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REPORT

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To: Chair and Directors
From: Fred Banham, CAO
Date: February 2, 2010
Subject: **Compensation for Landowner Representative –
Farmers' Advocate Management Committee**

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Regional Board recognizes the valuable input of the Landowner Representative to the Farmers' Advocate Management Committee and authorizes both the reimbursement of travel expenses as per the Peace River Regional District (PRRD) travel policy and the Landowner Representative's time to attend/participate in Management Committee meetings at a rate to be negotiated with the appointed Landowner Representative; and

THAT these costs be supported by the PRRD over and above the funding agreement between the PRRD and the Province from a budget not to exceed \$20,000.

BACKGROUND:

The Peace River Regional District (PRRD) has partnered through a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Ministries of Energy, Mines & Petroleum Resources (MEMPR) and the Ministry of Agriculture & Lands (MAL) to create a contract position to provide the services of an Independent Land Information & Advocate Office (Farmers' Advocate).

The MOU identifies a Farmers' Advocate Management Committee whose responsibility is to:

- Share in examining responses to the PRRD's Request for Proposal call;
- Share in developing the contract terms for the Farmers' Advocacy Office;
- Make recommendation to the Regional District on awarding and amendments to any contract;
- Monitor that the mandate of the Farmers' Advocacy Office is functioning in an effective manner;
- and
- Report out to the general public in the manner and frequency required by the contract terms.

As per the MOU, the Farmers' Advocate Management Committee will consist of four individuals: the Assistant Deputy Minister for MEMPR, the Assistant Deputy Minister for MAL, the Chief Administrative Officer for the PRRD and an individual representing landowners as agreed to by the three MOU partners.

Three of the four members are paid staff; the fourth member is a public volunteer.

Department Head:

February 11, 2010

CAO: