



Peace River Regional District

REPORT

TO: Regional District Directors
 FROM: Director Karen Goodings, Chair – Wildlife Committee
 DATE: October 30, 2009
 RE: Wildlife Mitigation Facilitation

Recommendation:

That the Regional Board enter into an agreement with the Agricultural Research and Development Corporation, Agriculture Environment Initiatives, for a funding grant of \$5,000 for a Wildlife Mitigation Facilitation project on behalf of the Regional District's Wildlife Committee.

Rationale:

At the June 29, 2009 Wildlife Committee meeting members participated in a conference call with Jeff Morgan, Ministry of Environment, who shared the visions of a Regional Agriculture Wildlife Committee (RAWC). The Committee discussed the concept and felt that the Committee's current responsibilities are consistent with the concept, however a better overview of the whole region's priorities is required. The Committee discussed roles and responsibilities that they may be involved in and felt they needed further guidance and clarification on the next steps regarding mitigation and prevention of wildlife conflicts in our region.

Topics for discussion included, but were not limited to:

- Ungulate conflicts
- Predator issues
- Habitat enhancement
- Hunting regulations
- Successful participation of the Committee in the role of liaison/advocate
- Successful development of tool chest

The proposed one-day facilitated seminar would help re-energize the Committee, and build stronger, more effective working relationships within all interest groups concerning wildlife and agriculture challenges. It would also provide some clear direction and priorities for the Committee.

An application for funding from the Agriculture Environment Initiative fund, in the amount of \$5,000, has been approved. The workshop has been scheduled for 8:30 a.m., December 3rd, 2009 in the Alexander Room of the Stonebridge Hotel in Fort St. John.

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