



PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

REGIONAL BOARD MEETING

A G E N D A

THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 2008

10:00 a.m.

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OFFICE
BOARD ROOM
1981 ALASKA AVENUE
DAWSON CREEK, BC**

**PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF THE DAY'S EVENTS**

March 13, 2008

10:00 a.m. Regional District Board Meeting

Budget Discussions

12:00 to 12:30 p.m. Luncheon

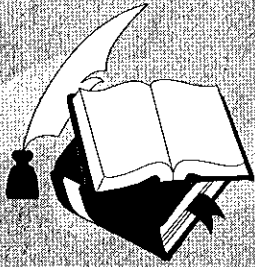
12:30 Regional Hospital District Meeting

12:30 p.m. HD-1 Northern Health
Cathy Ulrich, Chief Executive Officer
Mike Hoefer, Executive Director Capital Planning and
Support Services
Re: 2008 Budget Discussions; and
Fort St. John Development

Immediately following Regional Board Meeting - continuation

5:00 p.m. Adjournment – no later than

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MARCH BOARD MEETING AGENDA

For the meeting to be held Thursday, March 13, 2008 in
the Peace River Regional District Board Room
1981 Alaska Avenue, Dawson Creek, B.C.
at 10:00 a.m.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:**

2. **DIRECTORS NOTICE OF NEW BUSINESS:**

3. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

4. **MINUTES:**

M-1 Regional Board Meeting Minutes of February 28, 2008.

5. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**

6. **DELEGATIONS:**

7. **PETITIONS:**

8. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

C-1 February 15, 2008 letter from Robin Junger, Associate Deputy Minister, Environmental Assessment Office advising that the environmental assessment process for the proposed Quality Wind Power Project has been initiated.

C-2 Notice of the Space to Place: The Next Rural Economies Workshop, scheduled for May 14 – 17, 2008 in Prince George B.C.

C-3 Copy of the February 29, 2008 opposition letter to the Honorable Carole Taylor, Minister of Finance, from Mayor Chris Morey, Fort Nelson BC, Northern Rockies Regional District, to the new carbon tax legislation.

C-4 March 4, 2008 letter from Theresa Mucci, Development Consultant regarding the meeting with Peace River Regional District staff regarding the North Peace Fringe Area Official Community Plan.

C-5 February 19, 2008 letter from Michel Audy, Executive Secretary, Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada regarding the nomination of the Kiskatinaw River Bridge as a potential national historic site.

C-6 February 22, 2008 letter from Valerie Jenkinson, Senior Partner, Nova Quality Training and Consulting regarding the Getting to Carbon Neutral Workshop & Tradeshow scheduled for March 27 and 28, 2008 in Vancouver, B.C.

C-7 February 25, 2008 UBCM letter from the Honourable Kevin Falcon, Minister of Transportation regarding the Pine Pass Project noxious weed control program.

8. **CORRESPONDENCE: continued**

C-8 February 26 2008 complaint from Johanna Bush, Rolla ratepayer regarding the operation of a salvage wrecking yard on residential zoned properties.

9. **REPORTS:**

R-1 March 3, 2008 Report from Bruce Simard, General Manager of Development Services regarding the request from the District of Taylor for a Contract to Participate in Part 26, Services.

R-2 March 3, 2008 Report from Bruce Simard, General Manager of Development Services regarding the request from the District of Chetwynd for a Contract to Participate in Part 26, Services.

R-3 March 3, 2008 Temporary Commercial Use Permit Report 241/2007 (Hickey) from Carla Eaton, Senior Planner.

R-4 February 21, 2008 ALR Subdivision Report 029/2008 (Peace Reach Adventures) from Tim Donegan, Land Use Planner.

R-5 February 29, 2008 ALR Subdivision Report 33/2008 (Wollen) from Jodi MacLean, Land Use Planner.

R-6 February 22, 2008 report from the Solid Waste Committee regarding a recommendation the February 22, 2008 meeting regarding the British Columbia Product Stewardship Council.

R-7 March 3, 2008 report from Faye Salisbury, Corporate Officer regarding Fencing the South Border of the North Peace Fall Fair Grounds.

R-8 March 3, 2008 report from Carla Eaton, Senior Planner regarding Mr. Lanny Lundquist and Contravention of Zoning Lot 1, Plan 9697, Part NW ¼, Section 24, Township 83, Range 18, W6M.

R-9 March 6, 2008 report from Ron Storie, Manager of Community Services regarding the Swan Lake Enhancement Society Agreement.

R-10 January and February 2008 Monthly Reports from Dennis Meier, Weed Inspector.

10. **BY-LAWS:**

B-1 **OCP and Zoning Amendment By-law's No. 1754 and 1755, 2007 (Enershare Investments Ltd. - Hanna)**

- a) February 26, 2008 report from Jodi MacLean Planner;
- b) "Dawson Creek Official Community Plan Amendment By-law No. 1754, 2007; and
- c) "Peace River Regional District Zoning Amendment By-law No. 1755, 2007".

CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION

B-2 **OCP and Zoning Amendment By-laws No. 1781 and 1782, 2008 (Hickey)**

- a) February 29, 2008 report from Tim Donegan, Land Use Planner;
- b) Public Hearing Meeting Minutes of February 27, 2008;
- c) "Charlie Lake Official Community Plan Amendment By-law No. 1781, 2008" and
- d) "Peace River Regional District Zoning Amendment By-law No. 1782, 2008.

CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION

10. **BY-LAWS: continued**

B-3 **Zoning Amendment By-law No. 1786, 2008 (Giovanni)**

- a) February 29 2008 report from Tim Donegan, Land Use Planner; and
- b) "Peace River Regional District Zoning Amendment By-law No. 1786, 2008".

CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION

B-4 **Annual Financial Plan By-law No. 1793, 2008**

- a) March 3, 2008 report from Kim Frech, Chief Financial Officer;
- b) "Annual Financial Plan By-law No. 1793, 2008. (*under separate cover*)

CONSIDERATION OF FIRST READING

11. **DIARY:**

- a) Regional Diary
- b) Agenda Preparation Schedule
- c) Schedule of Events

12. **NEW BUSINESS:**

13. **APPOINTMENTS:**

14. **CONSENT CALENDAR:** (to be distributed at the meeting for information)

15. **NOTICE OF MOTION:**

16. **MEDIA QUESTIONS:** (on agenda items and business discussed at the meeting)

17. **ADJOURNMENT:**



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FEBRUARY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: February 28, 2008
TIME: 10:20 a.m.
PLACE: Regional District Office Board Room, Dawson Creek, BC

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PRESENT:

<u>Directors</u>	<u>Alternate Directors</u>
Director Goodings, Chair	Alternate Director Nicholson
Director Caton	Alternate Director Stedel
Director Hiebert	Alternate Director White
Director Houley	
Director Eglinski	<u>Absent</u>
Director Jarvis	Director Saugstad
Director Harwood	Director Kruk
Director Ackerman	Director Caisley
Director Smith	

Staff

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

Others

Margaret Little
Wally Harwood
Joi Warm, Northeast News
Joe Fries, Dawson Creek Daily News
Alicia Asquith, CJDC TV
Lee Hall, COO Northeast Health Services Delivery Area 10:35 a.m. Re: R-6
Terry Johnson, Taylor Administrator 1:35 p.m.
Don Manson, 2:55 p.m. Re: North First Initiative

Re: D-1/R-1
Jim Little, Agent

Re: D-2
April Moi, Chief Executive Officer
Northern Rockies Alaska Highway Tourism Association
Dalyce Bradshaw

Re: D-3
Wayne Janowsky, Ducks Unlimited

Re: D-4
Inspector Keith Redl, RCMP
Staff Sergeant Ward Johnson, RCMP

1) Call to Order The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:20 a.m.

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DIRECTORS NOTICE OF NEW BUSINESS:

Director Houley Alberta Surface Rights Meeting in Camrose, Alberta
Director Hiebert Red Willow Pipeline Project
Director Ackerman Director Designations
Director Hiebert BC Hydro Regulatory Applications and Process
North First Initiative Memo

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ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

2) Adoption of Agenda

RD/08/02/01 (28)

MOVED by Alternate Director Nicholson, SECONDED by Director Houley, that the Peace River Regional District agenda for the February 28, 2008 meeting, including Director's new business and additional items for the agenda, be adopted as amended:

CALL TO ORDER:

DIRECTORS' NOTICE OF NEW BUSINESS:

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

MINUTES:

M-1 Regional Board Meeting Minutes of February 14, 2008.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

DELEGATIONS:

D-1 **Jim Little, Agent**

Re: R- 1 ALR Subdivision Application 20/2008 (Hunter)

Handout: - Map

D-2 **Northern Rockies Alaska Highway Tourism Association**

April Moi, Executive Director

Re: Annual Budget Report / Presentation

D-3 **Duck's Unlimited Canada**

Wayne Janowsky

Re: Web Foot Adopt a Class Program

Additional Item:

Letter received on February 22, 2008 on behalf of the Dawson Creek and Fort St. John committees, requesting continuation of funding through to 2010.

D-4 **Royal Canadian Mounted Police**

Inspector Keith Redl

Re: Rural Area Police Staff Levels

Additional Item:

Power Point Presentation – 2007 Mayors Report – Fort St. John Rural Detachment

PETITIONS:

CORRESPONDENCE:

- C-1 January 22, 2008 request from Gerry Slykhuis, Secretary Treasurer, School District 59 (Peace River South) for additional funding for the Rural Learn to Swim Program.
- C-2 February 4, 2008 call for 2008 – 2009 NCMA Executive nominations, from Mary Sjostrom, Nominations Chair, North Central Municipal Association.
- C-3 February 4, 2008 request from Eileen Benedict, President North Central Municipal Association for AGM Silent Auction item.
- C-4 February 4, 2008 response from Dwayne Meredith, Manager, Flood Protection Program regarding Funding Opportunities for Rip Rap Programs.
- C-5 February 4, 2008 letter from the Honourable Ida Chong, Minister of Community Services, regarding her recent mission to China and the BC Asia Twinning Project.
- C-6 February 7, 2008 letter from the Honourable John Les, Solicitor General regarding discussions held at UBCM regarding the possible closure of the Hudson's Hope and Tumbler Ridge RCMP Detachments.
- C-7 February 8, 2008 UBCM Member Notice regarding Participation in Fire Services Liaison Group.
- C-8 February 8, 2008 Green Communities Update from the Union of BC Municipalities.

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2) Adoption of Agenda RD/08/02/01 (28) continued:
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CORRESPONDENCE: continued

- C-9 February 11, 2008 response from Norm Bilodeau, Regional Water Manager, Northern Region regarding the requested schedule of Water Stewardship Division staff visits to the Peace Region.
- C-10 February 13, 2008 UBCM *In the House Publication* regarding Excerpts from the Throne Speech of Interest to Local Government.
- C-11 February 15, 2008 UBCM Local Government Program Services Circular regarding Treaty Knowledge Exchange (TKE) Dialogue Program.
- C-12 February 15, 2008 notice from Mary Sjoström, Chair, UBCM Community Economic Development Committee regarding the Renewed *Fisheries Act* Reintroduced.
- C-13 February 15, 2008 letter from Lance Ramsay, Owner D&T Disposals Ltd. regarding the Rate Increase at the Bessborough Landfill.
- C-14 **Electoral Boundaries Commission: Amendments to the Preliminary Report**
 - a) Copy of February 15, 2008 letter from Mayor Kinsley, City of Prince George to Premier Campbell; and
 - b) February 15, 2008 News Release from North Central Municipal Association.
- C-15 February 14, 2008 UBCM *In the House* publication regarding BC Provincial Budget 2008.

REPORTS:

- R-1 February 18, 2008 ALR Subdivision Report 20/2008 (Hunter) from Jodi MacLean, Land Use Planner.
- R-2 February 20, 2008 Quarterly Financial Report (October to December 2007) from Kim Frech, Chief Financial Officer.
- R-3 February 19, 2008 report from Karen Goodings, Chair, Electoral Area Directors' Committee regarding recommendations from the February 19, 2008 meeting.
- R-4 February 20, 2008 report from Faye Salisbury, Corporate Officer regarding Appraisal of Regional District Owned Facilities.
- R-5 February 7, 2008 report from Co-Chairs Wayne Hiebert and Ruth Veiner, Agriculture Advisory Committee regarding recommendations from the February 5, 2008 meeting.
- R-6 February 22, 2008 report from Faye Salisbury, Corporate Officer regarding the Occurrence of Education and Status of Renovations at North Peace Care Centre.
- R-7 February 28, 2008 report from Karen Goodings, Chair regarding the Provincial Agriculture Zone Wildlife Program.
- R-8 February 22, 2008 report from Director Houley, Chair Solid Waste Committee and Shannon Anderson, General Manager of Environmental Services regarding recommendations from the February 22, 2008 meeting.
- R-9 February 25, 2008 report from Christina Wards, Assistant Treasurer regarding Court of Revision – Authenticating Parcel and Frontage Tax Rolls.

BY-LAWS:

- B-1 **OCP and Zoning Amendment By-laws No. 1746 and 1747, 2007 (1306184 AB Inc)**
 - a) February 6, 2008 report from Carla Eaton, Senior Planner;
 - b) Public Hearing Meeting Minutes of January 30, 2008;
 - c) "North Peace Official Community Plan Amendment By-law No. 1746, 2007; and
 - d) "Peace River Regional District Zoning Amendment By-law No. 1747, 2007".
- B-2 **OCP and Zoning Amendment By-laws No. 1784 and 1785, 2008 (Hickey)**
 - a) February 15, 2008 report from Tim Donegan, Land Use Planner;
 - b) "North Peace Official Community Plan Amendment By-law No. 1784, 2008" and
 - c) "Peace River Regional District Zoning Amendment By-law No. 1785, 2008.
- B-3 **Zoning Amendment By-law No. 1786, 2008 (Giovanni)**
 - a) February 15, 2008 report from Tim Donegan, Land Use Planner; and
 - b) "Peace River Regional District Zoning Amendment By-law No. 1786, 2008".
- B-4 **Lone Prairie Community Hall Service Establishment By-law No. 1789, 2008**
 - a) February 6, 2008 report from Faye Salisbury, Corporate Officer;
 - b) "Lone Prairie Community Hall Grant-in-Aid Service Area Establishment By-law No. 1789, 2008".

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2) Adoption of Agenda RD/08/02/01 (28) continued:
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BY-LAWS: continued

B-5 OCP and Zoning Amendment By-laws No. 1790 and 1791, 2008 (Hofstrand)

- a) February 14, 2008 report from Tim Donegan, Land Use Planner;
- b) "North Peace Official Community Plan Amendment By-law No. 1790, 2008"; and
- c) "Peace River Regional District Zoning Amendment By-law No. 1791, 2008.

B-6 Remuneration and Expense By-law No. 1792, 2008

- a) February 20, 2008 report from Kim Frech, Chief Financial Officer; and
- b) "Remuneration and Expense By-law No. 1792, 2008"

DIARY:

NEW BUSINESS:

NB-1 Alberta Surface Rights Meeting in Camrose, Alberta

NB-2 Red Willow Pipeline Project

NB-3 Director Designations

NB-4 BC Hydro Regulatory Applications and Process

NB-5 North First Initiative – Memo

Handouts for information:

- News Release re: New Gateway Visitor Centre
- News Release re: Province Increases Support for Tourism Marketing
- UBCM *In the House* publication re: Federal Budget 2008

APPOINTMENTS:

CONSENT CALENDAR: (to be distributed at the meeting for information)

- MA-1 Regional Solid Waste Management Plan Public Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of January 22, 2008.
- MA-2 Regional Solid Waste Management Plan Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of January 22, 2008.
- MA-3 Regional Solid Waste Management Plan Steering Committee Meeting Minutes of January 23, 2008.
- MA-4 Special Solid Waste Committee Meeting Minutes of February 19, 2008.
- MA-5 Solid Waste Committee Meeting Minutes of February 22, 2008
- MA-6 Agriculture Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of February 5, 2008.
- MA-7 Emergency Executive Committee Meeting Minutes of February 19, 2008.
- MA-8 Electoral Area Directors' Committee Meeting Minutes of February 19, 2008
- MA-9 Rural Budgets Administration Committee Meeting Minutes of February 19, 2008.
- CA-1 Copy of February 18, 2008 letter from Director Houley, Electoral Area 'C' to Patrick O'Rourke, Assistant Deputy Minister, Titles and Offshore Development regarding the draft North Peace Fringe Area – Official Community Plan.
- CA-2 February 19, 2008 letter from MLA Lekstrom regarding the BC Government's 2008 Throne Speech and 2008/2009 Budget.
- CA-3 Copy of February 21, 2008 letter from Bruce Simard, General Manager of Development Services to Ron Rodgers, and Theresa Mucci regarding a summary of their February 18, 2008 meeting.
- RA-1 Monthly Building Report for the month of February 2008.

NOTICE OF MOTION: (for the next meeting)

MEDIA QUESTIONS: (on agenda items and business discussed at the meeting)

ADJOURNMENT:

CARRIED.

MINUTES:

3) M-1
Regional Board
Meeting Minutes of
February 14, 2008

RD/08/02/02 (28)
MOVED by Director Smith, SECONDED by Alternate Director Stedel,
that the Regional Board Meeting Minutes of February 14, 2008 be adopted as corrected
with the following amendments on page 6, item B-3, Resolutions RD/08/02/11 c) and
12 b) – change the name of the attending Director from Director Hiebert to Director
Houley.

CARRIED.

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- 4) Vary Agenda RD/08/02/03 (28)
MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Alternate Director Stedel,
that the agenda be varied to deal with items D-1 and R-1 at this time.

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DELEGATIONS:

- 5) D-1 Mr. Little explained he was in the meeting representing Bryan and Kristin Hunter who were away at this time. He requested that item R-1 be tabled until he and proponents could meet with the Swan Lake Enhancement Society. Director Hiebert provided more information regarding Pea Vine and Tupper Creeks flowing into Swan Lake.
Mr. Jim Little, Agent
and
R-1

- ALR Subdivision RD/08/02/04 (28)
Application 20/2008 (Hunter)
Handout - Map
MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Alternate Director Nicholson,
that ALR Subdivision Application 20/2008 for Bryan and Kristin Hunter to subdivide the Northeast ¼ Section 29, Township 27, PRD into either (a) two lots, or (b) four lots, be referred to the March 27, 2008 meeting in order to allow time for the proponents to meet with the Swan Lake Enhancement Society.

CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- 6) C-1 RD/08/02/05 (28)
Rural Learn to Swim
Program
MOVED by Director Caton, SECONDED by Alternate Director Nicholson,
that the Regional Board increase the Regional Recreation budget for the Rural Learn to Swim Program from \$5,000 to \$10,000 for each of the North Peace and South Peace School Districts.

CARRIED.

- 7) Vary Agenda RD/08/02/06 (28)
MOVED by Director Harwood, SECONDED by Director Smith,
that the agenda be varied in order to deal with item R-6 at this time.

CARRIED.

REPORTS:

- 8) R-6 Ms. Lee Hall, Chief Operating Officer, Northeast Health Services Delivery Area arrived in the meeting at 10:35 a.m. to informally provide further information regarding the education Northern Health has offered its staff, particularly in the North Peace Care Centre. In reference to the status of renovations to the facility; Ms. Hall stated that two different architects came in to see if there were any physical building improvements that could be constructed to better protect the frail elderly from potentially aggressive residents. They suggested the installation of "saloon like" doors, however Northern Health has decided that would not be the thing to do from a care perspective as it makes the resident's living area smaller. Northern Health has engaged the services of Harrigan Consulting to do a client profile to look at best practices, e.g. "pods" of homelike care. The preference was to not just put a band aide on the problem. In the meantime, they have located similarly assessed residents together and have increased the ratio of activity staff to those residents requiring more attention.
February 22, 2008
report from Faye
Salisbury regarding the
Occurrence of
Education and Status of
Renovations at NPCC
Lee Hall, COO, NEHSDA
in attendance

The Chair thanked Ms. Hall for coming to the meeting to answer Directors' questions and to provide up to date information related to issues the Board has been concerned about.

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9) Recess The meeting recessed for coffee at 10:55 a.m.

10) Reconvene The meeting reconvened at 11:05 a.m.

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DELEGATIONS: continued

11) D-2
NRAHTA
April Moi, CEO

Ms. April Moi, Chief Executive Officer, Northern Rockies Alaska Highway Tourism Association provided further information on the association's revised Strategic Plan, Activity Review for 2007-08 and projected goals for 2008-09. She presented the operational schedule for the upcoming year as well as the provisional budget for 2008/09.

Her annual report to the Peace River Regional District serves as substantiation toward the formal request for continued annual financial funding at the rate of \$2.00 per capita.

RD/08/02/07 (28)

MOVED by Director Smith, SECONDED by Director Ackerman, that permission be granted to extend the delegation time.

CARRIED.

Chair Goodings stepped down from the Chair at 11:25 a.m. and left the meeting.

Vice Chair Caton assumed the Chair at 11:00 a.m.

Ms. Moi stated that the association could not go ahead with its future plans without the support of the Board. A question and answer period ensued.

Discussion took place amongst the Directors as to whether the Peace River Regional District should continue to fund at the per capital formula, which would actually be a reduced amount this year because of the 2006 census figures, or fund at the same dollar amount as last year.

Director Jarvis thanked Ms. Moi for her in depth report and advised that Director Ackerman would be very capable in taking over his Peace River Regional District appointment to the Northern Rockies Alaska Highway Tourism Association.

Ms. Moi introduced Dalcy Bradshaw, as the association's Interim Marketing Coordinator.

RD/08/02/08 (28)

MOVED by Alternate Director Stedel, SECONDED by Director Eglinski, that the 2008 request for funding for Northern Rockies Alaska Highway Tourism Association be referred to budget discussions at the March 13, 2008 meeting.

CARRIED.

Vice Chair Caton stepped down from the Chair at 11:40 a.m.

Chair Goodings assumed the Chair at 11:40 a.m.

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CORRESPONDENCE: continued

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17) C-10 RD/08/02/14 (28)
continued MOVED by Director Harwood, SECONDED by Director Smith,
that a letter be forwarded to Premier Campbell asking how the province envisions small
Re: Homelessness communities being able to provide for mental health and addictions service facilities, as
Issues will be mandated in their community plans.

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CARRIED.

DELEGATIONS: continued

18) D-3 Wayne Janowsky, Ducks Unlimited Canada was in the meeting representing both School
Ducks Unlimited Canada Districts 59 and 60 in their request for continued funding toward the Grade 4 – 5 Ducks
Wayne Janowsky Unlimited Canada "Web Foot (Greenwing) Adopt A Class" Program. He presented an
information binder and spoke very highly of the success of the program.

RD/08/02/15 (28)
MOVED by Director Jarvis, SECONDED by Director Smith,
that the Regional Board authorize continuation of \$5,000 funding per year, for the next
three years: 2008; 2009; and 2010, to be split equally between School Districts 59 and
60 for the grade four - five Ducks Unlimited Canada Adopt A Class programs.

CARRIED.

19) C-13 RD/08/02/16 (28)
Rate Increase at MOVED by Director Ackerman, SECONDED by Director Smith,
Bessborough Landfill that the February 15, 2008 letter from Lance Ramsay, D&T Disposals Ltd. regarding the
Rate Increase at the Bessborough Landfill be referred to the next meeting of the Solid
Waste Committee.

CARRIED.

20) C-14 RD/08/02/17 (28)
Electoral Boundaries MOVED by Director Caton, SECONDED by Director Ackerman,
Commission – that the Regional Board forward a letter to Premier Campbell, stating the Regional Board
Amendments to the unequivocally supports the North Central Municipal Association in its insistence that
Preliminary Report there not be a reduction in the number of MLAs in its territory.

CARRIED.

RD/08/02/18 (28)
MOVED by Director Ackerman, SECONDED by Director Smith,
that the Regional Board forward a letter to Premier Campbell in support of the
February 15, 2008 letter from Mayor Colin Kinsley, City of Prince George, opposing the
proposed reduction of MLAs from three to two.

CARRIED.

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DELEGATIONS: continued

21) D-4
RCMP
Inspector Keith Redl

The Chair welcomed Inspector Keith Redl to the meeting. He shared some of his personal background and involvement in the community of Fort St. John and then introduced Staff Sergeant Ward Johnson who accompanied him to the meeting.

Elaborating on the power point presentation, Inspector Redl provided a comparison of the crime rate statistics from 2006 to 2007. He further spoke about the detachment's difficulties in maintaining a full slate of members, as replacements are not made for those who are off on leave. He hoped the recent federal announcement to increase funding to the RCMP would help, stating that their budget was in dire straights and current staffing levels are lower than what the police to population ratio was twenty-five years ago. He felt a regional policing model could be very beneficial for some areas, but not for others.

A recent computer system change, which is allowing accessibility to the files to members throughout the province, is proving to be very useful.

He felt that the Chiefs of Police, who meet four times a year have an affect in lobbying the government for changes by bringing forward resolutions – e.g. insuring of off highway vehicles; reducing the speed limit when passing official vehicles. They also make grant applications whenever possible. He said they would welcome the support of local government in their efforts.

22) Recess

The meeting recessed for coffee at 2:10 p.m.

23) Reconvene

The meeting reconvened at 2:20 p.m.

21) D-4 RCMP
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RD/08/02/19 (28)
MOVED by Director Houley, SECONDED by Director Hiebert,
that staff be requested to investigate the increase in taxation for rural policing in order for the Board to consider taking those figures to the province as supporting evidence for a request that the province increase its budget for rural area policing services.

CARRIED

REPORTS: continued

24) R-2
Quarterly Financial
Report from Kim Frech

RD/08/02/20 (28)
MOVED by Director Eglinski, SECONDED by Director Hiebert,
that the Regional Board accept the 2007 Fourth Quarter Financial Report.

CARRIED.

25) R-3
Recommendations from
the February 19, 2008
EADC meeting

RD/08/02/21 (28)
MOVED by Director Harwood, SECONDED by Director Smith,
that item #1 under the "Application" heading of the draft By-law Enforcement Policy be amended by striking the word "only" so the line reads as follows:

1. *Staff are authorized to react to infractions identified through the complaint process and shall not seek out infractions.*

Recommendation #1
re: By-law Enforcement
Policy

NAYS: 1 Director Ackerman

CARRIED.

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REPORTS: continued

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25) R-3 - continued
Recommendation #1
re: By-law Enforcement
Policy

RD/08/02/22 (28)
MOVED by Director Harwood, SECONDED by Director Smith,
that item #3 under the "Application" heading of the draft By-law Enforcement Policy be
amended by replacing all the words after "should be" with the following words "made
aware they may be required to provide a legal statement if the matter proceeds to
court" so the item reads as follows:

3. *Complainants are required to provide their concerns in writing and under
signature, including their name and address to the Regional District.
Individuals laying a complaint should be made aware they may be required to
provide a legal statement if the matter proceeds to court.*

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CARRIED.

Recommendation #2
re: Delegation of
authority for by-law
enforcement actions

RD/08/02/23 (28)
MOVED by Director Houley, SECONDED by Alternate Director Nicholson,
that recommendation #2 from the November 15, 2008 meeting of the Electoral Area
Directors' Committee meeting, regarding delegation of authority for by-law enforcement
actions, be referred back to staff for further work.

CARRIED.

Recommendation #3
re: Delegation
Agreement between the
ALC and the Regional
District

RD/08/02/24 (28)
MOVED by Director Harwood, SECONDED by Director Caton,
that staff be authorized to work with the Electoral Area Directors to investigate what a
delegation agreement between the Agricultural Land Commission and the Regional
District could look like and what the advantages / disadvantages may be to the region.

CARRIED.

26) R-4
February 20, 2008
report from Faye
Salisbury re: Appraisal
of Regional District
Owned Facilities

RD/08/02/25 (28)
MOVED by Director Harwood, SECONDED by Director Caton,
that the Regional Board budget \$40,000 for an appraisal of all Regional District owned
facilities for insurance and tangible capital asset purposes.

CARRIED.

27) R-5
Recommendations from
the February 5, 2008
Ag Advisory Committee
Meeting

RD/08/02/26 (28)
MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Eglinski,
that Agriculture Land Reserve lands within the "South Taylor Management Area" of the
draft North Peace Fringe Area Official Community Plan be designated "agriculture use"
only.

CARRIED.

Recommendation #1
re: South Taylor
Management Area – NP
Fringe Area OCP

- RD/08/02/27 (28)
MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Eglinski,
- a) Whereas the Agriculture Advisory Committee has confirmed it agrees with
investigating the potential for a Delegation Agreement pilot project between
Electoral Area 'D' and the Agricultural Land Commission;
 - b) that the Agriculture Advisory Committee be involved in the review of any draft
Delegation Agreement that may be developed between Electoral Area 'D' and the
Agricultural Land Commission.

Recommendation #2
re: Delegation
Agreement

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REPORTS: continued

28) R-5
Recommendations from
the February 5, 2008
AG Advisory Committee
Meeting

Recommendation #3
re: Terms of
Membership

RD/08/02/28 (28)

MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Eglinski,

- a) that the Agriculture Advisory Committee Terms of Reference requirement to seek new nominations every two years be waived for this next term (2008 – 2010); and
- b) that a letter be forwarded to the current Committee members inquiring if they are willing to continue as an Agriculture Advisory Committee representative for a further term.

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CARRIED.

29) R-7
February 28, 2008
report from Chair
Goodings re: Provincial
Agriculture Zone
Wildlife Program

RD/08/02/29 (28)

MOVED by Director Ackerman, SECONDED by Director Harwood,
that a letter of appreciation be forwarded to South Peace MLA Blair Lekstrom for the effort he has put in on behalf of the agriculture sector toward the BC Agriculture Plan strategy to implement a new Provincial Agriculture Zone Wildlife program which will integrate prevention, mitigation and compensation packages.

CARRIED.

30) R-8
February 22, 2008
report from the Chair,
Solid Waste Committee
and Shannon Anderson
re: February 22, 2008
meeting
recommendations

RD/08/02/30 (28)

MOVED by Director Houley, SECONDED by Alternate Director Nicholson,
that the Regional Board authorize the re-assignment of the Rural Refuse Collection and Transfer Services Contract No. 05-2003, between the Regional District and Wayne Way Holdings Ltd., to the Regional District and Excel Transportation Inc., until expiry of the November 1, 2008 term, at which time the contract will be re-tendered.

CARRIED.

31) R-9
February 25, 2008
report from Christina
Wards,
re: Court of Revision -
Authenticating Parcel
and Frontage Tax Rolls

RD/08/02/31 (28)

MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Eglinski,

- a) that the 2008 Court of Revision be held on March 13, 2008 at 9:15 a.m., in the Regional District office, Dawson Creek, BC; and
- b) that the following Directors be appointed to sit for authentication of the assessment rolls:

Director Wayne Hiebert
Director Karen Goodings
Director Larry Houley.

CARRIED.

BY-LAWS:

32) B-1
OCP and Zoning
Amendment By-laws
No. 1746 and 1747,
2008
(1306184 Alberta Inc.)

RD/08/02/32 (28)

MOVED by Director Houley, SECONDED by Director Hiebert,
that the Regional Board table "North Peace Official Community Plan Amendment By-law No. 1746, 2007" and "Peace River Regional District Zoning Amendment By-law No. 1747, 2007", pending completion of the North Peace Fringe Area Official Community Plan.

NAYS: 1 Director Eglinski

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BY-LAWS: continued

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33) B-2
OCP and Zoning
Amendment By-laws
No. 1784 and 1785,
2008
(Hickey)

RD/08/02/33 (28)
MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Houley,
that "North Peace Official Community Plan Amendment By-law No. 1784, 2008" be
adopted.
NAYS: 5 of 9 allowable Part 26 participant votes

DEFEATED.

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RD/08/02/34 (28)
MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Houley,
that "Peace River Regional District Zoning Amendment By-law No. 1785, 2008" be
adopted.
NAYS: 5 of 9 allowable Part 26 participant votes

DEFEATED.

RD/08/02/35 (28)
MOVED By Director Caton, SECONDED by Director Houley
that the Regional Board seek a legal opinion on its desire to grant permission to extend
the Temporary Non-farm Use Permit to Mr. Hickey for one year in consideration of the
extenuating circumstances of this application.

CARRIED.

34) B-3
Zoning Amendment By-
law No. 1786, 2008
(Giovanni)

RD/08/02/36 (28)
MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Smith,
that "Peace River Regional District Zoning Amendment By-law No. 1786, 2008" be given
third reading.

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BY-LAWS: continued

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35) B-4
Lone Prairie Community
Hall Service
Establishment By-law
No. 1789, 2008

RD/08/02/37 (28)
MOVED by Director Caton, SECONDED by Director Eglinski,
that the Regional Board approve the following:

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1. The question to be used for all voting is:

"Are you in favour of By-Law No. 1789 which establishes a service to provide a grant-in-aid annually to the Lone Prairie Community Club, a registered not-for-profit Society, by written agreement, for the operation of a new Lone Prairie Community Hall, for the benefit of the residents of the defined portion of Electoral Area 'E', and the maximum amount that may be requisitioned annually for the service is the greater of \$10,000 or the product of a property value tax of \$2.63 per \$1,000 of net taxable value of land and improvements included in the service area?"

and the ballot shall also contain the following information:

For Information Purposes:

1. *The property tax limit of \$2.63 per \$1,000 is an average of rates for all classes. In the first year the residential tax rate is estimated to be \$3.40 per \$1,000. Land is not taxable for this service.*
2. *An Area 'E' Fair Share Grant of \$300,000 has been committed to build the new Lone Prairie Community Hall.*
2. That the Notice of Other Voting to be published, pursuant to Section 164 of the Local Government Act may contain simply a synopsis of the by-law.
3. That Faye Salisbury be appointed as Chief Election Officer and Fred Banham as Deputy Chief Election Officer for this voting.

CARRIED.

RD/08/02/38 (28)

MOVED by Director Caton, SECONDED by Director Eglinski,
that "Lone Prairie Community Hall Grant-in-Aid Service Area Establishment By-law No. 1789, 2008" be given first three readings.

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BY-LAWS: continued

36) B-5
OCP and Zoning
Amendment By-laws
No. 1790 and 1791,
2008 (Hofstrand)

RD/08/02/39 (28)

MOVED by Director Houley, SECONDED by Director Eglinski,

- a) that the Regional Board has considered the requirements of Section 879 of the *Local Government Act*, and has provided opportunity for early and ongoing consultation with those persons, organizations and authorities the Board considers will be affected, as summarized in the Development Services report dated February 14, 2008;
- b) that "North Peace Official Community Plan Amendment By-law No. 1790, 2008" be given first and second readings; and
- c) that authority be given to go to a public hearing on Wednesday, March 12, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Charlie Lake Community Church; and
- d) that the holding of the public hearing be delegated to Director Houley.

CARRIED.

RD/08/02/40 (28)

MOVED by Director Houley, SECONDED by Director Eglinski,

- a) that "Peace River Regional District Zoning Amendment By-law No. 1791, 2008 be given first and second readings; and
- b) that authority be given to go to a public hearing on Wednesday, March 12, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Charlie Lake Community Church; and
- c) that the holding of the public hearing be delegated to Director Houley.

CARRIED.

37) B-6
Remuneration and
Expense By-law No.
1792, 2008

RD/08/02/41 (28)

MOVED by Director Caton, SECONDED by Director Smith,

that "Remuneration and Expense By-law No. 1792, 2008" be given first three readings.

CARRIED.

RD/08/02/42 (28)

MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Ackerman,

that permission be granted to adopt "Remuneration and Expense By-law No. 1792, 2008".

CARRIED.

RD/08/02/43 (28)

MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Ackerman,

that "Remuneration and Expense By-law No. 1792, 2008" be adopted.

CARRIED.

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

RD/08/02/44 (28)

MOVED by Director Smith, SECONDED by Director Eglinski,

- a) that the May 8, 2008 Regional Board Meeting be cancelled as it conflicts with North Central Municipal Association's Annual General Meeting and Convention which is scheduled for May 7 – 9, 2008 in Prince George, B.C.; and
- b) that authorization be given to hold a special Regional District Board Meeting during the time of the 2008 North Central Municipal Convention if required.

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NEW BUSINESS:

39) NB-1
Alberta Surface Rights
Meeting

Director Houley reported on his attendance at the Alberta Surface Rights Federation Annual Meeting on February 25, 2008 in Camrose, Alberta where Dr. Kaye Kilburn, an internationally recognised retired surgeon, who is now focused on disease prevention, served as the guest speaker. He said about 300 people were in attendance to discuss the constitution; by-laws; and landowner's rights issues, most of which are very similar to what the Regional District deals with.

40) NB-2
Red Willow Project

Director Hiebert read information regarding the Red Willow Inter-Provincial Pipeline Project and asked if the Board thought it should request intervener status as they would be shipping unprocessed sour gas over a great distance.

RD/08/02/45 (28)

MOVED by Director Smith, SECONDED by Alternate Director Stedel, that the Regional Board apply for intervener status for the Red Willow Inter-Provincial Pipeline Project.

CARRIED.

41) NB-3
BC Hydro Regulatory
Applications and
Processes
- Handout

Director Hiebert advised that March 20, 2008 is the deadline for applying for intervener status for the current BC Hydro Regulatory Applications and Processes.

RD/08/02/46 (28)

MOVED by Director Smith, SECONDED by Director Caton, that the Regional Board apply for intervener status for the current BC Hydro 2009/2010 Revenue Requirements Application.

CARRIED.

42) NB-4
Directors Designation

Director Ackerman decided to table discussions on Directors Designations to a future meeting due to the lateness of the day and also to allow her more time to do more research on the topic.

43) NB-5
North First Initiative
- handout February 28,
2008 memo from Faye
Salisbury

Mr. Don Manson, Acting Coordinator, Community Development Institute, University of Northern British Columbia advised he would be available after the close of meeting to meet with any Director wishing to discuss the North First Initiative; a community liaison consultation process for making the university more responsive to the needs of communities.

Chair Goodings suggested that individual Directors fill in the UNBC Community Liaison Interviews and return them to Faye Salisbury, Corporate Officer for submission to UNBC.

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44) Consent Calendar RD/08/02/47 (28)
Item MA-7 MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Alternate Director Nicholson,
that the Emergency Executive Committee Meeting Minutes of February 19, 2008 be
amended on page 4, Item 9), C-5 re: price quotes motion part a) – change the words
“at community halls” to “at the Peace River Regional District office in Dawson Creek”.

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CARRIED.

45) Adjournment RD/08/02/48 (28)
MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Alternate Director Stedel,
that the meeting adjourn.

CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 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 February 28, 2008 in the Regional District Office Board Room, Dawson Creek, BC.

Fred Banham, Chief Administrative Officer

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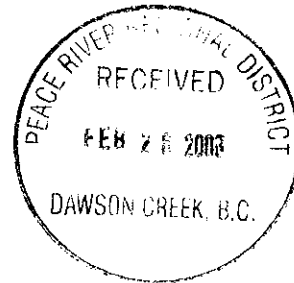


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February 15, 2008

Karen Goodings
Chair
Peace River Regional District
Box 810 1981 Alaska Ave
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Dear Ms. Goodings:

I am writing to advise you that British Columbia's environmental assessment (EA) process for the proposed Quality Wind Power Project (Project) has been initiated. The Project has been proposed by EPCOR Power Development (BC) Limited Partnership (Proponent).

The Proponent is proposing to develop a 100 to 200 megawatt wind power plant in the vicinity of Tumbler Ridge. Further information on the Project is available on the Environmental Assessment Office's website at www.eao.gov.bc.ca.

The Project is currently in the early steps of the pre-application stage of the EA process. The public will be provided with an opportunity to comment on the Project during the EA review. If the Project is subject to the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act*, a cooperative EA will be undertaken in accordance with the Canada/British Columbia Agreement on Environmental Assessment Cooperation (March 2004).

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Please advise Derek Griffin, Project Assessment Director if the Peace River Regional District is interested in participating in the review of this Project. If you have any questions or require further information please have your representative contact Derek. Derek can be reached at (250) 387-1543, or by e-mail at Derek.Griffin@gov.bc.ca.

Yours truly,



Robin Junger
Associate Deputy Minister

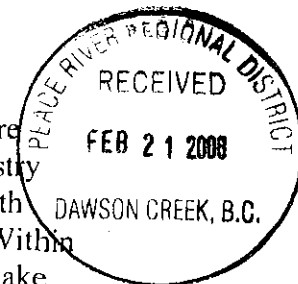
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**Space to Place: The Next Rural Economies Workshop,
May 14-17, 2008 in Prince George, BC**



Within all developed economies we find that rural and small town communities are experiencing considerable change. They are changing as a result of resource industry restructuring, demographic aging and youth out-migration, the restructuring of both public and private sector services, and the ongoing implications of urbanization. Within this context, communities and policy makers are working to meet challenges and take advantage of new opportunities. To be effective, both local and public policy decision makers need a clear understanding of the pressures driving change, the opportunities inherent in such changes, and the creative responses of similar rural and small town areas. To this end, the Community Development Institute at the University of Northern BC (UNBC) and the Enterprise Program at Simon Fraser University (SFU) are co-hosting "Space to Place: The Next Rural Economies Workshop" to be held in Prince George from May 14-17, 2008.

This workshop brings together twenty-three rural and small town scholars from eight OECD countries to discuss possibilities about what our next rural economies will look like. Older approaches to community and economic development focused upon a 'space-economy' with attention to comparative advantages and overcoming the cost of distances. This approach is being replaced by recognition of the growing importance of 'place-based economies' where the unique attributes and assets of individual places now determine its attractiveness for particular types of activities and investments.

Dissemination plan

Although the speakers are invited rural and small town development scholars, the workshop will be open to local government and economic development representatives from across northern BC so that the dialogue from this opportunity can have an immediate impact. The resulting book publication will highlight responses to challenges and opportunities for both rural communities and public policy makers so that they can positively engage with contemporary rural development challenges.

Each presenter will explore three topic areas. The first is to provide *general background on rural community and economic restructuring* by highlighting particular nuances and differences. The second will describe efforts at *place-based policy or economic development*, and its implications/lessons for rural community development. The third will consider current trends and successes as they may ground *possible 'next rural economies'*.

In addition to detailing general trends affecting rural places and regions, and successful place-based adjustments to those trends, we are also interested in chapters which provide detail related to some specific topics. These include the transformation of seasonal economies, renewed natural resource developments, the role of amenity migration, possibilities arising from information technology industries, sustainable/green energy developments, niche education, and alternative models of public service delivery,

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transportation development, multi-functionality, transitions supported by senior government adjustment programs, and others.

The resulting publication will highlight responses to challenges and opportunities for both rural communities and public policy makers so that they can positively engage with contemporary rural development challenges. At this point, we have approached 2 international publishers (Ashgate and Routledge) respecting their interest a book on "The Next Rural Economies". Their wide distribution networks fits with the workshop motive of getting this material to the widest possible audience of rural and public policy decision makers.

Workshop Structure

The event will begin with an opening reception of 'Day 1' (Wednesday May 14). Given that participants will be coming from a wide number of countries around the world, this day is to provide opportunity for people to gather in Prince George. A sponsored arrival/reception will be hosted in the evening.

'Day 2' (Thursday May 15) will begin with paper presentations and discussion. Depending upon the number of papers, we may schedule a half day site visit. There will be an evening dinner reception (the dinner will be sponsored by a regional development organization). A keynote speaker at the end of Day 2 (Professor Bill Reimer from Concordia University) will reflect on emerging issues in the workshop discussions and the experiences from rural and small town Canada.

'Day 3' (Friday May 16) will involve another full day of paper presentations and discussion, a closing roundtable discussion to bring together key lessons, issues, and themes, and then participant departures. The closing roundtable discussion will be led by Greg Halseth (UNBC) and the purpose will be to link general themes and issues as they were raised throughout the workshop. The evening will include a gathering for further informal discussion. Due to other travel plans, some participants may wish to depart Prince George Friday night.

'Day 4' (Saturday May 17) will be our departure day. Most international flights from Vancouver depart in the afternoon and evening. This will allow participants to access a range of travel time options.

In addition to the workshop speakers, students from UNBC's Geography Program and SFU's Exploration Program will display research posters examining facets of rural and community development.

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Organizing Committee:

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Dr. Jean-Paul Charvet	France
Dr. Deborah Che	USA
Dr. Owen Furuseth	USA
Dr. Hugh Gayler	Canada
Dr. Lisa Harrington	USA
Dr. Bruno Jean	Canada
Dr. Salma Loudiyi	France
Dr. Nik Luka	Canada
Dr. Peter Nelson	USA
Dr. Kevin O'Toole	Australia
Dr. Masatochi Ouchi	Japan
Dr. Doug Ramsey	Canada
Dr. William Reimer	Canada
Dr. David Storey	England
Ms. Kelly Vodden	Canada
Dr. Nigel Walford	England
Dr. Mike Woods	Wales
Dr. Greg Halseth	Canada
Dr. Sean Markey	Canada
Mr. David Bruce	Canada

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Preliminary Program

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Space to Place: The Next Rural Economies Workshop

Day 1: Wednesday, May 14, 2008

Travel day/ arrival of participants

4:00pm – 6:00 pm: Registration

(Tour University Campus)

6:00pm – 8:00pm: Meet and Greet/ Dinner

Day 2: Thursday, May 15, 2008

8:00 AM – 8:15 AM.: Breakfast

8:15 AM.: Welcome

8:30 AM–10:00 AM: Paper Session 1 – Demographics, Migration & Immigration 1

Paper 1: Neil Argent - Local economic and social development in the multifunctional landscapes of rural Australia.

Paper 2: Peter Nelson – Labour market change and linked migration in the rural United States

Paper 3: Lisa Butler Harrington – Change in the U.S. Great Plains States

Paper 4: Owen Furuseth – A New Rural North Carolina: Latino Place-making and Community Engagement

Discussion

10:00-10:30: Break

10:30 AM–12:00 PM: Paper Session 2 – Demographics, Migration & Immigration 2

Paper 5: Nigel Walford - Connecting Rural and Urban Places:

Enduring Migration between Small Areas in England and Wales

Paper 6: Hugh Gayler - Ontario's Greenbelt and Place to Grow

Legislation and the Future for the Countryside and Rural Economy

Paper 7: Kevin O'Toole – Sustaining Rural Places through

Creating New Spaces for Allied Health Professionals

Discussion

12:00 PM–1:00 PM: Lunch

1:30 PM–3:00 PM: Paper Session 3 – Emerging Economies

Paper 8: Mary Cawley – Adding Value Locally through Integrated Tourism

Paper 9: Deborah Che – Value-added and Entertainment

Agricultural Products in Michigan's Fruit Belt

Paper 10: Doug Ramsey – Rural Restructuring and the New Rural Economy: Examples from Germany and Canada

Paper 11: David Bruce – Nurturing the Animation Sector in a

Peripheral Economic Region: The Case of Miramichi, NB

Discussion

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3:00 PM–3:30 PM: Break
3:30 PM–5:00 PM: Keynote Address - Bill Reimer
6:00 PM–8:00 PM: Dinner

Day 3: Friday, May 16, 2008

8:00 AM – 8:15 AM: Breakfast

8:15 AM: Welcome

8:30 AM – 10:00 AM: Paper Session 4 – Rural Policy and Governance

Paper 12: Christopher Bryant – Co-constructing Rural Communities in the 21st Century: Challenges for Central Governments

Paper 13: David Storey – Contemporary Approaches to Rural Development: Lauding the Local

Paper 14: Michael Woods – Political Economies of Place and in the Emergent Global Countryside: Stories from Rural Wales

Paper 15: Bruno Jean – Rural Development: The Next Territorial Development Paradigm

Discussion

10:00-10:30: Break

10:30 AM – 12:00 PM: Paper Session 5 – Rural-Urban Peripheries

Paper 16: Jean-Paul Charvet – The Reviving Of Small Rural Towns On The Paris Periurban Fringes.

Paper 17: Salma Loudiyi – When urban-rural fringes arise as differentiated place: The socio-economic restructuring of ‘Volvic Sources et Volcans (France)’.

Paper 18: Nik Luka – Rural and small town development in the recreational countryside surrounding Toronto.

Paper 19: Masatochi Ouchi – Rural development strategies in southern Honshu, Japan.

Discussion

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM: Lunch

1:00 PM – 2:30 PM: Paper Session 6 – Renewal in Resource Peripheries

Paper 20: Kelly Vodden – Resource development in the periphery: Lessons from Newfoundland

Paper 21: Sean Markey – Renewal: From Space to Place in Northern British Columbia

Paper 22: Greg Halseth – The Next Rural Economies

Discussion

2:30 PM–3:00 PM: Break

3:00 PM – 4:30 PM: Wrap-up and Discussion for Final Chapter

4:30 PM – 5:00 PM: Conference Closing

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February 29th, 2008

The Honorable Carole Taylor
BC MINISTER OF FINANCE
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Dear Madam Minister:

The Regional Council for the Town of Fort Nelson and the Northern Rockies Regional District is opposed to the new carbon tax legislation that is aimed for enactment on July 1st, 2008. Further, we request that the Canadian and Provincial Government seriously consider the negative impacts such a tax will impose on the residents of remote, northern communities in the Province of British Columbia.

Implementing a broadly applied policy by taxing carbon emitting fuels to discourage their use, is not a fair and reasonable solution for people living in the north, no matter how graduated the system is and regardless of any undersized refunds. It is an inequitable tax burden for people living where geographic location, climate and population density controls the non discretionary consumption of fossil fuels for heat and basic transportation. People in the north do not have extensive public transportation options.

Like the recently repealed "Green Tax Levy" such taxes are an unfair hardship and disproportionate costs borne by those living in remote and northern communities impose unacceptable fine-like measures on northern Canadians. Larger vehicles are a certainty for navigating the winter terrain; they are not an option for people wanting safe transportation for their families. There is a huge difference between consumers in the north making the decision to purchase a sturdier vehicle and someone living in an urban community making the same choice. People in urban centers have comprehensive transit options and should be encouraged to use those options; a carbon tax levy for heavily populated, urban areas does have merit.

Additionally, due to our sheer isolation, we have no choice but to travel great distances on winter roads in order to access adequate medical care and facilities available only in larger centers.

The impacts of this carbon tax on people earning a living in the north will be extensive. Northern winters are unlike other areas of the province. Our reality is harsh, cold and long winters, where temperatures often dip into the -30 to -50 C range for extended periods of time. We have non discretionary higher consumption rates for natural gas to heat our homes, operate essential services & businesses, and to keep our oil and gas industry alive to generate revenues for the rest of the province. Implementing a broad fuel tax marginalizes the benefits of any Northern Residency Deduction received since our fuel costs are substantially higher here than they are in the lower mainland.

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This new carbon tax will further result in low profit margins and limit the ability to make operations financially feasible for isolated Alaska Highway Tourism operators that serve not only visitors in the summer, but also provide shelters for motorists travelling the isolated Alaska Highway during the winter months where weather conditions can rapidly change. Increasing fuel prices will discourage highway travel, completely contradicting the initiatives of the Ministry of Tourism, Arts & Sport to increase tourism.

Further, our remote Alaska Highway communities and Oil & Gas Industry production camps do not have power lines; they must run on diesel generators and as such, face significant increases to fuel and transportation costs.

Fort Nelson and the Northern Rockies Regional District are the most northern community and region in British Columbia, with an expansive oil and gas sector, bringing in millions of dollars of revenue to our province annually. The oil and gas industry sector is our life blood in the north and has maintained our sustainability through economic ups and downs. Our current economic forecast is facing significant Forestry sector job losses in the region. Workers who want guaranteed work for another year are faced with considerable negotiated wage decreases and another tax levy is the last thing people in the north want or need. "New ways to make BC's economy more competitive, innovative, and diverse" should not penalize northern Canadians.

We urge the Canadian and Provincial Governments to consider the provision of an exemption from the carbon tax levy for those Canadians living in the north and/or for those receiving the Northern Residency Deduction as a geographic indicator of their specific circumstances and requirements. The current price of regular gas in Fort Nelson is 128.9

We ask for your positive consideration and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

**TOWN OF FORT NELSON
NORTHERN ROCKIES REGIONAL DISTRICT**



Mayor Chris Morey

pc: MP Jay Hill
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March 4 2008

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Attention Board of Directors

RE: Results of the Meeting with staff regarding the OCP

On February 18 2008, I along with Ron Rodgers of Sunnus Properties, met with members from the Peace River Regional District (PRRD); Bruce Simnard, Debbie Kuntz, Karen Goodings and Larry Houley. This meeting was a result of the motion passed at the February 14th PRRD meeting regarding issues about the Official Community Plan (OCP) for the North Peace Fringe and Area. The board requested a follow up letter with our comments about the results of the meeting. (Attachment: *delegates' statement* read at the February 14 2008 PRRD meeting as draft minutes did not reflect a clear summation of the presentation).

Both Ron and I were optimistic with respect to the opportunity to discuss with the planning staff our desire to look at not only the best interests of the land use and the landowners' futures, but at the overall planning process for community development.

The primary purpose for the meeting was to address the issue of communication. Specifically issues and concerns that were presented at the public meetings last year not being acknowledged to date and no way to know if these concerns were even being looked at by PRRD staff and the various committees or incorporated into the new OCP. I can say on behalf of the landowners we represent, it is clear that the concerns presented at the public meetings have been looked at. However it was also apparent, as a result of this meeting, that there **was not a clear understanding** of the landowners' requests and concerns, due to the lack of communication thus far. After reviewing one such example, Bruce Simard had a clearer understanding of the planning ideas presented by the landowners and we agreed to resolve this oversight immediately.

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As a development consultant, my resources may differ from those of the PRRD planning department. My concern is that planning decisions are not solely based on **prior** cases or old data/information but will look at new and innovative methods that might enhance the community and are based on current market conditions. We have the option to pool our ideas, plans and understanding of the long term goals with one another or we can continue to work separately. Bottom line – we must see the lines of communication open up beyond this meeting to include other stakeholders such as the City of Fort St John, Ministry of Transportation, and Agricultural Land Commission with **all** the landowners who may be directly impacted by the design of water, sewer, road networks and infrastructure plans in the areas effected by the proposed boundary expansion of Fort St John and the planning of the core community area of Charlie Lake. Again the landowners want to be included in the planning process not dictated to after the OCP is released and told what they must do with their land.

Ultimately it is the Board of Directors who has a final say on accepting the direction of the final OCP. I would like to believe that the board's decision will be based on having all the information presented to them - including the long term planning for water, sewer, roads, and infrastructure – so that a final decision will take into account the direct impact these upgrades will have on future development and growth of our community and the effect this growth will have on the individual landowners.

Since the meeting we have received a letter dated February 21 2008 that summarized a review of the individual landowners concerns that both Ron and I represent. This was helpful, in that we can now address some apparent issues that were **not** taken into consideration in the communication to date with committees and planning of the new OCP.

However, the letter was missing one element; *the priority issue of land owners, in general, being informed about their own concerns.* I hope at the very least that the staff will send out a notice to the land owners that contributed their views within the OCP process – stating the status of the issues being reviewed at this time within the OCP process. Not all rural landowners have easy access to internet to review any kind of information that can be found on the PRRD website.

In business we keep a tracking record of our work by means of a status report – a way of being accountable to a time line and of each employee's responsibility. This at least provides us with a tool to ensure that no one is dropping the ball and everyone is aware of the status of each job and each milestone as it is reached within the project. The new OCP will play such an intricate role in the future direction of this community and the many landowners affected by the planned changes to their property. Some form of accountability would make for better communication and understanding by all parties involved. I will leave that with you and your staff to determine...

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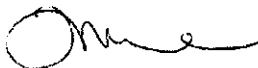
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It was a shame that Karen could not stay for the entire meeting; however both Ron and I very much appreciated the time and consideration for this meeting to take place. We hope that this form of communication continues beyond this point and the issues of the over 800 plus acres of land we represent will be appropriately incorporated within future planning considerations including the new OCP document.

Regards,
 TMR Development Consulting Ltd.



Theresa Mucci
 Development Consultant

- c.c. Ron Rodgers – Sunnus Properties
 Kitzke Family
 Peck Family
 Raven Centre Holdings / Evergreen Estates Dev. Corp. (formerly known as Sid John Farms)
 Steve's Sand & Gravel

Attachment: Delegates' Statement read at the February 18 2008 PRRD meeting

Supplement Note:

*Understandably **landowners** want to know that they are being treated fairly, justly, and with accountability from the PRRD staff and directors. That there is not preference given to one over the other...*

On February 27, 2008 we attended a public hearing for a land use change application. I was disappointed to see this even be brought to a public hearing.

There are many examples of landowners, who over the past year, have made similar applications requesting land use changes and not had the opportunity to be heard by the public or staff – but instead the application has been out-rightly denied further consideration and/or tabled pending the outcome of the OCP. I, along with other members of the area, did voice our views on this matter at the public meeting. I was further disappointed to hear the applicants representative state that no other land use applications on file have held up development due to the outcome of the OCP...as we know this is not the case.

Based on precedents, this applicant should have been tabled and asked to wait for the outcome of the OCP.

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Attached below is the delegates' statement read at the February 18 2008 PRRD meeting.

North Peace Fringe Official Community Plan

Ron and I are agents for a number of landowners in Fort St John and within the North Peace Fringe area.

Both Ron and I along with the land owners are concerned and frustrated with a number of issues...

- First, the length of time to prepare a revised draft OCP document
 The landowners are concerned about the direction the OCP is taking how it will effect their land, the development proposals that they have in place with the PRRD or have on hold as a result of this new document
- Second, the lack of communication regarding the process itself
- And - The lack of communication in response to the concerns submitted back in June 2007 at the open house discussions

Many of the landowners have property that is located directly bordering the City of Fort St John boundary. Some have spoken to the City about incorporating. There has been no indication from the PRRD if the regional district and the city are in talks about the fringe land – making it difficult to plan ahead.

Some property owners have applications for re-zoning sitting in the planning department of the regional district that have been tabled awaiting the outcome of the OCP. However, there has been absolutely no communication to agents or landowners as to the status or direction these application will be taking – leaving it very difficult to plan and discouraging to the landowner who have developer on the line awaiting some form of communication or decision making.

There is land that has not even been addressed in the draft OCP and this land has been brought to the attention of the regional district – and still no communication if this land is even being looked at within the revised draft plan. Again a very frustrated land owner and agent.

During the open houses your staff asked for input informally at the public meetings and formally through written presentations – and although I myself attended all three meetings and submitted and discussed my concerns at all three meeting – not once have I been contact by regional district staff to discuss the long term plans and requests I made on behalf of my clients.

There is a particular piece of land that has been brought to the regional district's attention that could and should play an intrical role in the future provision of water and sewer to the Grandhaven area...yet not once has anyone called to discuss this matter further. The land owners have been in confidential discussions with developers in the past – who out of frustration with this process have taken their development dollars elsewhere until this are can decide what they want...

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I recognize that there are many facets to planning water and sewer, producing an OCP that will replace the current outdated CDP and OCP documents – however, in the meantime this should not prevent communication and progress in this area. When I prepared my submissions for the open house meeting last year – I based my considerations on discussion with the land owners, ALC representatives and the northern planner for the ALC, along members of the community...

I made three specific requests on behalf of my clients;

The land known as Sid John Farms located off the West By-Pass Road, the property behind Rona that currently has the small aircraft runway on it and a ¼ section of land heading toward lookout point... all bordering the city of Fort St John boundary.

Since those submissions last year...I have not received one phone call or acknowledgment that the requests of the landowners are even being taken into consideration in the overhaul of the OCP. Not once has there been any opportunity provided by the Regional District to discuss these landowners long term plans and how they may effect the decisions made towards updating this OCP document.

The ALC said they would consider the direction of the most current planning document for the area in their decision making process – today those decisions are based on much outdated data and this OCP document. Even in the OCP draft form, at least it will provide some form of planning that many of the landowners and developers require to make their budget and planning decisions for the next few years.

I am a development consultant – with my own development consulting company. I am a civil engineering technologist and have had experience with the OCP process in the past. I am well aware of the work and the process of preparing an OCP and am not asking for a lecture about the process –but am asking that discussions and open communication take place with landowners and agents who take the time and respect the process.

The landowners themselves have long term plans that they would like to see progress on their property however it is not the wish of these landowners to be dictated as to those plan term plans – but that we all work toward a common goal based on the needs of the area as determined by the public not by staff.

I am not prepared to accept a second draft OCP presented to the public and have the so sad too bad shoulder shrug when the concerns of my clients have not been addressed and the Board is on the verge of passing the OCP based on the decisions of staff that have not communicated with the landowners and agents –
 Ron and I represent over 800 acres of land – that should warrant some consideration for open communication ...

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February 19, 2008

Karen Goodings, Chair
Peace River Regional District
P.O. Box 810
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Dear Ms. Goodings:

I am writing further to your letter of December 3, 2007, and our recent telephone conversation, regarding the nomination of Kiskatinaw River Bridge in Dawson Creek as a potential national historic site.

As we discussed, this nomination was not brought forward for consideration by the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada (HSMBC), because the bridge does not meet the benchmark established by other engineering works of national historic significance, such as the Lethbridge Viaduct in Alberta, the Lion's Gate Bridge in Vancouver and the Myra Canyon Section of the Kettle Valley Railway in British Columbia. I also reviewed this matter with Mr. Ryan MacIvor of Tourism Dawson Creek during his visit in Ottawa on November 28, 2007. At that time, Mr. MacIvor provided me with information on the establishment of the Alaska Highway Community Initiative (AHCI), and its vision to ensure that the Alaska Highway corridor is recognized as the most important international historic and wilderness highway in North America. While the HSMBC recognized the construction of the Alaska Highway as a national historic event in 1954, the designation of the highway as a national historic site would appear to be more closely aligned the AHCI's objectives.

It is my understanding that the AHCI has rallied the support of the communities along the highway corridor in British Columbia and the Yukon, and that Public Works and Government Services Canada, as the owners of the highway, would be prepared to support the designation of the highway as a national historic site. I also understand that inventories of cultural resources, that could support the designation of the highway as a national historic site, are being completed.

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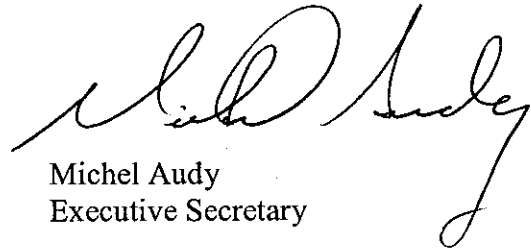
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I have reviewed the possibility of preparing a nomination of the Alaska Highway with Ms. Gwyn Langemann, Acting Manager, Cultural Resource Services, at Parks Canada's Western and Northern Service Centre in Calgary. Parks Canada supports the HSMBC in the conduct of its business, and a representative of its historical research staff could be made available to meet with you and other interested parties to discuss the designation process, the preparation of a nomination, and the benefits of a national historic site designation. Ms. Langemann will review your interests with her counterpart in the Yukon, and she or her delegate will contact you directly to arrange for a meeting in Dawson Creek to review the site proposal. Ideally, this meeting should occur in snow-free conditions to allow for a productive initial assessment of the site, and associated cultural resources, such as the Kiskatinaw Bridge. Alternatively, you may wish to contact Ms. Langemann directly by e-mail at gwyn.langemann@pc.gc.ca or by telephone at (403) 292-4692.

I am also available to discuss this proposal further with you at your convenience. In light of their interest in this matter, I have taken the liberty of copying this letter to the Honourable Jay Hill, Member of Parliament for Prince George - Peace River, and to Dr. Veronica Strong-Boag, the HSMBC's member for British Columbia. Please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely,



Michel Audy
Executive Secretary

- c.c. Hon. Jay Hill, P.C., M.P.
Prince George – Peace River
- c.c. Dr. Veronica Strong-Boag, HSMBC
- c.c. Gwyn Langemann, Parks Canada

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February 22, 2008

Chair Karen Goodings
Regional District of Peace River
Box 810
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Dear Chair Goodings:

Enclosed, please find the brochure for the very topical workshop **"Getting to Carbon Neutral"** that will take place in Vancouver, March 27/28, 2008. This workshop is sponsored by: FCM, The Community Energy Association and TELUS. The event is being promoted through UBCM.

Join award winning Municipal Staff and leading Local Government Sustainability Consultants for this interactive information and planning session, where you will be led through a series of proven Carbon Reduction Initiatives with both toolkits and check lists.

A number of municipalities and local governments are attending with representatives from staff and elected officials to work on their own Carbon Reduction plans. Information can be found in the brochure and further details can be obtained by going to the civicinfo site at:

<http://www.civicinfo.bc.ca/conference/SustainabilityTradeshow.asp>

We look forward to welcoming you to this exciting initiative. Register before February 29th to obtain the Early Bird discount.

May I please ask, that if the subject is not under your jurisdiction and would be of interest to another department, to forward the brochure on.

Sincerely,

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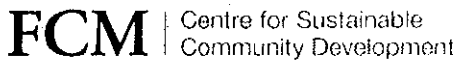
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Empire Landmark Hotel & Conference Centre
1400 Robson St., Vancouver, B.C.

March 27th & 28th, 2008
8:30AM to 5:00PM

INTRODUCTION:

The provincial government has introduced a gas emissions reduction policy. Local governments know they have to do something, but are unsure what to do or how to do it. This workshop will outline the what, why, and how.

WHAT IS DIFFERENT ABOUT THIS WORKSHOP?

In recent years, there have been many excellent sustainability conference hosted by FCM, UBCM, Gaining Ground, and the Fresh Outlook Foundation, to name just a few. This workshop builds on what these conferences have done at the macro level and drills down to a very practical, micro level. The workshop provides unique perspectives and actionable plans. Speakers will share information about what they are successfully implementing, at this time, at the local level. The workshop also uses learning roundtables to provide delegates with opportunities to share and discuss measures they are undertaking.

The intended outcomes of the workshop are to:

- Understand provincial expectations and regulations on reducing the carbon footprint
- Hear speakers who are demonstrating workable sustainability initiatives in local government in the areas of waste diversion, energy, green buildings, and gas emissions
- Provide a process for local government to move forward to meet the requirements
- Draw from the ideas and discussions to start their own process on relevant initiatives
- Outline available funding and provide a funding guide.

All participants will receive a working manual. The afternoon of Day 2 will be devoted to developing plans for their own jurisdictions.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- Local government politicians
- Senior managers with responsibility for public works, community services, finance, and planning
- First Nations leaders
- Those with an interest in local government sustainability issues, key infrastructure consultants, and developers.

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COST:

Early Bird Special - \$349 plus GST to February 29th

After February 29th, \$399 plus GST

Costs include breakfast pastries with tea and coffee, coffee break and buffet lunch each day.

ACCOMMODATION:

A limited room block has been reserved for conference delegates at the tallest hotel on trendy Robson Street in the heart of Vancouver, the Empire Landmark Hotel and Conference Centre. To reserve your room call toll-free at 1-800-830-6144 (Canada & US) or at 604-687-0511 (www.empirelandmarkhotel.com) Please advise hotel staff that you are registering under the room block for "Nova Quality Training and Consulting" to receive the conference rate of \$89 CND for a standard room or \$109 CND for a deluxe, single, or double. You are encouraged to book as early as possible.

PROGRAMME:

The speakers and workshop presenters are drawn from among FCM's award-winning municipalities, and leading-edge consultants with proven track records in sustainability issues at the local government level. Confirmed presenters and topics include:

- Peter Ladner, Vancouver City Councilor, – *The Challenges of Change*
- Nichola Wade, Climate Action Secretariat, BC Ministry of Environment - *Regulatory Requirements*
- Dale Littlejohn and David Sims, Community Energy Association - *Carbon Neutral Operations*
- Rod Muir, Sierra Club and Founder of Waste Diversion Canada - *Waste Diversion and The Mitigation of Climate Change*
- Mark Holland, Holland Barrs Planning Group – *A Planning Process for the Short and Long Term*
- Alex Boston, Holland Barrs Planning Group – *A Climate of Change at City Hall: Innovative Breakthroughs to Traditional Barriers*
- Michael Wilson, CEA - *Funding Your Community Energy and Climate Change Initiatives*
- **GREEN BUILDING PANEL:** Teresa Coady, Bunting Coady Architects; Kim Fowler, MCIP, Dir. Of Development Services, City of Port Coquitlam; Dale Mikkelson, UniverCity (SFU)
- David Helliwell, Small Energy Group - *Immediate actions to achieve measurable reductions in GHG emissions workshop*
- **ENERGY PANEL:** Emanuel Machado, Dir. of Corporate Planning and Sustainable Community Development, City of Dawson Creek- *Managing municipal energy needs and developing strategies and plans*; Guy Heywood, Renaissance - *Getting In On The Gold Rush: Options for municipalities to participate in Green Power Development*
- **TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS PANEL:** Terry Robert, E3 Fleet; Jo Pach, TELUS Envir. Director
- Gaetan Royer, CAO, City of Port Moody and author of *Time For Cities*

For a full description of workshop sessions, speaker bios, and agenda, please go to the Registration Page at: <http://www.civicinfo.bc.ca/conference/SustainabilityWorkshop.asp>



A donation from each registration will be made to the Fresh Outlook Foundation in support of its passion "to kindle a fresh outlook among British Columbians that inspires sustainable behaviors at home, work, and play." Visit www.freshoutlookfoundation.org.

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Tim Caton, Chair
Northeast Invasive Plant Committee
Peace River Regional District
PO Box 810
Dawson Creek BC V1G 4H8

Reference: 163268



Dear Chair Caton:

Re: Pine Pass Project

Thank you for your letter of December 3, 2007, and attachment, requesting my ministry's continued support for the Pine Pass Project noxious weed control program. Please accept my apology for the lateness of my reply.

I recognize the good work of the Peace River Regional District toward the control and management of invasive plants in our province's northeast, and my ministry will be pleased to continue our support. Ministry staff have allocated up to \$144,000 for invasive plant management in your district for the fiscal year commencing April 2008.

I understand that your committee will allocate these funds appropriately and at your discretion towards projects on ministry occupied properties that meet the Invasive Plant Management Services objectives as outlined in the Letter of Agreement and your committee's 2008 Plan and Profile. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Ryan Spillett, my ministry's Environmental Services Technician for the Northern Region, at 250 565-7054 or by e-mail at Ryan.Spillett@gov.bc.ca. He will be pleased to assist you.

In closing, I would like to say how pleased I am with your committee's achievements in the fight against noxious weeds and with the success of the Pine Pass Project pilot program.

Thank you again for taking the time to write.

Sincerely,

Kevin Falcon
Minister

Copy to: Ryan Spillett, Environmental Services Technician

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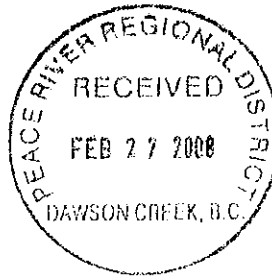
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February 26, 2008

Karen Goodings, Chair
Peace River Regional District
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Dear Ms. Goodings,

In just three short years the subject property (outlined in red, attached map) has gone from a scenic horse pasture to an unsightly salvage wrecking yard.

My letter to the Regional District in April 2007 regarding this issue went unanswered. Several calls by local residents to the Ministry of Environment have not stopped the burning of tires, cars, metals and other toxic waste. Request to the Ministry of Transportation to have the highway easement cleared of trailers and other debris have promised action but no results.

In addition to lower property appraisals, Public Health and Safety issues are increasing.

The regional District claims they have no By-law Enforcement Officers and Ministry Departments appear to be unconcerned about our issues.

Attached to this letter are pictures documenting the increasing mess and a map outlining the Rolla subdivision. The current zoning of M-1 and residential does not allow for a salvage wrecking yard.

Industry, Agriculture and the Public in Rolla are required and expected to comply with a variety of Provincial Acts and Regulations. Why is it that government seems to be able to ignore these Acts and Regulations while the mess and safety issues increase?

The business needs to be cleaned up and required to comply if it is to continue. While I appreciate this issue cannot be resolved overnight there needs to be some immediate action and some type of plan with the business owner to clean up.

Please advise if you or any of the government departments are prepared to act in any way on these concerns. Thank you for your time and if I can be of any assistance please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely

Johanna Bush

Johanna Bush, Rolla Ratepayer

cc; John Miller Ministry of Transportation, Blair Lekstrom, MLA Peace River South
Ministry of Environment – Ft St John

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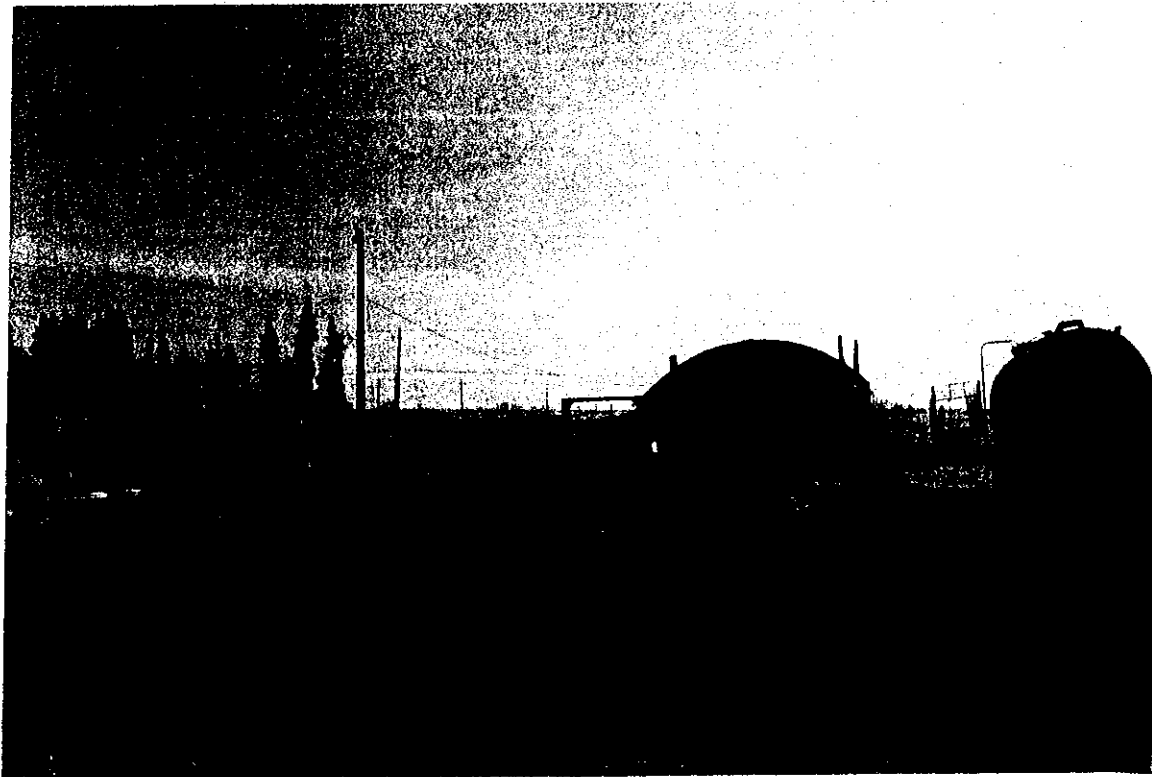
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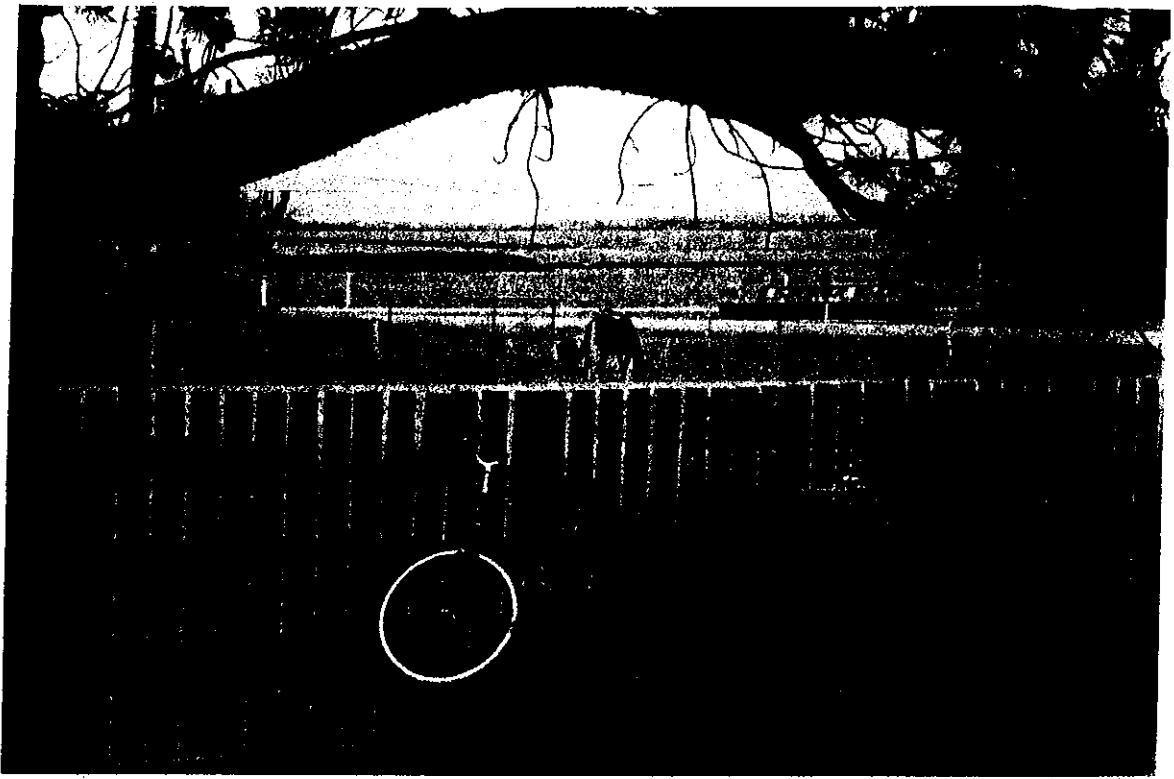


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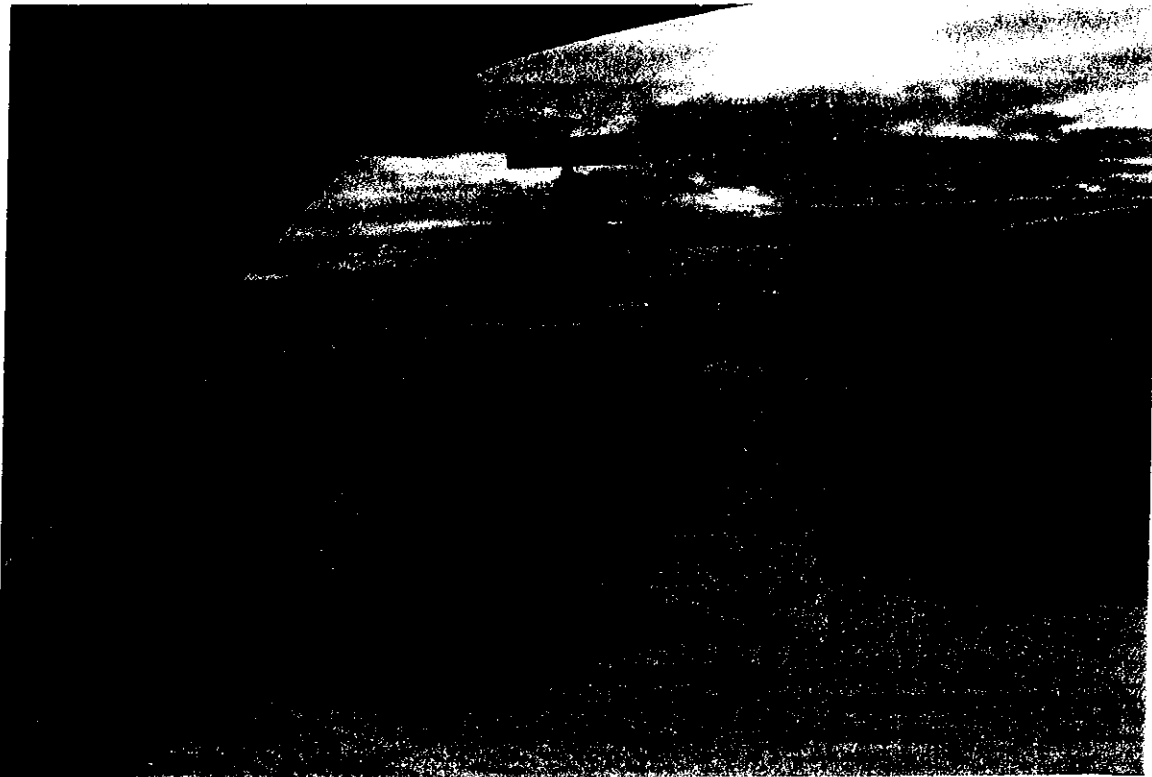
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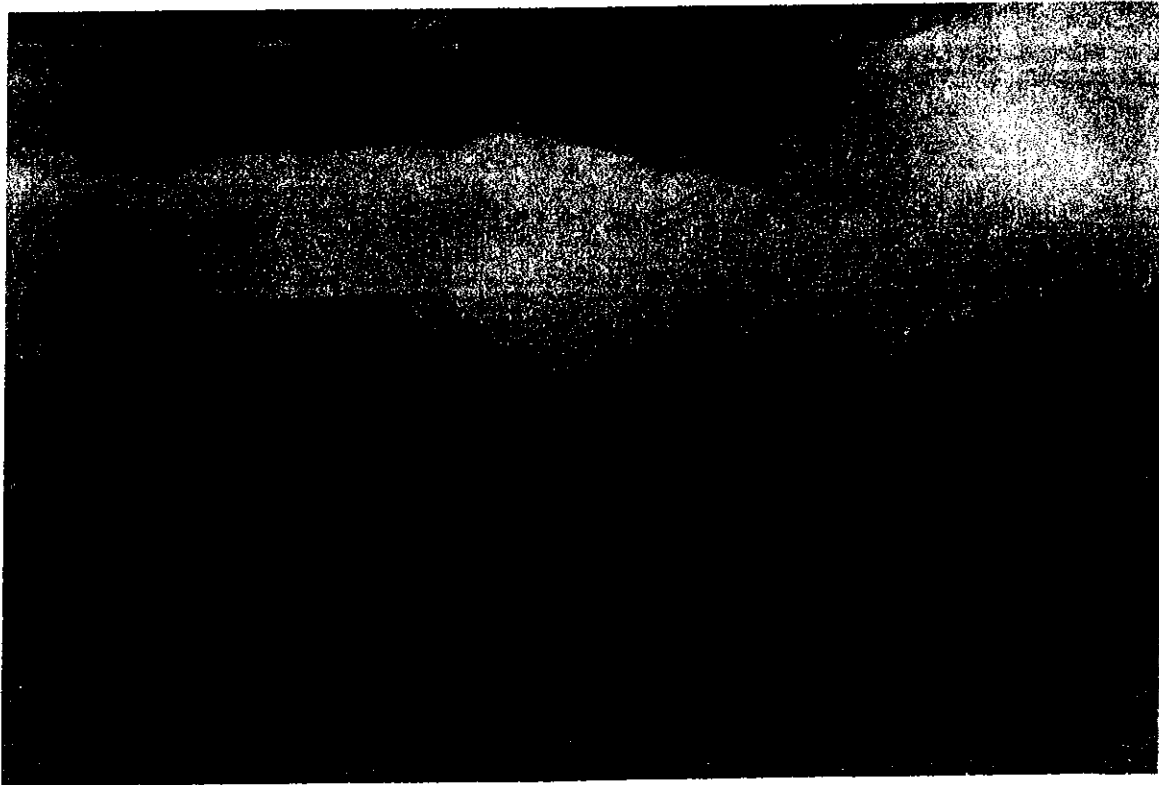
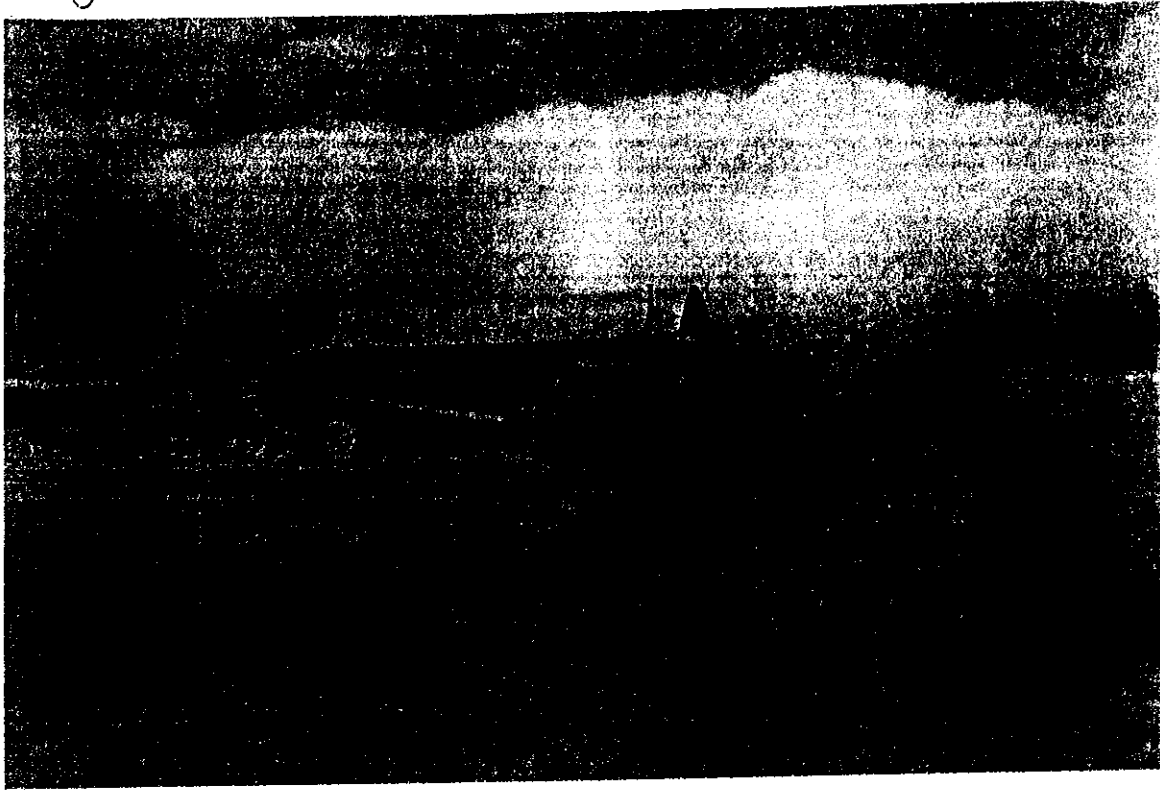


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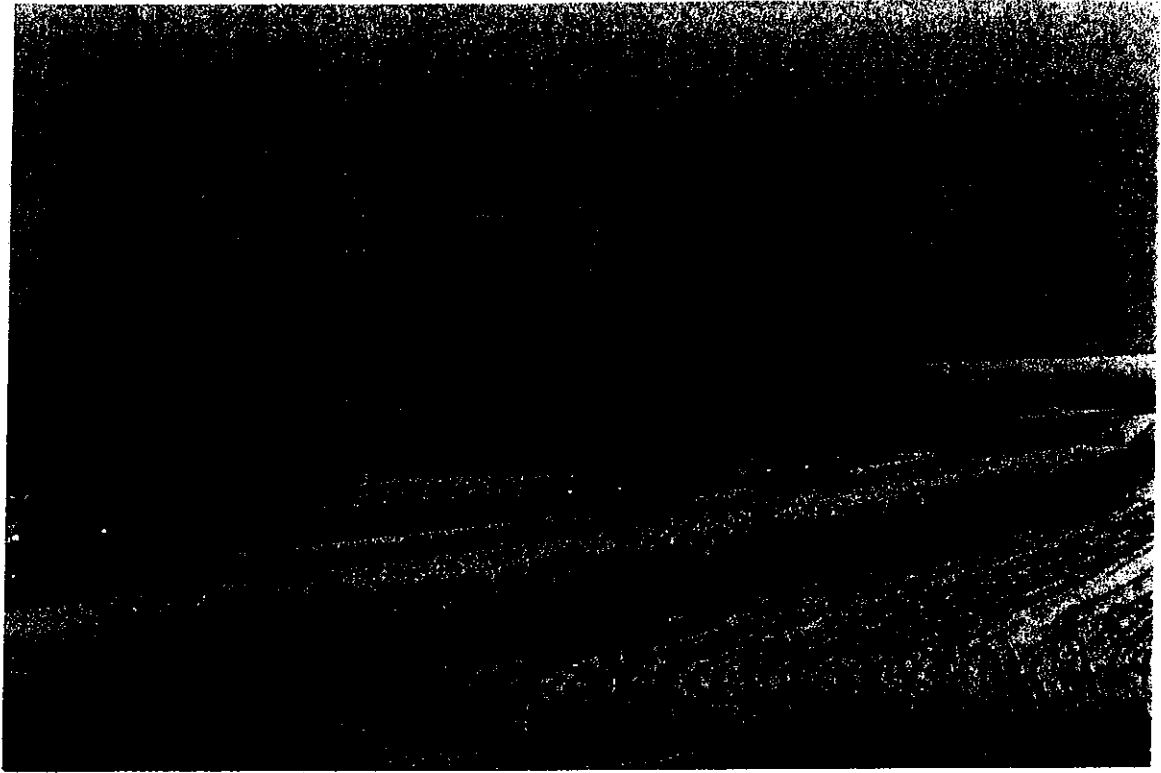
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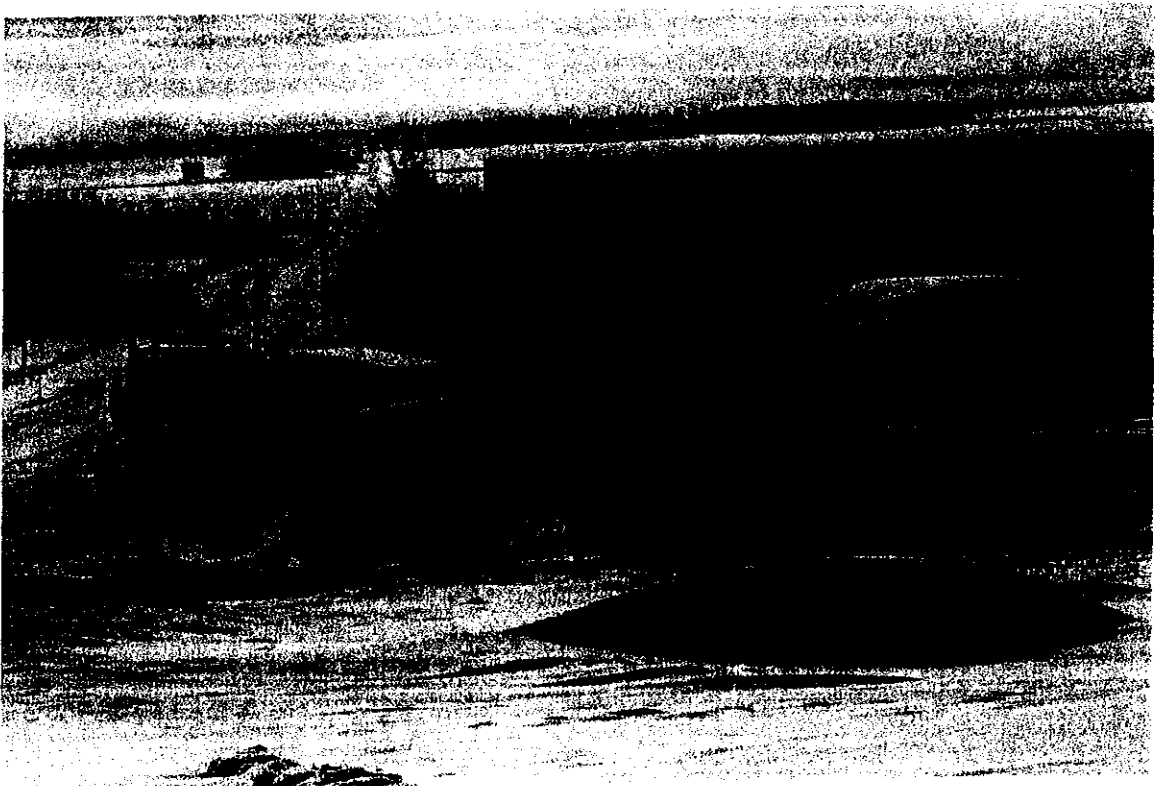


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