



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

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DATE: November 19, 2009
 TIME: 10 a.m.
 PLACE: Regional District Office Boardroom, Dawson Creek, BC
 PRESENT: Director Karen Goodings, Electoral Area 'B' and Meeting Chair
 Director Wayne Hiebert, Electoral Area 'D'
 Director Arthur Hadland, Electoral Area 'C'
 Director Tim Caton, Electoral Area 'E'

Staff:

Fred Banham, Chief Administrative Officer
 Ron Storie, Manager Community Services
 Jodi MacLean, Project Planner (1:25 p.m.)
 Barb Coburn, Recording Secretary

1) Call to Order Chair Goodings called the meeting to order at 10 a.m.

DIRECTOR'S NOTICE OF NEW BUSINESS

FB Agricultural Land Commission Discussion Paper
 Regional District Task Force Survey
 Rural OCP (Jodi MacLean)

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

2) November 19, 2009 Agenda MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Hadland, that the Electoral Area Directors' Committee agenda for the November 19, 2009 meeting be adopted, including items of New Business:

Minutes:

M-1 Electoral Area Directors' Committee Meeting Minutes of October 15, 2009

Business Arising:

BA-1 August 29, 2009 Email from Bill Bouffieux, President, BC Bison Association regarding ATV Problems [see Item 4) BA-1, page 2 of 3 of the October 15, 2009 minutes].

Correspondence:

C-1 October 10, 2009 letter from Don Swanton, Owner Wabi Hill Mobile Home Park regarding lagoon concerns at the trailer park.

Reports:

New Business:

NB-1 Agricultural Land Commission Discussion Paper
 NB-2 Regional District Task Force Survey
 NB-3 Rural OCP (Jodi MacLean)

Diary:

Adjournment:

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MINUTES:

3) M-1
re: EADC meeting
minutes of Oct 15/09

MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Caton,
that the Electoral Area Directors' Committee Meeting minutes of October 15,
2009 be adopted.

CARRIED.

BUSINESS ARISING

4) BA-1
re: ATV problems on
private land (BA-1,
Item 4, page 3)

The Directors were advised that the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and the Arts announced on November 10, 2009 that the rules for off-road vehicle registration and licensing, helmet use, youth safety and environmental measures will be implemented over the next two years under a new off-road vehicle (ORV) management framework. There will be a one-time registration of off-road vehicles with licence plates for the machines at the time of sale and re-sale.

They discussed the newspaper article sent in an email from Mr. Bill Bouffieux, President, BC Bison Association regarding new legislation introduced by the Saskatchewan provincial government that allows for fining of persons charged with trespassing on private property.

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 the Task Force on BC Ranching to request:

- a) that the current legislation regarding trespassers on private property be enforced; and
- b) that trespassing on private property become a finable offence, similar to the *Trespass to Property Act* that was recently enacted by the Saskatchewan provincial government.

CARRIED

5) BA-2
re: Rural Roads
(NB-2, Item 8, page 4)

The Directors discussed the proposal of an access route between Chetwynd and Fort St. John, via Taylor. It was mentioned that the construction of the road would considerably reduce the time it takes to travel the current route and would also reduce the consumption of fuel for travellers and large trucks coming from the south heading to northeastern BC.

The construction of this route would require a bridge being placed across the Pine River and upgrades to the existing Jackfish Lake Road where the new route is proposed to begin.

MOVED by Director Hadland, SECONDED by Director Caton,
that the Electoral Area Directors' Committee recommend to the Regional Board that

- a) letters be forwarded to the MLA's for both Peace River north and south to request that a priority be placed on the construction of a highway from Chetwynd to connect with the Alaska Highway at Taylor; and
- b) copies of the letters be sent to the Regional Transportation Advisory Committee, Energy Services BC and the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure.

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CORRESPONDENCE:

6) C-1
re: Wabi Hill Mobile
Park Lagoons

The Directors discussed the letter from Mr. Don Swanton, Owner, Wabi Hill Mobile Home Park regarding the lagoon that the residents of the trailer park and the neighbouring veterinary clinic are using. They were advised that the original lagoon was relocated when the highway going up Wabi Hill was straightened. As the new route passed through the existing lagoon, the Ministry of Highways relocated it and over the years other residents have been connected along with the trailer park residents and the veterinary clinic. The residents believe the existing sewer lines would be sufficient in length to connect to the district's service which has already been installed to the residents at the bottom of the hill.

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 the District of Chetwynd to request that the District evaluate the feasibility of connecting the residents in the Wabi area to the District's sewer system.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS:

7) NB-1
ALC Discussion Paper

The Directors discussed the November 18, 2009 report from Fred Banham, Chief Administrative Officer regarding the ALC Discussion Paper - Quarter Section Subdivision.

MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Caton, that the Electoral Area Directors' Committee recommend to the Regional Board that staff be authorized to work with Agricultural Land Commission staff to prepare a Discussion Paper on business case significance to permit quarter-section subdivisions on Agricultural Land Reserve land in Northeast BC.

CARRIED

8) NB-2
Regional District Task
Force

The Directors discussed the November 18, 2009 report from Fred Banham Chief Administrative Officer regarding the RD Task Force Feed Back Request and attached feedback form. They went through the RD Task Force Feed Back Request form, rating each topic and providing comments as necessary. The completed form will be placed on the Regional Board Agenda for the November 26, 2009 meeting.

10) NB-3
Rural OCP

Mr. Jodi MacLean, Project Planner joined the meeting at 1:25 p.m. He updated the Directors regarding the progress of the Rural OCP and explained that the process is to develop an Official Community Plan for the rural areas, separate from the fringe area plans that Debbie Kunz, Assistant Manager of Development Services is currently working on. Mr. MacLean has also developed a website for the plan at www.ruralocp.ca. He advised that a survey was developed to get the rural residents' perspective on what they perceive as priorities to be identified in the new community plan. The survey was sent to six hundred randomly-chosen, rural residents.

NEW BUSINESS (CONTINUED):

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The returned surveys seem to be mostly from retired or semi-retired residents and the comments appear to be more candid than what is generally given at public meetings. Mr. MacLean reviewed the Survey Report with the Directors, which was prepared from the results of the returned surveys that have been received to date.

He has held public meetings in Tower Lake, Rolla, Pink Mountain, Wonowon, Farmington; has scheduled meetings in Prespatou, Buick Creek, Fellers Heights, Chetwynd and Bessborough; and plans to hold meetings in Cecil Lake and Kelly Lake. He attempts to direct the meeting to get comments on the pertinent issues without restricting the conversations. Once all the public meetings have been held, he will compile another report based on the discussions gathered from those meetings.

Mr. MacLean advised that he appreciates the presence of the Electoral Area Directors at the meetings as it helps to promote meaningful discussion.

The Directors complimented Mr. MacLean on his efforts and thanked him for the update.

11) Adjournment

MOVED by Director Caton, SECONDED by Director Hiebert, that the meeting adjourn.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Karen Goodings, Chair

Barb Coburn, Recording Secretary