



PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

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NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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DATE: November 26, 2009

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: Regional District Office Board Room, Dawson Creek, BC

PRESENT: Directors
Director Caton, Vice Chair
Director Hiebert
Director Hadland
Director Bernier
Director Lantz
Director Jarvis
Director Anderson
Director Ackerman
Director White

Alternate Directors
Alternate Director Kut
Alternate Director Nichols

Absent
Director Goodings (Chair)
Director Clark
Director Saugstad

Staff

Fred Banham, Chief Administrative Officer
Faye Salisbury, Corporate Officer
Kim Frech, Chief Financial Officer
Shannon Anderson, General Manager of Environmental Services
Bruce Simard, General Manager of Development Services
Sheila DeCosta, Secretary – Legislative Services, Recorder

Others

Christine Rumleskie, Moose FM
Matthew Bains, Northeast News

Via Conference Call

Mike Lambert, Executive Director, Oil and Gas Division,
Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources

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Rich McCrae, Curator of Palaeontology, Peace Region Palaeontology Research Centre
Lisa Buckley, Collections Manager, PRPRC

1) Call to Order In the absence of the Chair, the Vice Chair called the meeting to order 10:09 a.m.

DIRECTORS NOTICE OF NEW BUSINESS:

Director Bernier Provincial Review of Agricultural Land Commission Act
Director Hadland Update request regarding gas leak in the Tomslake area

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ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

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2) Adoption of Agenda

RD/09/11/01 (26)

MOVED by Director Bernier, SECONDED by Director Hadland,
that the Peace River Regional District agenda for the November 26, 2009 meeting,
including Director's new business and additional items for the agenda, be adopted as
amended:

1. Call to Order
2. Directors' Notice of New Business
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Minutes
M -1 Regional District Meeting Minutes of November 12, 2009.
5. Business Arising from the Minutes
BA-1 Oil and Gas Activities Act - EPM Regulation
Mike Lambert, Executive Director, Oil and Gas Division, MoEM&PR will now join the
meeting via conference call to answer questions.
- handout "Oil and Gas Activities Act - An Introduction" power point presentation
 - a) November 6, 2009 - Assistant Deputy Minister Goodman, Ministry of Energy,
Mines and Petroleum Resources; and
 - b) Environmental Protection Management Regulation - Consultation Draft
6. Delegations
11 a.m. D-1 Peace Region Palaeontology Research Centre
Rich McCrea, Curator of Palaeontology
Lisa Buckley, Collections Manager
Re: Recent Discovery
7. Petitions
8. Correspondence
 - C-1 November 3, 2009 - SAFERhome Standards Society regarding membership.
 - C-2 November 12, 2009 - Maxine Koppe, NCLGA regarding 2010 BC Rural Summit.
 - C-3 November 10, 2009 - Minister of Tourism, Culture and the Arts regarding off road
vehicles.
 - C-4 November 16, 2009 - Director Hadland regarding Burrard Thermal Generating Plant.
 - C-5 Integrated Cadastral Information Society - Member Profile regarding PRRD.
 - C-6 November 4, 2009, Associate Deputy Minister, Ministry of Environment regarding Rocky
Creek Energy Project.
 - C-7 November 6, 2009, NCLGA regarding PRRD 2009 UBCM Gold Star Award.
9. Reports
 - R-1 ALR Exclusion Application 161/2009 - Dyer.
 - R-2 November 18, 2009 - Electoral Area Directors' Committee regarding RD Task Force Feed
Back Request.
 - R-3 November 19, 2009 - Fred Banham, CAO and Kim Frech, CFO regarding City of Dawson
Creek Boundary Extension.
 - R-4 November 19, 2009 - Fred Banham, CAO regarding ALC Stakeholder Meeting.
10. By-laws
 - B-1 OCP and Zoning Amendment By-laws No. 1821 and 1822, 2008 (K&C Oilfield)
 - a) November 16, 2009 report from Owen Bloor;
 - b) "Dawson Creek Official Community Plan Amendment By-law No. 1821, 2008"; and
 - c) "Peace River Regional District Zoning Amendment By-law No. 1822, 2008".CONSIDERATION OF THIRD READING
11. Diary
 - a) Regional Diary
 - b) Agenda Preparations Schedule
 - c) Schedule of Events

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Adoption of Agenda -
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12. New Business
 - NB-1 November 19, 2009 - Director Hiebert regarding CSS Secure Landfill Bessborough.
 - NB-2 November 20, 2009 - Director Bernier regarding Provincial Review of the Agricultural Land Commission Act.
 - NB-3 November 26, 2009 - Director Hadland request for an update regarding the recent Gas Leak in the Tomslake area.
13. Appointments
14. Consent Calendar
 - MA-1 Harper and Imperial Subdivisions - Sewer Project Public Information Meeting Notes of November 18, 2009.
 - MA-2 South Peace Fringe Area OCP - Community Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of November 5, 2009.
 - CA-1 November 10, 2009, Chair Fort St. John Public Library Association thank you letter to Minister MacDiarmid.
 - CA-2 September / October Municipal Insurance Association Tidbit Exchange.
 - RA-1 Monthly Building Permit Report for October 2009.
15. Notice of Motion (for the next meeting):
16. Media Questions (on agenda items and business discussed at the meeting)
17. Adjournment

CARRIED.

MINUTES:

3) M-1
Regional Board
Meeting Minutes of
November 12, 2009

RD/09/11/02 (26)

MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Hadland,
that the Regional Board Meeting Minutes of November 12, 2009 be adopted with the
following amendment on page one:

- list Director Lantz as absent.

CARRIED.

4) BA-1
Oil and Gas Activities
Act - EPM Regulation

Mike Lambert, Executive Director, Oil and Gas Division, Ministry of Energy, Mines and
Petroleum Resources joined the meeting via conference call to give a presentation on
the *Oil and Gas Activities Act* (OGAA), particularly the Environmental Protection and
Management Regulation.

Mike Lambert,
Executive Director, Oil
and Gas Division
Ministry of Energy,
Mines and Petroleum
Resources

The OGAA passed in May of 2008, but legislation is not in force until the regulations
which have been under development since February 2009, are complete. Presently
consultations are being undertaken with stakeholders and local government. May 2010
is the Ministry's target date for completion.

- handout power point
presentation
"Oil and Gas Activities
Act - An Introduction"

A question and answer period ensued with the following points discussed:

- this is the time to make comments and recommendations;
- a regulatory team is being put in place this winter;
- pre-permit regulations will allow for lots of local government input;
- the importance of the industry applicant knowing what the key values are;
- there will be a 15 day allowance period to appeal after an agreement has been reached between industry and the landowner;
- transitions regulations will be put in place;
- training sessions are occurring in Dawson Creek and Fort St. John;
- clarification was given of the difference between reserve and riparian management zones;

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BA-1 - continued

Continuation of the question and answer period:

re: Oil and Gas Activities
Act - EPM Regulation

- when the mediation / arbitration board would come into play;
- there will be stand alone set back regulations for oil and gas activity around schools;
- what contributes to the industry preference toward private land rather than crown land;
- there needs to be more emphasis on the protection of water sheds;
- a technical water workshop is planned for January with the Peace River Regional District and other stakeholders;
- who is responsible for regulating keeping boundaries to a minimum; and
- the need to meet with the Peace River Regional District Board again;

RD/09/11/03 (26)

MOVED by Director Lantz, SECONDED by Director Bernier,

- a) that staff be directed to compile a formal list of recommendations toward the development of the *Oil and Gas Activities Act*, from the discussions held today, for submission to the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources; and
- b) that the list be forwarded to all directors for their comment, prior to being submitted under the signature of the Chair.

CARRIED.

5) Recess

The meeting recessed for coffee at 11 a.m.

6) Reconvene

The meeting reconvened at 11:07 a.m.

DELEGATION:

7) D-1

Peace Region
Palaeontology Research
Centre

Rich McCrae, Curator of
Palaeontology

Lisa Buckley,
Collections Manager

- power point
presentation

Rich McCrae, Curator of Palaeontology, and Lisa Buckley, Collections Manager of the Peace Region Palaeontology Research Centre in Tumbler Ridge, BC were in the meeting in response to the Board's invitation to provide an update on the exciting news of their recent discovery of a complete dinosaur in the BC Peace Region.

BC has already been recognised for its track ways of dinosaur footprints and also for its finds of disarticulated bones, but never before for a complete dinosaur. The excavation ran for four weeks in 2008 where only isolated bones were found. Further digging in 2009 exposed the fossilized skeleton buried forward into a side hill with its tail portion exposed to the outer edge of the bank. The excavators were delighted to find the back bone articulated and well preserved. So far, the vertebrae, from in front of the hip all the way back to the mid point of the tail, have been uncovered, jacketed and taken to the research centre in Tumbler Ridge. With the assistance of helicopter support in 2010, the expectation is to finish the excavation within two to three months. After that, it should take a year of work to get it ready for displaying in the Tumbler Ridge Centre.

The Palaeontologists are building up the province's only repository for vertebrates, where any researcher with interest can come in to study the artefacts. The information gleaned, some from graduates from the University of Alberta, is incorporated into the local research centre's resources.

Director White complimented the delegation on their widely respected efforts, which have resulted in the provincial government getting involved to look at ways to manage the province's fossil resources.

Prior to leaving the meeting, the Palaeontologists presented the Board with a mounted replica of the left radius of the Hadrosaur, British Columbia's first complete dinosaur.

CORRESPONDENCE:

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8) C-2
November 12, 2009
Maxine Koppe, NCLGA
re: 2010 BC Rural
Summit

RD/09/11/04 (26)
MOVED by Director Lantz, SECONDED by Director Anderson,
that the Chair be authorized to designate an electoral area director to attend the 2010
BC Rural Summit which is scheduled to be held in Port Hardy, BC on March 16-18, 2010.

CARRIED.

9) C-6
November 4, 2009
Associate Deputy
Minister, Ministry of
Environment
re: Rocky Creek Energy
Project

RD/09/11/05 (26)
MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Lantz,
that the Chair be authorized to appoint a director to the environmental assessment
review process for the proposed Rocky Creek Energy Project, when required.

CARRIED.

REPORTS:

10) R-1
ALR Exclusion
Application 161/2009
(Dyer)

RD/09/11/06 (26)
MOVED by Director Hadland, SECONDED by Director Ackerman,
that the Regional Board refer ALR Application 161/2009 for Bill and Amber Dyer to a
future meeting, pending completion of North Peace Fringe Area OCP By-law No. 1870,
2009.

CARRIED.

11) R-2
November 18, 2009
EADC
re: RD Task Force
Feed Back Request

RD/09/11/07 (26)
MOVED by Director Lantz, SECONDED by Director Bernier,
that the Regional Board authorize Fred Banham, Chief Administrative Officer to submit
the Regional District Task Force Survey, as completed, to the Union of BC Municipalities.

CARRIED.

12) R-3
November 19, 2009
Fred Banham, CAO
Kim Frech, CFO
re: Dawson Creek
Boundary Extension

RD/09/11/08 (26)
MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Alternate Director Nichols,
that the Regional Board forward a letter of 'No Objection' with regard to the proposed
boundary extension to include Lot 1, Plan BCP39424; Section 17, Township 78, Range
15, W6M, into the City of Dawson Creek.

CARRIED.

13) R-4
November 19, 2009
Fred Banham, CAO
re: ALC Stakeholder
Meeting

RD/09/11/09 (26)
MOVED by Director Lantz, SECONDED by Director Hiebert,
that item NB-2 be brought forward for discussion with item R-4.

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R-4 continued
re: ALC Stakeholder
Meeting

RD/09/11/10 (26)
MOVED by Director Bernier, SECONDED by Director Lantz,

and

WHEREAS,
There are growing concerns in our area over the objectives and processes of the
Agricultural Land Reserve and the Administrative body, the Agricultural Land Commission;

NB-2
Provincial Review of the
*Agricultural Land
Commission Act*

AND WHEREAS,
Public confidence in the proper balancing of interests in land use is crucial for well
managed growth and development;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that,
The Peace River Regional District call on the Provincial Government to undertake a
rigorous review of both BC's agricultural reserve lands, and the Agricultural Land
Commission Act and report their findings to the public;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that,
This resolution be forwarded to the North Central Local Government Association for
consideration.

CARRIED.

14) Recess

The meeting recessed for luncheon at 12 noon.

15) Reconvene

The meeting reconvened at 1 p.m.

BY-LAWS:

16) B-1
OCP and Zoning
Amendment By-laws
No. 1821 and 1822,
2008
(K&C Oilfield)

RD/09/11/11 (26)
MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Ackerman,
a) that the Regional Board approve "Dawson Creek Official Community Plan
Amendment By-law No. 1821, 2008" and "Peace River Regional District Zoning
Amendment By-law No. 1822, 2008" for third reading to re-designate and rezone
Lot B Plan 13332, Section 17, Township 78, Range 15, W6M, PRD, except Plan
19541; and
b) that prior to consideration of final reading the applicant prepare and register a
restrictive covenant on the property that requires installation of buffering according
to the approved plan and that two uses, asphalt plants and gravel crushing plants,
not be allowed on this property in the I-1 zone.

CARRIED.

DIARY

17) Regional Diary/
Agenda Preparation
Schedule/ Schedule of
Events

RD/09/11/12 (26)
MOVED by Director Lantz, SECONDED by Director Hadland,
a) that the December 11, 2009 official opening of the Dawson Creek and District
Hospital's new CT Scanner be placed on the Schedule of Events; and
b) that the Chair or her designate be authorized to attend.

CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS:

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18) NB-1 RD/09/11/13 (26)
CSS Secure Landfill MOVED by Director Jarvis, SECONDED by Director Anderson,
Bessborough that Wayne Hiebert, Director Electoral Area 'D' be appointed as the Peace River Regional District representative to the CCS Sunrise Secure Landfill Project environmental assessment review process.

CARRIED.

19) NB-3 In response to Director Hadland's request, Director Hiebert explained that the recent
Gas Leak in Tomslake pipeline gas leak in the Tomslake area was the result of a sand erosion problem. Fifteen
Area residents in the immediate vicinity were evacuated for safety reasons. An investigation is underway and a report will be forthcoming to residents in the area.

20) Adjournment RD/09/11/14 (26)
MOVED by Director Lantz, SECONDED by Director Bernier,
that the meeting adjourn.

CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 1:11 p.m.

Sheila DeCosta, Recording Secretary

Karen Goodings, Chair

CERTIFIED a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Regional Board of the Peace River Regional District from a meeting held on November 26, 2009 in the Regional District Office Board Room, Dawson Creek, BC.

Faye Salisbury, Corporate Officer