



**PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT
ELECTORAL AREA DIRECTORS' COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

DATE: September 17, 2009
 TIME: 10 a.m.
 PLACE: Regional District Office Boardroom, Dawson Creek, BC
 PRESENT: Director Tim Caton, Electoral Area 'E' and Meeting Chair
 Director Wayne Hiebert, Electoral Area 'D'
 Alternate Director Larry Houley, Electoral Area 'C'

Staff:

Fred Banham, Chief Administrative Officer
 Faye Salisbury, Corporate Officer
 Ron Storie, Manager Community Services
 Owen Bloor, South Peace Land Use Planner (10:15 a.m.)
 Barb Coburn, Recording Secretary

ABSENT: Director Karen Goodings, Electoral Area 'B'
 Director Arthur Hadland, Electoral Area 'C'

1) Call to Order Vice Chair Caton called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

DIRECTOR'S NOTICE OF NEW BUSINESS

Director Hiebert Weeds on oil and gas sites
 Director Caton Telus providing cellular service to East Pine area
 TransCanada supplying natural gas to residents along the new pipeline

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

2) September 17, 2009 Agenda MOVED by Alternate Director Houley, SECONDED by Director Hiebert, that the Electoral Area Directors' Committee agenda for the September 17, 2009 meeting be adopted, including items of New Business:

Minutes:

M-1 Electoral Area Directors' Committee Meeting Minutes of August 20, 2009

Business Arising:**Correspondence:**

C-1 August 2, 2009 Email from Bill Bouffieux, President, BC Bison Association regarding ATV Problem.

Reports:

R-1 September 3, 2009 Report from Owen Bloor, South Peace Land Use Planner regarding Agricultural Land Reserve Non-farm Use Application No. 128/2009 (Alta Energy Ltd.).

New Business:

NB-1 Weeds on oil and gas sites
 NB-2 Cellular service to East Pine area residents
 NB-3 TransCanada providing natural gas to rural residents

Diary:**Adjournment:**

CARRIED.

MINUTES:

- 3) M-1
re: EADC meeting
minutes of Aug 20/09
- MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Alternate Director Houley, that the Electoral Area Directors' Committee Meeting Minutes of August 20, 2009 be adopted.

CARRIED.

BUSINESS ARISING

- 4) BA-1
Item 13, Rural Water
Supply
- The Directors discussed the water supply in the Farmington area.
- MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Alternate Director Houley, that the Electoral Area Directors' Committee recommend to the Regional Board that staff be requested to investigate the feasibility and options available for establishing water functions by Electoral Area.

CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- 5) C-1
re: ATV Problem
- The Directors discussed the newspaper article sent by Mr. Bill Bouffieux, President, BC Bison Association regarding a new Saskatchewan law that could net trespassers a \$2,000 fine. Under the Saskatchewan *Trespass to Property Act*, effective July 1, 2009, police can issue a ticket to anyone who refuses to leave private or commercial property or who ignores posted 'no trespassing' signs. The law makes it an offence to go onto enclosed or other lands without permission, whether or not signs are posted, or to remain on someone's property after being told to leave.

MOVED by Alternate Director Houley, SECONDED by Director Hiebert, that the Electoral Area Directors' Committee recommend to the Regional Board that a letter be forwarded to Mr. Bill Bouffieux, President, BC Bison Association advising him that the Regional District has been working on the issue of landowner rights in conjunction with the Union of British Columbia Municipalities; and that the District will keep him updated if changes are made to the legislation.

CARRIED

Reports:

- 6) R-1
ALR No. 128/2009
(Altia Energy Ltd.)
- The Directors discussed the Non-farm Use Application submitted by Altia Energy Ltd. Mr. Owen Bloor, South Peace Land Use Planner explained that the application was applied for by the company on behalf of and with the permission of the landowner.

It was also noted that there is a concern regarding the lack of public notification in regards to the increase of local traffic along the access route. The Directors were advised that Altia is in the process of amending the plan by reconfiguring the site to accommodate better access to the block and to advise the local landowners along the new route that traffic is expected to increase.

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NEW BUSINESS:

7) NB-1
Weeds at oil and gas sites

The Directors discussed the concerns regarding the amount of weeds sited on and around various oil and gas sites. Directors have been able to advise some of the companies that it is their responsibility to eradicate all weeds growing on their lease sites.

8) NB-2
Telus providing cellular service to the Groundbirch / East Pine area.

The Directors queried whether Telus had advised when they would be reporting back regarding the possibility of establishing cellular service in the East Pine / Groundbirch area. They were advised that Telus has been in touch to say that they are currently going through a major re-structuring process. Telus also advised that as soon as there is an employee 'up to speed', they will make arrangements to appear at a Board meeting, as there are other topics that the Board had requested updates on.

MOVED by Director Caton, SECONDED by Director Hiebert, that the subject of a Telus delegation appearing at a Board meeting to discuss cellular service be placed on the Electoral Area Directors' Committee Diary.

CARRIED

9) NB-3
Sale taps on pipeline in Groundbirch and Progress areas

The Directors discussed requesting TransCanada PipeLines Limited to install sales taps on the pipeline that is being constructed from Groundbirch to Gordondale, Alberta. It was suggested that it would be easier and more cost efficient if the taps were installed during the construction phase for use in the future when there are expected to be more residents in the area; and therefore, more feasible for a company to supply natural gas to the rural residents.

MOVED by Director Caton, SECONDED by Director Hiebert, that the Electoral Area Directors' Committee recommend to the Regional Board that a letter be forwarded to TransCanada PipeLines Limited and Pacific Northern Gas (NE) Ltd. requesting that the companies look at adding two or more sales taps on the pipeline that is going to be built from Groundbirch to Gordondale.

CARRIED.

DIARY:

10) Item 3
Navigable Waters Protection Act

MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Alternate Director Houley, that Item 3, *Navigable Waters Protection Act*, be removed from the Electoral Area Directors' Committee Diary.

CARRIED.

11) Adjournment

MOVED by Alternate Director Houley, SECONDED by Director Hiebert, that the meeting adjourn.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.