarding bus turns off Highway 97N and issues on Maple Drive will be taken back to the Board for discussion.
- c. Indigenous education options; current status and anything in progress by School District and/or other entities.
- The School District advised they weren't able to discuss at present.

**3.2 School District #28 Discussion Items:**

- a. Requested an update on city/community developments and potential impacts to schools and enrollment
- Councillor Roodenburg noted the following:
    - Roddis Drive Assisted Living – potentially 300 workers + families
    - New residential builds in South Quesnel, Downtown Quesnel
    - New hotel; South Quesnel
  - School District #28 noted this type of information has value in determining developments that may affect area population that could assist in planning for school attendance. Note: housing developments often only redirect the population versus adding the number of students.
  - Is there a process for the School District to be updated on approved new developments that may affect population density/change.

G. CORRESPONDENCE: NONE

H. NEXT MEETING – March 11, 2025

I. GALLERY QUESTIONS: NONE

J. MOVE TO SPECIAL CLOSED – Not required

K. RELEASE ITEM(S) FROM SPECIAL CLOSED TO SPECIAL OPEN OR TO AN IN-CAMERA CARIBOO REGIONAL DISTRICT MEETING

L. ADJOURN SPECIAL CLOSED AND RESUME SPECIAL OPEN

M. ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business to discuss the North Cariboo Joint Advisory Committee meeting ended at 5:42 p.m.

*CERTIFIED CORRECT*

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Councillor Laurey-Anne Roodenburg (CHAIR)  
City of Quesnel

Director Jim Glassford  
Cariboo Regional District