



CABINET MINUTES

May 6, 2015

9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Chambers

Attendance

Members Present:	Honourable Christy Clark	PREM
	Honourable Suzanne Anton	JAG
	Honourable Bill Bennett	MEM
	Honourable Shirley Bond	JTST
	Honourable Rich Coleman	MNGD
	Honourable Peter Fassbender	EDUC
	Honourable Terry Lake	HLTH
	Honourable Norm Letnick	AGRI
	Honourable Coralee Oakes	CSCD
	Honourable Mary Polak	ENV
	Honourable John Rustad	ARR
	Honourable Michelle Stilwell	SDSI
	Honourable Todd Stone	TRAN
	Honourable Steve Thomson	FLNR
	Honourable Amrik Virk	MTICS
	Honourable Teresa Wat	MIT
	Honourable Andrew Wilkinson	AVED
	Honourable Naomi Yamamoto	MoSTSB
Members Absent:	Honourable Stephanie Cadieux	CFD
	Honourable Michael de Jong	FIN

C O N F I D E N T I A L

Routine Administration

1. Previous Minutes: April 22

Cabinet reviewed and approved the minutes of April 22, 2015.

Committee Items

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Elizabeth MacMillan
Deputy Cabinet Secretary

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May 14, 2015

Honourable Coralee Oakes
Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development

The following is a Cabinet minute excerpt from May 6, 2015 for your attention:

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Elizabeth MacMillan
Deputy Cabinet Secretary

pc: Becky Denlinger, Deputy Minister
Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development

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From: s.22
Sent: Friday, May 29, 2015 12:18 PM
To: s.22
Subject: NEWS RELEASE - Fort St. John sign new MOU with Province

Good afternoon,
Attached is a news release from the City of Fort St. John regarding the Fairshare MOU

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MEDIA RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

May 29, 2015

Fort St. John Signs 'Peace River Agreement' with Province

Fort St. John B.C. – Fort St. John Council announced they have signed the Memorandum of Understanding between the Province and the Peace River Region for 'Payments in Place of Direct Access to the Unincorporated Industrial Tax Base (MOU)', now called the Peace River Agreement. The Peace Region municipalities had a Fair Share Memorandum of Understanding signed in 2005 that provided an annual grant in lieu of access to the industrial tax base that was set to expire in 2020. In March 2015 the Province invited municipalities to begin negotiations for a new agreement to be completed by the end of April.

Fort St. John and Taylor advocated that the 2005 Fair Share MOU should be honoured. It was the hope of both Councils that an agreement beyond 2020 could be negotiated over time using solid research and considered discussion. On May 4th Fort St. John announced they would participate in negotiations as the Province indicated there would be a framework for negotiation broad enough to allow for consideration of the interests of their community.

Fort St. John values and appreciates the work of previous Councils and administration in drafting previous Fair Share Agreements. The Peace River Agreement is a departure from those agreements in that the link to industrial growth is no longer reflected.

Mayor Ackerman stated, "Although this agreement is not the agreement Fort St. John envisioned for the community, it does represent a commitment by the Province to provide consistent funding to the community for 25 years." The special 2015 payment, in excess of \$1 million, is welcome and Council will initiate a conversation with the community on the creation of a legacy project.

Fort St. John is committed to ensuring the Province understands and respects the unique needs of a resource based community with the highest growth rate in the province. The City will continue to seek strategies to offset impacts of rapid growth and ensure positive outcomes for citizens.

Mayor Lori Ackerman stated, "We will continue to advocate for long term reliable funding solutions to allow us to build on partnerships with other agencies and to provide services to industry."

This MOU comes with significant audit and reporting functions. Fort St. John welcomes terms which will hold municipalities accountable for the way in which they manage their finances. Fort St. John has always utilized Fair Share dollars for capital projects to enable the City to manage growth effectively and will continue to manage finances responsibly.



June 8, 2015

Gordon "Shorty" Smith, Fire Chief
City of Dawson Creek
10101-12A Street
Dawson Creek, BC
V1G 3V7

Dear Shorty:

Thank you for supporting our announcement of the renewed Peace River Agreement.

It's important to recognize Northeast communities and the fundamental role that they play in growing our economy. This plan will ensure that places like Dawson Creek get the long-term benefits they deserve.

I had a great time meeting your crew and sitting in one of the trucks — what an experience!

Thank you for your support. It was a pleasure to meet you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Christy Clark'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large 'C' and 'A'.

Christy Clark
Premier

Office of the
Premier

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World Trade Centre
740 - 999 Canada Place
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June 8, 2015

Kevin Henderson, Director of Development Services
City of Dawson Creek
10105-12A Street
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Dear Kevin:

Thank you for helping make our announcement of the Peace River Agreement such a great success.

Supporting Northeast communities and recognizing the fundamental role that they play in growing our economy is so important, and I'm happy to see our long-term plan doing just that — giving certainty and stability to Northeast residents and businesses for the next 20 years.

I very much appreciated your hard work in helping make the event go so smoothly.

Thank you for your support and I look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Christy Clark'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name 'Christy' and last name 'Clark' clearly distinguishable.

Christy Clark
Premier

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