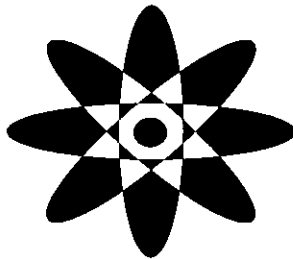


PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

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for the April 24, 2008 Board Meeting

MINUTES:

- M-1 Replacement page 7 - *with correction of item 18) R-1 Plan number from 28487 to BCP7385.*

CORRESPONDENCE:

- C-9 Invitation received April 21, 2008 to the Official Unveiling Ceremony for the Charlie Lake Memorial Monument scheduled for May 21, 2008.
- C-10 April 18, 2008 invitation from the Union of BC Municipalities for the "Built Environment & Active Transportation Community Planning Grants – Phase 1" funding applications.
- C-11 Invitation received April 22, 2008 from the Honourable Richard Neufeld, to the BC Oil and Gas Service Sector Tradeshow scheduled for June 2, 2008 in Calgary, Ab.
- C-12 April 21, 2008 request from Albert Erbe for delegation status at the May 22, 2008 meeting in order to present the Groundbirch-East Pine Petition regarding the lack of phone service in the area.
- C-13 Copy of the April 22, 2008 letter from the City of Dawson Creek to the Minister of Finance, regarding its council resolution regarding Carbon Tax.

REPORTS:

- R-5 *Additional Item:*
April 22, 2008 report from the Solid Waste Committee & Kim Frech, Chief Financial Officer regarding an amendment to the Solid Waste Committee Recommendations.
- R-8 Report received April 18, 2008 from Director Smith regarding her attendance at the Northern Women's Symposium in Tumbler Ridge, BC on April 2nd and 3rd, 2008.
- R-9 April 8, 2008 report from Shannon Anderson, General Manager of Environmental Services regarding West Nile Risk Reduction Funding.
See C-1

BY-LAWS:

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14) B-1
OCP and Zoning
Amendment By-laws
No. 1790 and 1791,
2008
(Hofstrand)

RD/08/04/15
MOVED by Director Houley, SECONDED by Director Smith,
that "North Peace Official Community Plan Amendment By-law No. 1790, 2008" and
"Peace River Regional District Zoning Amendment By-law No. 1791, 2008" be given
third reading.

CARRIED.

RD/08/04/16
MOVED by Director Houley, SECONDED by Director Smith,
that "North Peace Official Community Plan Amendment By-law No. 1790, 2008 be
adopted.

CARRIED.

RD/08/04/17
MOVED by Director Houley, SECONDED by Director Smith,
that "Peace River Regional District Zoning Amendment By-law No. 1791, 2008" be
adopted.

CARRIED.

15) Recess
16) Re-call to Order

The meeting recessed for luncheon at 12:00 noon.
The meeting was re-called to order by the Chair at 1:00 p.m. Director Kruk did not return
to the afternoon session at this time, due to other commitments.

CORRESPONDENCE:

17) C-6
RCMP Contract
Discussions

Fred Banham, Chief Administrative Officer stated a report to the Board will be
forthcoming in the near future.

The Chair commented that there was good representation from this area, as both Fred
Banham CAO, Peace River Regional District, and Jim Chute CAO, City of Dawson Creek,
have been appointed to sit on the on the Local Government Representative and Working
Group to assist the Union of BC Municipalities in the upcoming RCMP Contract
discussions.

REPORTS: - continued

18) R-1
ALR Subdivision
Application 37/2008
(Herron)

RD/08/04/18
MOVED by Director Houley, SECONDED by Director Eglinski,
that the Regional Board authorize ALR Subdivision Application 37/2008 for Edith and
John Herron to subdivide Lot A, Plan BCP7385, Section 24, Township 84, Range 19,
W6M, PRD into two ~4.7 ha (~11.6 ac) lots to proceed to the Agricultural Land
commission on the basis that the proposed subdivision is consistent with the existing
Official Community Plan and Zoning.

CARRIED.

19) R-3
ALR Subdivision
Application 41/2008
(BCR Properties)

and additional item

RD/08/04/19
MOVED by Director Caton, SECONDED by Director Houley,
that the Regional Board support ALR Subdivision Application 41/2008 for BCR Properties
Ltd. to subdivide a 20 ha (49 acre) lot from the following three subject properties:
Northeast ¼ of D.L. 1131, PRD; Block A of D.L. 357, PRD; and Block B of D.L. 357, PRD
for use by Enersul, and a 2.5 ha (6 acre) lot from Block B of D.L. 357 for residential
use; and authorize the application to proceed to the Agricultural Land Commission.

CARRIED.

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Board of Directors and Staff
Peace River Regional District
Box 810, 1981 Alaska Ave.
Dawson Creek, B.C.
V1G 4H8

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Agenda

Mayor Jim Eglinski
and the
Council for the City of Fort St. John
along with
David Wilkins, United States Ambassador to Canada
and the
Honourable Jay Hill, Secretary of State
cordially invite you to attend the

Official Unveiling Ceremony for the Charlie Lake Monument

dedicated to the memory of the United States soldiers
with the sinking of the
US Corp of Engineers Pontoon Barge
on May 14, 1942
at Charlie Lake, British Columbia, Canada.



Date: Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Time: 11:00am

Location: Lakeside at Rotary Park NW Park
Charlie Lake, British Columbia, Canada

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Construction of the Alaska Highway, formerly known as the Alcan (Alaska-Canadian) Highway, began on March 8, 1942. The highway winds its way through wilderness connecting Dawson Creek, British Columbia and Fairbanks, Alaska. More than 11,000 American troops, including seven regiments of engineers, 16,000 civilian workmen from Canada and the United States and 7,000 pieces of equipment were thrown into the overwhelming task of penetrating the 1500 miles of mountains, muskeg and mosquitoes. Amazingly, the highway was completed only 8 short months later, on October 25, 1942.

For the soldiers and workers it was a difficult life. Fatigue, hypothermia and accidents were a part of everyday life as the workers set down eight miles of road a day, seven days a week.

Tragically, on May 14, 1942 at Charlie Lake, British Columbia, a US Corp of Engineers Pontoon Barge carrying 17 soldiers and equipment for the construction of the Alaska Highway sank, taking the lives of 12 soldiers.

The City of Fort St. John, British Columbia, along with Canadian and American dignitaries, former soldiers and the families of the soldiers lost will officially dedicate a monument in memory of these men at the shores of Charlie Lake on May 21, 2008.



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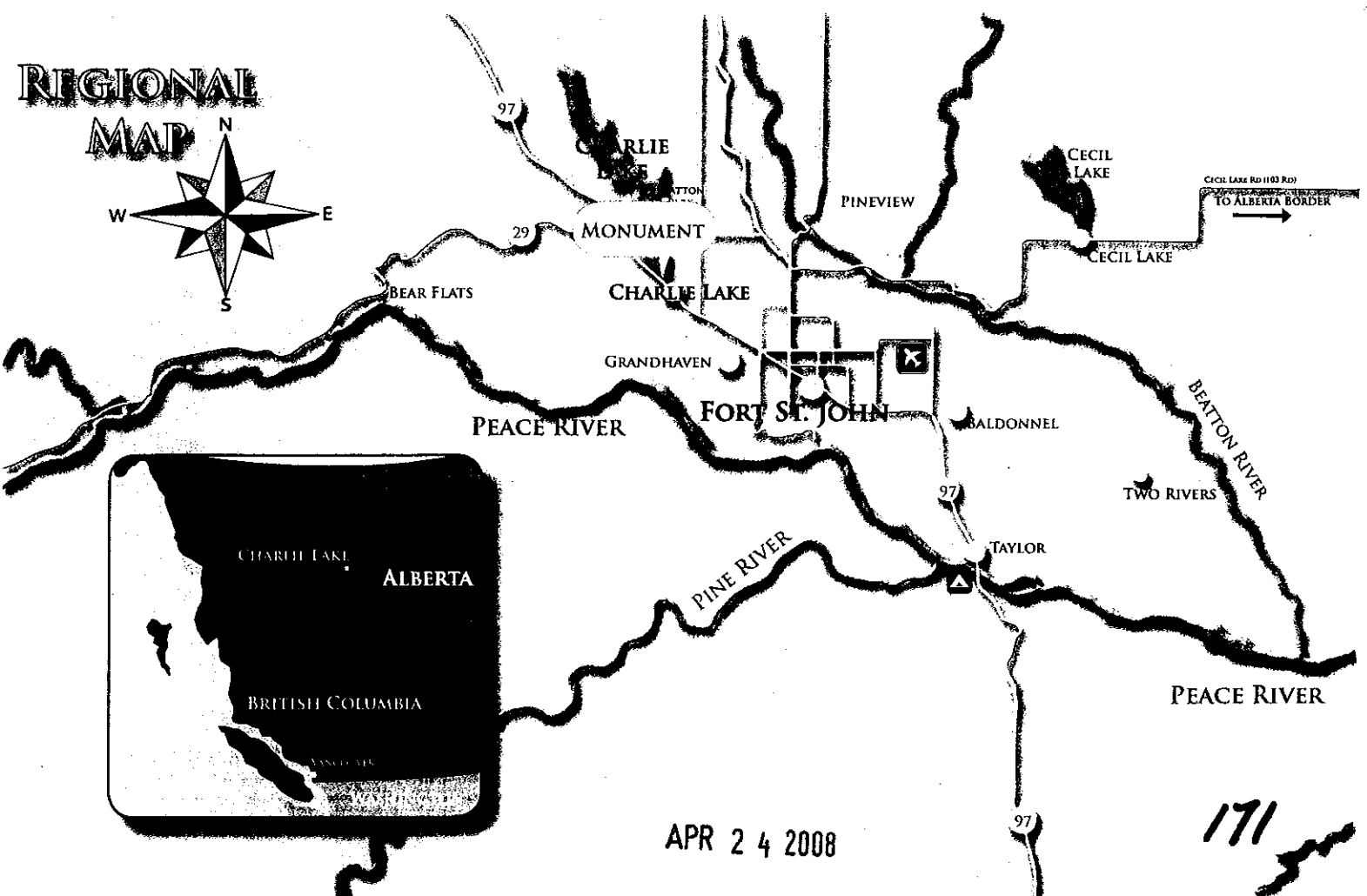
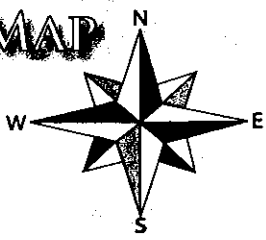
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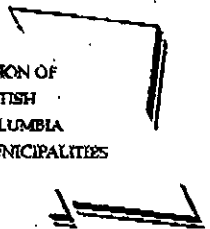
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Important Invitation to all Local Governments

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To: Mayors, Chairs, and Administrators
From: Local Government Program Services, UBCM
Date: April 18, 2008



**RE: BUILT ENVIRONMENT & ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION COMMUNITY
PLANNING GRANTS - PHASE 1**

The Union of BC Municipalities is working with the BC Recreation & Parks Association (BCRPA) to manage the community planning grant portion of the Built Environment & Active Transportation Initiative. Phase 1 of this program is now available to assist local governments to develop new plans or amend existing plans for active transportation infrastructure.

Phase 1 of the program is now accepting applications and will provide up to 10 grants, to a maximum of \$25,000 each. Activities funded under Phase 1 must be ready to commence by July 15, 2008 and all project activities must be completed by December 31st, 2008.

There is a two-stage application process for this grant. The first stage is an Expression of Interest and consists of an informal proposal to determine the basic suitability of the proposed project. The second stage is the submission of the Application Form that will be solicited on receipt of an approved Expression of Interest.

The deadline for Expressions of Interest is May 16, 2008.

To request an application package, or for more information, contact Danyta Welch at UBCM at (250) 356-5134 or dwelch@civicnet.bc.ca or visit www.civicnet.bc.ca (under Programs & Services' - 'Local Government Program Services' - 'Active Transportation).

**Please make copies of this circular & distribute to
Council/Board Members & Staff**

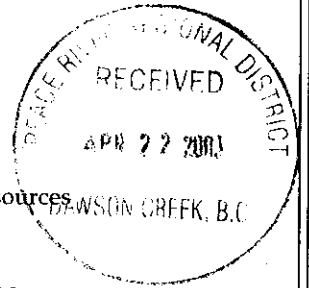
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The Honourable Richard Neufeld
British Columbia Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources

is pleased to invite you to the

British Columbia Oil and Gas Service Sector Tradeshow
Showcasing British Columbia's Investment, Service and Supply Opportunities

MONDAY, JUNE 2, 2008

Hyatt Regency Hotel, Calgary

10:30 am to 12:00 pm - Tradeshow Open to Invited Guests
12:00 pm to 1:30 pm - Luncheon (*registration begins at 10:30 am*)
1:30 pm to 3:30 pm - Tradeshow Open to General Public
Café hosted by Northeast British Columbia Communities

RSVP by May 16, 2008, for the Luncheon and to confirm your participation in the Tradeshow.

For further information, contact:

Laurie DeArmond

(250) 472-7644 or Laurie@Dearmondmanagement.com

Event description on reverse

British Columbia not only boasts one of Canada's richest geological potential, but we also have a growing base of companies and expertise to service the Province's vibrant oil and gas industry.

There will be oil and gas producers active in British Columbia, including their procurement representatives, to network with you at the luncheon, at your booth during the tradeshow, and at the tradeshow café. During the last four years, this event has been an excellent opportunity for service sector companies to make new connections with Calgary-based oil and gas representatives and to showcase the full range of services available in the region.

Attendees on June 2, 2008 include oil and gas producers active in British Columbia, oil and gas service sector company representatives, British Columbia municipal and regional representatives, First Nations and Province of British Columbia representatives.

British Columbia continues to take action to ensure the regulatory climate and our service sector is among the most competitive in North America.

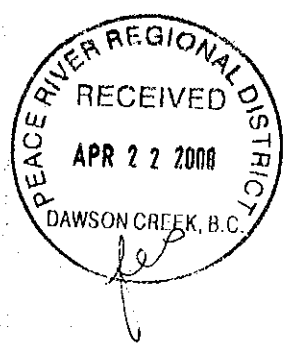
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April 21, 2008



Albert Erbe
Box 2269
Dawson Creek, BC V1G 4L1

To: Chairperson Karen Goodings and Board of Directors
Peace River Regional District

Dear Karen Goodings and Board of Directors

In our Groundbirch-East Pine Area we still lack a complete phone and cell service.

At present we have a strong gas and oil development in our subregion, The accident risk factor multiplies and neighbourhoods feel abandoned in case of emergency. The local economic gas and oil upswing requires to bring our telecommunications up-to-date and ease the uncertainty of the unknown.

A local delegation wants to present a petition at the next Regional Board Meeting, May 22, 2008 concerning this matter. Doug Field and myself also like to say a few words relating to our lack of phone service in the Groundbirch-East Pine zone.

Sincerely,

Albert Erbe

Note to Directors:

Upon receipt of this letter, Mr. Erbe was notified that the delegates from TELUS would be at the April 24th meeting. Unfortunately he is not able to attend this meeting, but forwarded the petition (still in progress) for inclusion in the additional items, so it may be brought to the attention of the TELUS delegation.

Mr. Erbe would still like to come as a delegate on the May 22, 2008 meeting.

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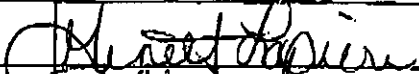
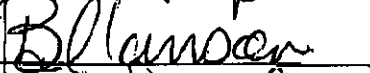








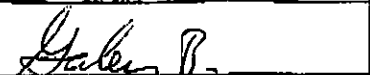



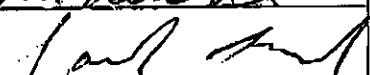

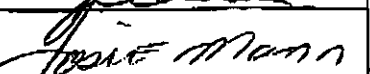
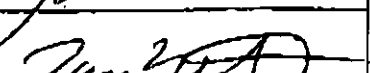
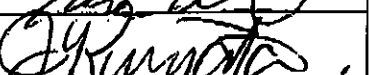
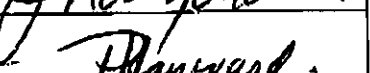
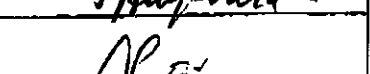
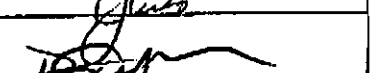
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Glen Sundman	Glen Sundman
Deanna Janzen	Deanna Janzen
Laurie Morrone	Laurie Morrone
GORDON DYCK	Gordon Dyck
Eva Stranks	Eva Stranks BC
MURRAY CHRISTENSEN F.S.T	Murray Christensen
William Rose Dawson Creek	William Rose
AMISSA LITTLE Groundbirch Dawson Creek	Amissa Little
Lisa Thacher Dawson Creek	Lisa Thacher
Brian Dyck Dawson Creek	Brian Dyck
Brad Supernant Dawson Creek	Brad Supernant
Gloria Winkler Groundbirch	Gloria Winkler
KATHY FELHAUER SUNSET PRAIRIE	Kathy Felhauer
Shannon Robidoux Sunset Prairie	Shannon Robidoux
DOUG MARLATT 1307 3052 BUICK B.C. LOCARO	Doug Marlatt
ALLISON FIELD GROVEDALE AB	Allison Field
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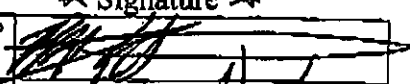


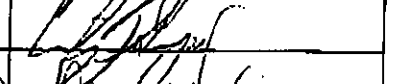
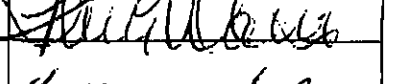
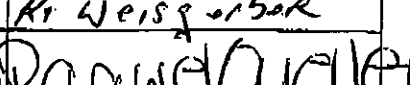

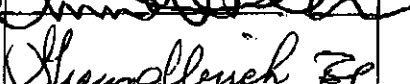
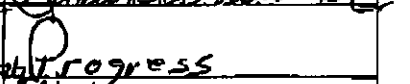
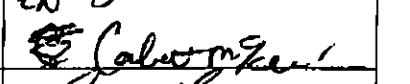




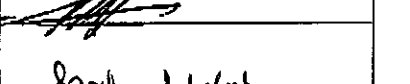
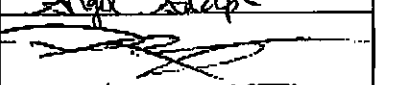
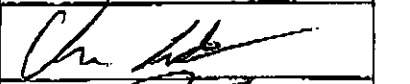

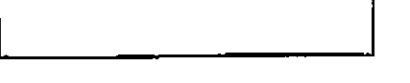

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Milton Wood	
Jindsay Compsey	
David Russell	
Aronlachner D.C.	
	
Rud Brunner Chetwynd	
Clara Minton Chetwynd	
Haley Bassett Dawson Creek	
ABR GROSS ^{WILLOW} FLATS	
Vance Jacobsen GROUNDBIRCH	
WAYNE POZNIKOW GROUNDBIRCH	
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Jocelyn Rade FORT JOHN	
Josie Mann PROGRESS	
TOVE TROTTER PROGRESS	
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Patty Hayward Chetwynd BC	
Joyce Curtis CHETWYND, B.C.	
Dwayne Frosthopper Chetwynd B.C.	

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JUSTIN SHEETS SUNSET	
Derek K Luker East Pine	
Lady Hays ^{Chestwynd} East Pine	
Alan Water ^{Chestwynd}	
K. W. Pich ^{Chestwynd}	
Raquel Queller ^{Chestwynd}	
Annette Henry ^{Chestwynd}	
Faye Staff	
Tony Verbruggen ^{TONY VERBRUGGEN} Progress	
Colat M. Ka ^{BOX 2420} Chestwynd-BC	
CHRIS BOURGUIS Dawson Creek	
LINDA GARLAND ^{Chestwynd}	
Paul Dan	
WENDY LYKA ^{5146-25 Road} SUNSET PRAIRIE	
Mar Rsvold Dawson Creek BC	
Angel Adolph ^{Chestwynd, BC}	
Progress BC	
Chris Fotos Progress B. C.	
Edie Sforzavatten ^{Sunset} Edie Sforzavatten ^{Durian Starbuck}	
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Earl Finley Groundbirch	
FRANK Wilson Groundbirch	
Dane & Wanda Wilson "	
Theresa Thompson "	
Doreen & Harold McQueen	
Dawn Abel Groundbirch BC	
CHERYL HITCHEN Chetwynd	
Jakob Rempel GROUNDBIRCH	
Bubie Dunbar Groundbirch	
Brea Dauthin Mobily dk BC	
Bruce Decker PROGRESS	
James Sanzen Sr east pine	
MARE WILSON (ONTARIO)	
BRANDON COMSTOCK	
Doreen Jayson	
Noel Lineham	
D. Drouin (NEW ID)	
Katherine Frederick Groundbirch	
Wanda Wilson Willow Valley	
Rick Korb Sunset prairie	

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R. ANDROSS DAWSON	<i>[Signature]</i>
Sharna Jacobsen Box 245 Groundbirch	<i>[Signature]</i>
Dan Dunbar GROUNDBIRCH	DARWIN DUNBAR
ESTHER FIELD GROUNDBIRCH B.C.	<i>[Signature]</i>
Pauline Harris Groundbirch BC.	Pauline Harris
RYAN ANDRES [HERIND B.C.]	<i>[Signature]</i>
Charlene Lineham	Charlene Lineham
Roxanne La Greca	Roxanne La Greca
D. Yvonne Berg Groundbirch	D. Yvonne Berg
Kelly Little Groundbirch	Kelly Little
Rocouelle Herrault Progress BC	Rocouelle Herrault
COURCART S.P.	<i>[Signature]</i>
J. LYNN HEATHER SURET PRINCE	J. Lynn Heather
Grant Hommy Progress BC	<i>[Signature]</i>
PAUL Levesque de Turyn BC	<i>[Signature]</i>
M.R. BERG GROUNDBIRCH B.C.	M.R. Berg
Lonny JILTON Chetwynd B.C.	<i>[Signature]</i>
Rley Brown Groundbirch BC	<i>[Signature]</i>
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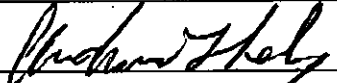
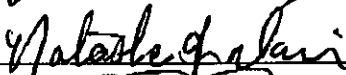
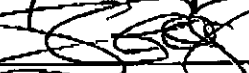
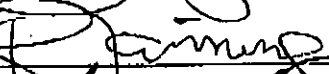

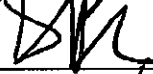





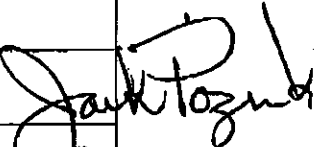



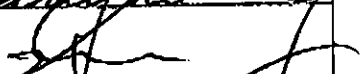
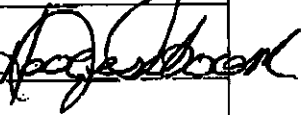
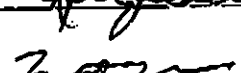

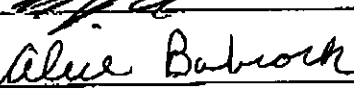
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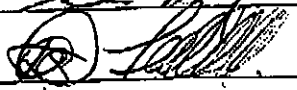
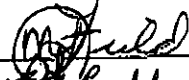
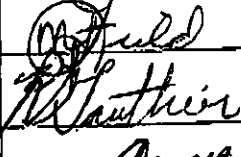


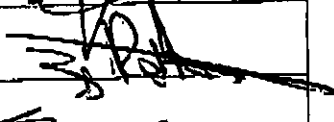
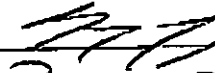
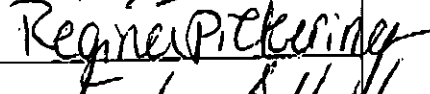
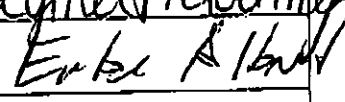


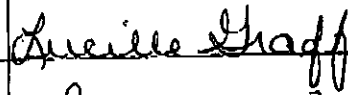
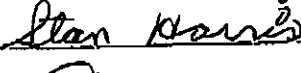

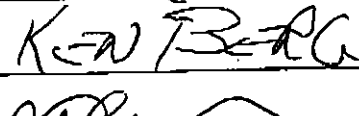
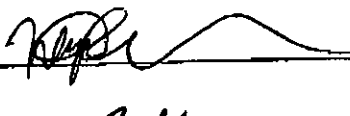
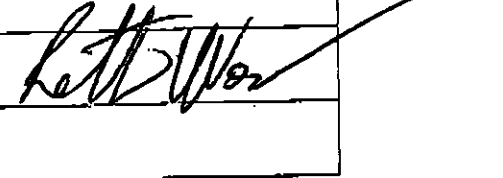
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Jack Poznikow 975 Groundbirch	
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File No.: 7-1-18

Minister Carole Taylor
Minister of Finance
PO Box 9048
STN PROV GOVT
Victoria BC V8W 9E2

Dear Minister Taylor:

Re: Carbon Tax

At its Regular Meeting held Monday, April 21, 2008, Council of the City of Dawson Creek passed the following resolution:

"MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED,
THAT the City of Dawson Creek send a letter to the Province of British Columbia, stating that the while the City does not object to the intent of the carbon tax, the tax does not consider the needs of the North and should be tailored to the unique circumstances of the Northern Region."

Additionally, Council has requested an audience with the Northern Caucus at the upcoming North Central Municipal Association AGM May 9, 2008 to discuss the carbon tax and how it impacts northern residents differently than those British Columbians who reside in the Lower Mainland.

Yours truly,

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Brenda Ginter
Director of Corporate Administration

c. NCMA Members

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Report

R-5

To: Chair and Directors, Peace River Regional District
From: Solid Waste Committee & Kim Frech, Chief Financial Officer
Date: 22 April 2008
Re: Solid waste Committee Recommendations - Amendment

Further to the agenda report dated 14 April from the Solid Waste Committee (R-5), there have been approved amendments to 2 of the 4 recommendations. Therefore, please disregard the recommendations "Solid Waste Accounts Receivable Policy - Overdue Accounts" and "Solid Waste Accounts Receivable Policy - Runaway Fee" on the report and substitute the following:

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Board adopt the following landfill policies effective June 1st, 2008:

Overdue Accounts

The Peace River Regional District's policy on overdue landfill accounts is:

- 30 to 60 days: account holder will be notified via their statement that payment must be received before account becomes 60 days overdue to avoid account being placed on hold and denied access to all landfills of all account associated vehicles; and
- Over 60 days: account will be placed on hold on the *Tuesday following the 15th of the month* and access denied to all Peace River Regional District landfills until account is paid in full.
- Accounts *on hold* for more than 60 days will be forwarded to a collection agency for collection.

Runaway Fee

The Peace River Regional District's policy regarding vehicles that leave landfills without paying is to verify ownership of the vehicle via the license plate that was recorded when entering the landfill and to invoice the owner of the vehicle the "runaway" fee of one hundred dollars (\$100⁰⁰). The vehicle will be denied access until the fee is paid in full.

Runaway means a vehicle that leaves without paying or a vehicle that does not have the funds to pay and an arrangement is made with the attendant to return to pay but does not pay the fee within 24 hours.

Administrative Service Fee

The Peace River Regional District's policy regarding requests for copies of landfill "tickets" (that the account holder's driver was provided at time of the charge) is to charge the following fees:

- \$25 for providing copies of up to 5 landfill tickets; and
- \$10 for each additional 5 landfill tickets, or portion thereof.

Kim Frech APR 24 2008
 Department Head

Paul Stan
 CAO

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To: Peace River Regional District
From: Director Barb Smith

Re: Community Futures "Northern Women's Symposium"
in Tumbler Ridge April 2 and 3, 2008



There were over 60 women that had registered for the 2 days.

Aurora Awards had 27 nominees and awards were given to the following:

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| Environment
Cheryl Shuman | Services
Marilyn Belak |
| New Entrepreneur
Brenda Chemlyk | Business Women of the Year
Brenda Banham |
| Aboriginal Women of the Year
Theresa Gladue | Mining
Kim Jamieson and Holi Verge |
| Education
Kathie Dickie | Oil & Gas
Julie Hindbo |
| Health & Social Services
Barb Schuerkamp | Forestry
Christy Nichol |
| Politics
Lenore Harwood | Construction
Veraine Iees |
| Tourism
April Moi | |

I attended the "Women's Forum and was impressed in the attendance. There was women from every area of the region. The workshops were very informative. There was many opportunities to network and share ideas with other communities in our region. Ideas were shared and will be brought back to our individual communities with new energy and goals. Our region is proud of these women that are making a difference in each of their communities.

Community Futures Peace Liard did another excellent Symposium.

Tumbler Ridge did an excellent job as the host community.

Respectfully submitted,

Barb Smith

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Peace River Regional District

REPORT

To: Chair and Directors of the Regional Board
From: Shannon Anderson, General Manager of Environmental Services
Date: April 8, 2008
Re: West Nile Risk Reduction Funding

Recommendation:

- a) that the Regional Board authorize staff to submit an application to the Union of BC Municipalities, for the 2008 West Nile Risk Reduction Funding program; and
- b) that the Regional District enter into a partnership agreement with Northern Health, for the purposes of operating a West Nile virus monitoring and surveillance program for the region.

Rationale:

The Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) will be administering funding to assist communities in planning and implementation of programs designed to reduce the risk of occurrences of the West Nile virus.

For the last three years the Regional District has received funding from UBCM to operate a monitoring and surveillance program that encompassed mosquito and bird testing along with a public education program. Northern Health operated the program on our behalf and will be providing a report on the status of their 2007 findings for our region in May of this year.

Funding for the 2008 West Nile Virus reduction program is based on individual local government jurisdictions and their corresponding population. Please refer to the attached table indicating the funding breakdown for our region.

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Department Head: _____

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CAO: _____

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Rationale: (continued)

Northern Health has indicated that, due to the historic lack of West Nile Virus evidence in our region, the 2008 program could be reduced. Therefore, Northern Health is suggesting an operating budget of \$11,500. We are planning to apply using the Peace River Regional District dedicated amount of \$7,699.00 only, and combining this with unspent 2007 program monies of \$3,739.00 to achieve our 2008 proposed budget amount.

All member municipalities are free to apply, should they so desire, for the remaining funds available to operate any independent West Nile Virus programs they see fit.

Deadline for funding submission is May 15, 2008.

Attachment:

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2006 West Nile Virus Risk Reduction Initiative

Appendix 1: Funding Calculations for Local Governments

Community	Base Funding	2008 Population (UBCM)	Risk Level	Funding at Risk Level	Population Times Funding	Total
Northern Interior HSDA						
Burns Lake	\$ 2,000	2890	2	\$ 0.60	\$ 1,734.00	\$ 3,734.00
Fort St James	\$ 2,000	1463	2	\$ 0.60	\$ 877.80	\$ 2,877.80
Fraser Lake	\$ 2,000	1183	2	\$ 0.60	\$ 709.80	\$ 2,709.80
Granisle	\$ 2,000	393	2	\$ 0.60	\$ 235.80	\$ 2,235.80
Mackenzie	\$ 2,000	4715	2	\$ 0.60	\$ 2,829.00	\$ 4,829.00
McBride	\$ 2,000	694	2	\$ 0.60	\$ 416.40	\$ 2,416.40
Prince George	\$ 2,000	75375	2	\$ 0.60	\$ 45,225.00	\$ 47,225.00
Quesnel	\$ 2,000	9915	2	\$ 0.60	\$ 5,949.00	\$ 7,949.00
Valemount	\$ 2,000	1081	2	\$ 0.60	\$ 648.60	\$ 2,648.60
Vanderhoof	\$ 2,000	4285	2	\$ 0.60	\$ 2,571.00	\$ 4,571.00
Wells	\$ 2,000	249	2	\$ 0.60	\$ 149.40	\$ 2,149.40
Fraser-Fort George RD	\$ 2,000	15900	2	\$ 0.60	\$ 9,540.00	\$ 11,540.00
Bulkley Nechako	\$ 2,000	17317	2	\$ 0.60	\$ 10,390.20	\$ 12,390.20
Northeast HSDA						
Chetwynd	\$ 1,000	2679	1	\$ 0.30	\$ 803.70	\$ 1,803.70
Dawson Creek	\$ 1,000	11811	1	\$ 0.30	\$ 3,543.30	\$ 4,543.30
Fort Nelson	\$ 1,000	4622	1	\$ 0.30	\$ 1,366.60	\$ 2,366.60
Fort St John	\$ 1,000	18774	1	\$ 0.30	\$ 5,632.20	\$ 6,632.20
Hudson's Hope	\$ 1,000	1062	1	\$ 0.30	\$ 318.60	\$ 1,318.60
Northern Rockies RD	\$ 1,000	1244	1	\$ 0.30	\$ 373.20	\$ 1,373.20
Pouce Coupe	\$ 1,000	785	1	\$ 0.30	\$ 235.50	\$ 1,235.50
Taylor	\$ 1,000	1460	1	\$ 0.30	\$ 438.00	\$ 1,438.00
Tumbler Ridge	\$ 1,000	2490	1	\$ 0.30	\$ 747.00	\$ 1,747.00
Peace River RD	\$ 1,000	22333	1	\$ 0.30	\$ 6,699.90	\$ 7,699.90
Getam Totals	n/a	4,928,692	n/a	n/a	3,014,366.90	4,130,068.80
FN						
Local Authorities		\$ 539,803.30			Total Risk Area 1	\$ 63,964.90
Crown/Other Land Allowance		\$ 4,130,086.80			Total Risk Area 2	\$ 838,640.00
Total		\$ 5,169,890.10			Total Risk Area 3	\$ 2,062,413.15
					Total Risk Area 4	\$ 1,165,068.75

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CONSENT CALENDAR

Items to be received for information.

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CONSENT CALENDAR

for the April 24, 2008 Board Meeting

MINUTES:

- MA-1 Wildlife Committee Meeting Minutes of April 1, 2008 with attached PRRD Update on the Peace River Enfranchisement Pilot and the Provincial Agriculture Zone Wildlife Program.
- MA-2 Solid Waste Committee Meeting Minutes of April 9, 2008.
- MA-3 Rural Budgets Administration Committee Meeting Minutes of April 16, 2008.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- CA-1 April 7, 2008 letter from the Union of BC Municipalities Local Government Program Services regarding 2007 Emergency Planning Grant Completion.
- CA-2 April 1, 2008 letter from the Honourable Pat Bell, Minister of Agriculture and Lands regarding provision of the \$55,000 Invasive Plant Program Grant to the Peace River Regional District.
- CA-3 April 1, 2008 letter from the Honourable Pat Bell, Minister of Agriculture and Lands regarding provision of the \$14,000 Invasive Plant Program Grant to the Northeast Invasive Plant Committee.

REPORTS:

- RA-1 April 2008 monthly Building Permit Report.

**PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT
Wildlife Committee Meeting Minutes**

MA-1

DATE: Tuesday, April 1, 2008

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: Regional District Offices, Dawson Creek, BC

PRESENT: Karen Goodings, Chair, Peace River Regional District
Director Tim Caton, Electoral Area 'E'
Dale Gross, Ministry of Forests and Range
Ross Green, Ministry of Forests and Range
Julie Robinson, Ministry of Agriculture and Lands
Mark Phinney, District Biologist, Louisiana Pacific Resources
Darryl Kroeker, Ducks Unlimited Canada
Kari Bondaroff, Ministry of Agriculture and Lands
Doug Summer, Upper Cache Cattlemen's Association
Sam Roberts, Goodlow, BC
Verne Goodings, Cecil Lake, BC
Rick Kantz, Peace River Forage Association and BC Grain Producers
Darrell Peterson, PR Regional Stockmen's and SP River Stockmen's
Pat Enderlin, Hudson's Hope, BC
Irmi Critcher, BC Grain Producers, 1:00 pm
Rick Mayor, BC Wildlife Federation, 1:00 pm
Burnem Grant, Pouce Coupe, BC, 1:10 pm
Vic Wilms, Peace Region Forage Seed Association, 1:15 pm
Suzanne Garrett, Information Services

Guests

Jeff Ginter, Conservation Officer
Nick Baccante, Ministry of Environment, Fish and Wildlife
Jeff Morgan, Ministry of Environment, Fish and Wildlife, 11:10 am
Brian Baehr, AEI Coordinator, BC Agriculture Council, 11:10 am
Ron Storie, Manager of Community Services, 3:05 pm
Trish Morgan, Community Services Coordinator, 3:05 pm

- 1) Call to Order Chair Goodings called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
- 2) Adoption of the Agenda MOVED by Doug Summer, SECONDED by Tim Caton, that the Wildlife Committee Agenda for the April 1, 2008 meeting including New Business and additional items for the agenda, be adopted as amended. CARRIED.

Minutes

- M-1 Wildlife Committee Meeting Minutes of April 24, 2007
M-2 BC Agriculture Wildlife Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of October 23, 2007
M-3 BC Agriculture Wildlife Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of February 21, 2008

Correspondence:

- C-1 March 4, 2008 letter of appreciation to Mr. Blair Lekstrom regarding the BC Agriculture Plan.
C-2 February 8, 2008 letter to the Honourable Gordon Campbell regarding the Peace River Wildlife Compensation Program.

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2) Adoption of the
Agenda (continued)

- C-3 May 28, 2007 letter from the Office of the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food regarding wildlife compensation pilot programs. **Referred from the Regional Board with the following recommendation:** "Refer to the Wildlife Committee to discuss and forward a letter to Mr. Patterson voicing concerns that present compensation programs do not meet the need of compensation for the loss of produce post-harvest."
- C-4 May 4, 2007 letter from the Honourable Pat Bell, Minister of Agriculture and Lands, regarding economic impacts to livestock producers.
- C-5 March 12, 2008 letter from the Honourable Pat Bell, Minister of Agriculture and Lands regarding wildlife damage compensation program.
- C-6 March 17, 2008 letter from Cait Nelson, Wildlife Health Program, Ministry of Environment regarding funding support for the Chronic Wasting Disease Program (Peace Region). **(Please refer to R-8)**

Reports:

- 10:20 a.m. R-1 Bison at Large by Julie Robinson, Ministry of Agriculture
10:30 a.m. R-2 Update on SDM Decision Making process - Elk and White Tail Deer by Conrad, Ministry of Environment
11:00 a.m. R-3 Hunting regulations and agriculture zones - Upper Halfway and Pink Mountain, by Conrad, Ministry of Environment
11:30 a.m. R-4 Peace River Enfranchisement Program update by Jeff Morgan
12:45 p.m. R-5 Update on Pilot Projects and BCAC Wildlife Initiatives Funding Status by Brian Baehr, AEI Coordinator, BC Agriculture Council
1:10 p.m. R-6 Provincial Agriculture Zone Wildlife Program (PAZWP) update by Jeff Morgan and Rick Kantz
1:30 p.m. R-7 Compensation Program priorities by Julie Robinson, Ministry of Agriculture
R-8 Update on Chronic Wasting Disease by Tim Caton

Question and Answer Session

New Business:

- NB-1 Carcass Disposal - Terms of Reference

Diary:

MINUTES:

3) M-1
Wildlife Committee
Meeting Minutes of
April 24, 2007

MOVED by Tim Caton, SECONDED by Rick Kantz,
that Wildlife Committee Meeting Minutes of April 24, 2007 be adopted,
as amended.

Page 3, Item 5 - sixth bullet from the bottom - change to read as follows:
"open season for doe / cow, buck deer, and bull elk"

CARRIED.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

4) M-3
BC Ag/Wildlife
Advisory Cmte.
Mtg. Min. of Feb. 21/08

On page 2 of the BC Agriculture Wildlife Advisory Committee meeting minutes it was noted BV Lands Consulting and Northern Rockies Environmental has been contracted to examine a program for losses to forage crops by wild ungulates, not Todd Bondaroff. Chair Goodings noted that she will request an amendment to these minutes. Ms. Robinson will forward a copy of the "Raptor Program" to Mr. Kroeker.

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CORRESPONDENCE:

5) C-6 re: CWD
and R-8 update on
CWD

Director Caton attended a meeting held on March 12, 2008 in Fort St. John regarding Chronic Wasting Disease. Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) is a fatal disease of the central nervous system found in mule deer, white-tailed deer, elk and moose. CWD is of increasing importance because it affects provincial, national and international trade as well as the health of ungulates. Transmission of the disease is not completely understood, experimental and circumstantial evidence suggests that the disease is transmitted by animal-to-animal contact and contamination of the environment, feed or water sources with saliva, urine or feces.

Ms. Cait Nelson, Wildlife Health Program, Ministry of Environment has forwarded a request for funding support for the BC Chronic Wasting Disease Program. This program is led by the Provincial Wildlife Health Program of the Ministry of Environment. Its objectives include surveillance for and actions to prevent the entry of CWD into BC. Prevention has proven to be the most effective management tool for CWD. Community support is necessary to help reduce the risk of exposing BC wildlife to CWD. Financial support is being requested from the Regional District to develop and launch a CWD Community Outreach and Education Project in the Peace Region. The project would incorporate educational displays and presentations at up coming trade shows, road signage and informational packages for selected outdoor recreation magazines.

It was suggested that this could be an agenda item for the upcoming Inter-Provincial / Inter-Municipal meeting scheduled for April in Spirit River. Would the Ministry of Environment be available to do a presentation? Need to work at the local level to educate and increase awareness. Funding request options would assist in the development of a DVD presentation for use at the community level, or erect signage at BC / Alberta border - keep BC risk down - prevention is more important.

It was felt that the Wildlife Committee, in principle, would support the pursuit of a public awareness program partnership for Chronic Wasting Disease across Canada.

6) R-1 re:
Bison at Large

The Ministry of Agriculture and Lands has been working on a protocol to deal with the "bison at large" situation. Several procedures have been put in place and a level of commitment from the Ministry of Agriculture and Lands and the Ministry of Environment is being made locally to deal with these situations in a timely manner.

7) R-2
re: SDM

Update on SDM Decision Making process - Elk and White Tail Deer
Mr. Baccante noted that:

- there will be a one month extension to the deer season (doe / buck) with a limit of three
 - elk season extended with a reduction of 6 points down to 3 points within newly formed agriculture zones - will be forwarded to Victoria for approval
- Mr. Baccante will provide a copy of the new regulations.

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REPORTS:

7) R-2 re:
SDM (continued)

It was noted that Producers do not feel hunting is the only way to resolve issues, i.e. ungulate populations.

Discussion ensued regarding ungulate inventory:

- It was felt that reports of 500 elk at every farm was not realistic as elk populations are very mobile
- farming practices, i.e. stackyards, put up more fences - everyone agrees that hunting is only one solution. There is a need for balance i.e. farming practices, weather, predators, etc. Once the ungulate count has been tabulated it will give everyone a better idea of the actual numbers in the areas targeted.
- need to give the revised hunting seasons an opportunity to work, only then can a true evaluation take place to ascertain if there was an effect on the populations
- continue to foster stewardship
- monitor populations i.e. every three years to determine trends

Mr. Caton thanked the Ministry for conducting the inventory count. It was noted that producer's best management practices are hindered/futile when 30 to 50 head of elk move into alfalfa fields, as elk just push their way through fences.

It was noted that the Committee does appreciate the efforts of the Ministry of Environment. The Committee has been working for over 10 years in an attempt to get the Province to recognize depredation costs and viable solutions.

8) Recess

The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:00 p.m.

9) Reconvene

The meeting reconvened at 12:45 p.m.

10) R-3
re: hunting
regulations and
agriculture zones

Hunting regulations and agriculture zones - Upper Halfway and Pink Mountain Chair Goodings inquired if Upper Halfway and Pink Mountain were included in the Agricultural Zone. There is a real need within this area as the elk population is large. Mr. Baccante advised that both areas were within the 2 kilometre area and would apply for the extended seasons. It was noted that the Ministry of Agriculture and Lands have expanded the compensation program to this zone (Upper Halfway and Pink Mountain), they are separate but related. Need time to evaluate, go with framework and evaluate how the programs / regulations work over a period of time.

11) R-5 re:
BC Agriculture
Council Update

Mr. Brian Baehr, BC Agriculture Council was in attendance to provide members with an update on Pilot Projects and the BCAC Wildlife Initiatives funding status.

Mr. Baehr noted that the new Agriculture Policy Framework agreement, in the amount of \$2.5 million, has not been signed off yet. Programs under the old Agriculture Policy Framework will need to be completed. The new Framework is similar to the last one with some emphasis on wildlife.

Reports:

11) R-5
BC Agriculture
Council Update

Chair Goodings inquired on the status of Environmental Farm Planning. Mr. Baehr advised that Environmental Farm Plans will be continued. There will be an announcement regarding partnerships. Process to apply - framework to be decided on through agriculture groups.

Members were advised that Ms. Critcher has resigned from the BC Agriculture Council AEPI - Management Committee and the Environmental Farm Planning Working Group. Ms. Critcher has put her name forward to the Investment Agriculture foundation where she will be replacing Garnet Berge, if her nomination is accepted. Mrs. Margaret Leuenberger's name has been forwarded to the BC Agriculture Council (BCAC) as a replacement for Mrs. Critcher on the AEPI and EFP Working Group, pending acceptance by the BC Agriculture Council. It was felt that there is a need to come up with a form of communication - to get information out to various producer groups. It was suggested that meetings, similar to the Wildlife Committee, could be held - no other region in the Province has this type of venue. Lots of projects / ideas going on out there that producer groups need to understand and focus on. Partnership Committee has a broad representation - last June focus was on wildlife / agriculture issues - found solutions and direct results - resulting in compensation funding program.

12) R-4
re: PREP

Mr. Jeff Morgan, Ministry of Environment provided members with an update on the Peace River Enfranchisement Program (PREP). The handout is attached and forms part of these minutes.

13) R-6 re:
(PAZWP)

Provincial Agriculture Zone Wildlife Program (PAZWP) update by Jeff Morgan and Rick Kantz. The handout is attached and forms part of these minutes. Mr. Morgan did note that programs being built need to be strengthened. Any suggestions and ideas to the program would be welcome.

14) R-7 re:
Compensation
Program

Compensation Program priorities by Julie Robinson, Ministry of Agriculture and Lands. Federal funds have been committed for the continuance of the Agriculture Policy Framework under the Growing Forward Initiative, in the amount of \$10 million, with \$4 million earmarked for wildlife compensation packages. Details of the three year program are still being determined, i.e. eligibility, types of forage, etc. Many of the details relate specifically to the first year 2008, (interim program). Commodity details will be amended for the 2009 program.

Points:

- program to be adjudicated under Business Risk Management Committee, which has a very specific mandate
- forage eligible compensation April start
- compensation for wildlife damage as defined by Act
- waterfowl not on the list for forage 2008
- grain excreta cleaning for 2008, no coverage for pasture
- producers will be required to call in at least 7 days prior to adjudication
- producers will need to install one cage per field "a meter square" to ensure an accurate claim
- need farm status classification from BC Assessment
- only first cut is eligible - 2008 forage
- producers must be willing to reduce depredation by using approved mitigation methods, which are being drafted.
- adjustments will be done while the crop is standing (prior to cutting)

Reports: (continued)

14) R-7 re:
compensation
program (continued)

- producer must take adjuster out to field
- only 80% of losses will be reimbursed, this is a federal stipulation for cost sharing, BC could pay 100% of damages up to \$4 million, but 80% of \$10 million is a much larger slice of the pie.

Concerns expressed:

- Ministry of Agriculture is re-inventing the wheel
- use Alberta compensation program - it would fit nicely for grain as it is already established and working (it should be noted that Alberta recommended that BC not adopt the Alberta program as they have concerns - part of which is the ungulate portion is not federally funded, due to some structural issues with how damage is measured).
- program needs to be expanded
- producers should be eligible and paid on 100% of losses
- lots of work still needs to be done
- only an interim program, evaluating system to be put in place to assess losses

NEW BUSINESS:

15) Carcass
Disposal TOR

Mr. Ron Storie, Manager of Community Services and Mrs. Trish Morgan, Community Services Coordinator were in attendance to provide members with information and a draft copy of the Carcass Disposal Terms of Reference. Funding is being provided from the Union of BC Municipalities to develop a Carcass Disposal Plan to guide the Regional District in response to dealing with mass animal carcasses generated in an emergency i.e. avian botulism, hoof and mouth. The Plan will be designed to enhance the region's capacity to recover a mass animal carcass emergency and reduce the impact on the local agriculture industry. The Regional District is looking for representatives from producer groups to participate on the Committee.

16) Items for
Information

MOVED by Mark Phinney, SECONDED by Rick Mayor,
that the following items be received for information:

1. July 13, 2007 letter from the Honourable Barry Penner, Minister of Environment regarding ungulate management in the Peace Region.
2. June 29, 2007 letter to the Wildlife Act Review Project regarding comments to the "Wildlife Act Review."
3. May 18, 2007 letter to the Honourable Barry Penner, Minister of Environment regarding ungulate reduction programs.
4. May 14, 2008 letter to Premier Gordon Campbell, regarding enhanced support for agriculture in the BC Peace region.
5. May 1, 2007 letter from the Honourable Pat Bell, Minister of Agriculture and Lands, to Mr. Rick Kantz, President, Peace River Forage Association regarding economic impacts to livestock producers.
6. April 18, 2007 letter from the Honourable Barry Penner, Minister of Environment, to Mrs. Irmgard Critcher, President, BC Grain Producers Association, regarding wildlife and agricultural conflicts in the Peace Region.
7. April 11, 2007 letter to the Honourable Chuck Strahl, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada; and the Honourable Pat Bell, Minister of Agriculture and Lands, regarding Wildlife Damage Compensation - Pilot Programs

New Business: (continued)

16) Items for
Information
(continued)

8. Predator Loss Program report by John Wilson, BC Cattlemen's Association
9. March 11, 2008 report from Chair Karen Goodings regarding results from the February Provincial Wildlife Meeting held in Penticton.
10. November 23, 2007 report from Chair Karen Goodings regarding October 23, 2007 Provincial Agriculture Wildlife Advisory Committee meeting.
CARRIED.

Mr. Phinney inquired if there was a progress/final report available regarding Item 8 "Predator Loss Program." It was noted that the Predator Committee Program evaluation is being undertaken with a report available by May. Continued funding for this program will be decided at the June Agriculture Environment Initiative (AEI) meeting.

17) Adjournment

MOVED by Julie Robinson, SECONDED by Irmi Critcher,
that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Karen Goodings, Chair

S. Garrett, Information Services

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PRRD Update on the Peace River Enfranchisement Pilot and the Provincial Agriculture Zone Wildlife Program

April 1st, 2008

Jeff Morgan
Fish and Wildlife Branch, MOE
jeff.morgan@gov.bc.ca

1. The Peace River Landowner Enfranchisement Pilot

Actions:

- Separate PREP sub-projects, initiated in 2006, continued to measure forage and grain and oilseed losses in 2007,
- The Hunter Management Sub-project was initiated in 2007.
- Participating landowners received flat rate payments for providing hunter access (\$2400/1/4 section in cultivation or \$15/acre). Payments were not made for the uncultivated lands that fell within the program,
- In return landowner participants cooperated with a hunting coordination scheduling system,
- The Hunter Management Sub-project hired a pilot coordinator (Aspen Grove Property Management Services), 2 landowner liaisons and a hunt coordinator.
- Landowner agreements & maps and the hunter reservation/sign-up system were developed. Hunters signed hunter agreements (logistical, ethical, liability, survey participation components), reported in with landowners (when required) and displayed dashboard cards,
- Two BC Conservation Corps students were employed in 07/08 (crop loss assessor, hunt coordinator),
- Regional MoE used Multi-Stakeholder Structured Decision Making Processes (SDM) to inform mule deer (2007), and elk and white-tailed deer (2008) harvest strategies and hunting seasons and the creation of a regional Agriculture Zone upon which to base harvest regulations,
- Regional MoE has undertaken comprehensive Agriculture Zone wildlife population assessment in the late winters of 2006 (mule deer), 2007 (w.t.d.) and 2008 (mule, w.t.d. and elk) in order to inform wildlife management decisions. \$80K was spent in 2008 alone,
- Regional MoE initiated a multi-stakeholder Christmas Mule Count in early 2008. This system should provide trend information which will be particularly valuable in years between aerial assessments,
- In 2007, two general pilot areas for the Hunting Coordination Sub-project were selected; Cecil Lake with a mule deer focus and Tom's Lake/Tupper with an elk focus,
- Nine landowners were signed up for the project and they offered 7,561 acres for hunting opportunities. And seven hunt areas were created,

- All hunt areas offered elk, white-tailed deer, mule deer, black bear and small game hunting opportunities-seasons permitting,
- A reverse phone in system was also established to test alternate methods for hunter coordination. Its uptake was low—most probably due to a lack of communication,
- Hunter and landowner questionnaires were sent out to gain information for all participants.

Outcomes:

- 130 hunters participated and enjoyed 329 hunter days,
- Survey response indicates a 50% harvest success rate (n=74),
- Harvest breakdown by species/class was; antlered w.t.d. 14%, antlerless mule deer 62%, antlerless elk 16%, antlered elk 5%, moose 3%,
- Preliminary survey data indicates that participating hunters and landowners were generally very satisfied with the program and positive landowner/hunter relations are reported,
- Approximately \$32,000 were paid out in compensation payments to landowners,
- Total Hunt Coordination Sub-project expenditures for 2008 were approximately \$95K. The initial costs are high as they involve the development of hunt coordination products. This cost does not include population assessment expenditures.

2. The Provincial Agriculture Zone Wildlife Program (PAZWP)

A signal from MOE that it recognises the ALR as a special zone with specific objectives and opportunities and that it will increased it focus on proactive wildlife management solutions

A collaborative interagency Provincial Agricultural Zone Wildlife Program has been approved to decrease wildlife related agricultural impacts, increase hunting opportunities and promote private land stewardship. The PAZWP will allow Government to 1) establish and work cooperatively toward economic, ecological and social objectives within the ALR, 2) leverage federal funding (Federal-Provincial-Territorial Framework Agreement on Agriculture), and 3) effectively coordinate resources with other organizations in order to optimize returns to society.

Coordination will be achieved through committees that are mandated to promote stewardship and integrate all prevention, mitigation and compensation strategies for agriculture/wildlife conflict.

MoE's authority to manage wildlife will be coordinated and balanced with MAL's (Business Risk Management Branch) authority and ability to assess crop damage and provide compensation to producers.

MoE's wildlife managers will establish population targets and develop harvest strategies for agricultural settings based on the objectives of all sectors.

Government will coordinate resources across ministries at provincial and regional levels and develop financial partnerships with other organizations such as the BC Agriculture Council which delivers the Environmental Farm Plan and the Agriculture Environment and Wildlife Fund.

Specifically the MoE PAZWP will:

- Fund regional MoE positions (agriculture wildlife specialists) that will act as point people to coordinate and contribute toward the management of wildlife populations in agricultural settings,
- develop provincial and regional agriculture zone harvest strategies,
- conduct regular wildlife population assessments,
- assimilate and respond to crop loss assessment information provided by MAL,
- develop and oversee private land hunting coordination programs,
- develop an agriculture zone hunting license system to promote agriculture zone hunting and increase revenues,
- develop provincial policies and MOUs for issues such as the issuance of wildlife kill permits, escaped buffalo etc.
- collaborate with the Conservation Officer Service in the development of a private land compliance and enforcement strategy,
- collaborate with MAL in the development of a public education and awareness strategy designed to encourage hunting in the ALR and to pre-empt hunting closure bylaws, and
- develop partnerships with other organizations (e.g. BCAC, ICBC, MOT) and funding sources to effectively lever resources and pursue the stewardship of all environmental resources including; fish and wildlife habitats, water, biodiversity and public recreation opportunities.

The PAZWP will enable the creation of regional agriculture/wildlife committees throughout the province. These committees would help to coordinate of all prevention, mitigation and compensation strategies which would lead to comprehensive and effective wildlife conflict reduction strategies. Within this setting hunting would be promoted as an effective “win-win” wildlife management tool and an agricultural zone hunting license system would be developed to increase hunting license revenues.

In implementing the PAZWP, MOE will recognise the mandated communication, consultation and coordination roles of the BC Partnership Committee on Agriculture and the Environment and its subsidiary, the BC Agriculture Wildlife Advisory Committee.

The PAZWP Technical Working Group was created to address technical issues such as agriculture zone specific hunting licenses.

MA-1

An expenditure of \$300, 000 was approved for 07/08. 50K went to EKLEP. 50K went to PREP. \$200K is going to wildlife Population assessment and to a preliminary MOE workshop on the PAZWP.

The budget for 2008/09 is \$600K and it will enable the hiring of three agriculture/wildlife specialist positions which will be strategically located throughout the province. One will be placed in the Peace.



PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

MA-2

Solid Waste Committee Meeting Minutes

DATE: Wednesday, April 9, 2008
TIME: 3:30 p.m.
PLACE: Regional District offices, 9912 - 106th Avenue, Fort St. John, BC
PRESENT: Director Larry Houley, Electoral Area 'C', Committee Chair
Director Jim Eglinski, City of Fort St. John
Director Tim Caton, Electoral Area 'E'

Guests

Doug Hollenbeck, Versus Goliath, Project Solutions Inc., Calgary, Alberta
Ben van Nostrand, Ministry of Environment, Prince George, BC

Staff

Fred Banham, Chief Administrative Officer
Shannon Anderson, General Manager of Environmental Services
Suzanne Garrett, Information Services

- 1) Call to Order: Director Houley called the meeting to order at 3:25 p.m.
2) Adoption of the Agenda: MOVED by Director Eglinski, SECONDED by Director Caton, that the Solid Waste Committee Meeting agenda for the April 9, 2008 meeting, including Directors' New Business and Additional Items for the agenda, be adopted as amended.

CARRIED.

Minutes:

M-1 Solid Waste Committee Meeting Minutes of February 28, 2008

Business Arising from the Minutes:

Delegation:

D-1 Versus Goliath Project Solutions Inc.

Reports:

- R-1 Update on the Groundwater and Surface Water Landfill Monitoring Request for Proposals
R-2 April 4, 2008 report from Shannon Anderson, General Manager of Environmental Services regarding the Dawson Creek Transfer Station Site Attendant contract award.

New Business:

NB-1 Draft "Solid Waste Accounts Receivable Policy"

MINUTES:

- 3) M-1 SWC Mtg. Min. of Feb. 28, 2008: MOVED by Director Caton, SECONDED by Director Eglinski, that Solid Waste Committee Meeting Minutes of February 28, 2008 be adopted. CARRIED.

DELEGATION:

- 4) D-1 re: Versus Goliath Project: Mr. Doug Hollenbeck, Versus Goliath Project Solutions Inc. was in attendance to provide the Committee with an overview of the companies operations.

Delegation: (continued)

4) D-1

(continued)

The Company was established to provide greenhouse gas (GHG) related research, analysis and document preparation services to government, brokers and private enterprises in order to maximize the environmental and financial performance of GHG reduction projects. Risk assessment and reduction, credit buyers, potential projects, investors and technology suppliers are some of the services offered by Versus Goliath. The company was formed in 2005 to respond to emerging markets (greenhouse gas reduction). It was noted that the value of carbons changes the market dynamics and redefines financial and technological models of urban solid waste. Versus utilizes the Kyoto protocols when developing projects for maximum returns.

Versus is looking for investment projects/programs. They have expressed an interest in investigating installation of gas collection systems for Regional District landfills. An assessment would be undertaken to quantify GHG capture and possible returns, i.e. development of waste to energy efficiency projects. If a project is feasible sources of purchasing (sell GHG) or generating locally recognized offset and reduction instruments - use GHG in other facilities - waste to energy cogeneration would be identified.

Discussion ensued regarding a draft Ministry of Environment regulation that is proposing the capture of GHG emissions at landfills accepting 10,000 tonnes, or more, annually. It was felt that the infrastructure required to offset GHG, in smaller landfills, would not be economically viable. Concern was expressed that if the Province mandates this legislation it will be very detrimental to smaller municipalities / regional district due to the infrastructure costs. Utilizing a company similar to Versus Goliath would provide an opportunity for some cash recovery projects for the smaller landfills.

Chair Houley thanked Mr. Hollenbeck for his presentation.

Mr. Hollenbeck left the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

REPORTS:

5) R-1

Groundwater
and surfacewater
monitoring

Mr. Anderson advised members that a Request for Proposal for the supply of services to continue a groundwater and surface water sampling program at landfill sites, both operational and closed, was issued, with a submission deadline of April 2, 2008. The five submitted proposals were forwarded to Earth Tech for evaluation. SLR Consulting (Canada) Ltd., formerly Seacor Environmental, was determined as the best candidate. Mr. Anderson advised that Seacor has performed the landfill water monitoring program satisfactorily for the last 5 years.

MOVED by Director Eglinski, SECONDED by Director Caton, that the Solid Waste Committee recommend to the Regional Board that the Groundwater and Surface Water Sampling Program Contract at Regional District landfills, both operational and closed, be awarded to SLR Consulting (Canada) Ltd., Grande Prairie, Alberta for an annual amount of \$52,415.00.

CARRIED.

6) R-2 re:

DC Transfer
Station Site
Attendant

Mr. Anderson advised that tenders were requested to supply the services of site attendant, for a three year period, at the Dawson Creek Transfer Station. One tender was received, which meets all specified requirements. The monthly amount has not increased significantly and is within the solid waste budget.

Reports: (continued)

6) R-2
(continued) MOVED by Director Caton, SECONDED by Director Eglinski,
That the Solid Waste Committee recommend to the Regional Board that the Dawson Creek Transfer Station Site Attendant Contract be awarded to Complete Environmental Inc., Fort St. John, BC, for a monthly amount of:

Year One	\$4,987.50	including GST
Year Two	\$5,137.65	including GST
Year Three	\$5,292.00	including GST

CARRIED.

It was noted that the current contractor, Complete Environmental Inc., has carried out the Site Attendant services for the last year.

Mr. Anderson noted that a Performance Bond, in the amount of \$10,000, was included as a requirement for both contracts.

7) NB-1 re:
draft "SW
Accounts
Receivable
Policy"

It was noted that the solid waste function is extremely large and is based on a high amount of commercial accounts that charge their landfill activities. In the past the Regional District has followed "past practices" that sometimes raise concerns when trying to follow through on collection of an account. Consequently the Finance Department has draft two policies for review by the Committee.

Overdue Accounts

The Peace River Regional District's policy on overdue landfill accounts is:

- 30 to 60 days: account holder notified of overdue account and policy;
- 60 to 90 days: account holder notified that payment must be received before account becomes 90 days overdue to avoid account being placed on hold and denied access to all landfills of all account associated vehicles; and
- Over 90 days: account place on hold immediately and access denies to all Peace River Regional District landfills until account is paid in full.

It was noted that the Regional District has an excellent credit check process. Members felt that it is standard practice to allow 30 days to provide payment on account. However it was observed that landfill accounts are downloaded from the computer at the end of the month resulting in billing going out in the middle of the next month. Could outstanding accounts be requested to pay within 45 days? It was suggested that overdue accounts become COD after 30 days.

MOVED by Director Caton, SECONDED by Director Eglinski,
That the Solid Waste Committee recommend to the Regional Board that the following policy be adopted:

The Peace River Regional District's policy on overdue landfill accounts is:

- 30 to 45 days: account holder notified of overdue account and policy;
- 45 to 60 days: account holder notified that payment must be received before account becomes 60 days overdue to avoid account automatically becoming Cash on Delivery (COD).

CARRIED.

New Business: (continued)

7) NB-1
(continued)

Runaway Fee

The Peace River Regional District's policy regarding vehicles that leave landfills without paying is to obtain ownership of the vehicle via the license plate that was recorded upon entering the landfill and to invoice the owner of the vehicle the "runaway" fee of one hundred dollars (\$100.00). The vehicle will be denied access until the fee is paid in full.

RUNAWAY MEANS A VEHICLE THAT LEAVES THE LANDFILL WITHOUT PAYING OR A VEHICLE THAT DOES NOT HAVE THE FUNDS TO PAY AND AN ARRANGEMENT IS MADE WITH THE ATTENDANT TO RETURN TO PAY BUT DOES NOT PAY THE FEE WITHIN 24 HOURS.

Committee members felt that proper signage must be installed at landfills to advise the general public that a runaway fee will apply and that all vehicle license plates are recorded prior to landfill entry.

MOVED by Director Eglinski, SECONDED by Director Caton,
That the Solid Waste Committee recommend to the Regional Board that the following policy be adopted:

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CARRIED.

MOVED by Director Eglinski, SECONDED by Director Caton,

- a) that staff be authorized to install signage at landfills advising the general public that license plate numbers are recorded upon entering the landfill;
- b) and that a runaway fee of \$100 will be charged.

CARRIED.

8) Committee
Report

MOVED by Director Caton, SECONDED by Director Eglinski,
that the recommendations from the Solid Waste Committee Meeting of April 9,
2008 be recommended to the Regional Board for approval.

CARRIED.

9) Adjournment

MOVED by Director Caton, SECONDED by Director Eglinski,
that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT
RURAL BUDGETS ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

DATE: April 16, 2008
TIME: 10:00 a.m.
PLACE: Peace River Regional District, Dawson Creek, BC

PRESENT:

Directors

Director Karen Goodings, Electoral Area 'B', Meeting Chair
Director Wayne Hiebert, Electoral Area 'D'
Director Tim Caton, Electoral Area 'E' (by telephone)

Absent

Larry Houley, Electoral Area 'C' Director

Staff

Fred Banham, Chief Administrative Officer
Faye Salisbury, Corporate Officer
Kim Frech, Chief Financial Officer
Bruce Simard, General Manager of Development Services (for Item D-1)
Diana Mitchell, Recording Secretary

- 1) Call to Order: The Chair called the meeting to order at 11:25
- 2) Vary Agenda: MOVED by Director Caton, SECONDED by Director Hiebert,
that the agenda be varied to deal with item D-1 at this time.

CARRIED.

DELEGATIONS:

- 3) D-1
Fish Creek Trail Initiative
- Mr. Scott Fraser, Regional Planner, Ministry of Environment, provided information on the Fish Creek Trail Initiative – a proposed, approximate 14 kilometre trail between Fort St. John and Charlie Lake. The trail will be restricted to foot traffic and bicycles – no horses or motors. The initial response has been positive – it will add to the value of individual properties and will be a huge asset to the community. By the middle of May there should be an idea of what could be needed for funding, but at this time, the intention is to convey an awareness of the proposed trail. A question and answer period ensued.

The Chair thanked Mr. Fraser for his presentation.

- 4) Recess The meeting recessed for luncheon at 12:00 noon.
5) Re-call to Order The meeting was re-called to order by the Chair at 12:55 p.m. Bruce Simard, General Manager of Development Services did not return to the afternoon session.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

- 6) Adoption of Agenda **MOVED** by Director Caton, **SECONDED** by Director Hiebert, that the Rural Budgets Administration Committee agenda for the April 16, 2008 meeting, including Directors' new business and additional items for the agenda, be adopted.

MINUTES:

- M-1 Rural Budgets Administration Committee Meeting Minutes of March 20, 2008

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

DELEGATIONS:

- D-1 Scott Fraser, Ministry of Environment
Re: Fish Creek Trail initiative

CORRESPONDENCE:

- C-1 Tupper Community Club Grant Request Application for funds to go toward the purchase of lots to use for parking. *** (Application and Financial Statement to be handed out at the meeting).*
- C-2 *Guiding Principles of Abbeyfield* and thank you letter from Mr. Ben Bergen, Abbeyfield Houses of Fort St. John.
- C-3 April 10, 2008 letters from the BCSPCA requesting funding for services provided to rural residents in Electoral Areas 'D' and 'E'.
(a \$1,500 Area 'D' and a \$1,000 Area 'E' Fair Share Grant was approved in June, 2007)

REPORTS:

- R-1 March 26, 2008 report from Kim Frech regarding proposed change to Electrical Extension Grant Policy.
- R-2 Financial Report as of January, 2008
1) Grants-in-Aid;
2) Fair Share Money Market Fund;
3) BC Rail; and
4) Reserve Balances.

NEW BUSINESS:

- NB-1 Director Caton - Dawson Creek Auction Mart
NB-2 Director Hiebert - Community Wildfire Prevention Program

ADJOURNMENT:

CARRIED.

MINUTES:

7) M-1
March 20, 2008
RBAC Meeting Minutes

MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Caton,
that the Rural Budgets Administration Committee Meeting Minutes of March 20 ,
2008 be adopted.

CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE:

8) C-1
Tupper Community Club
re: funds for the
purchase of lots

MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Caton,
that the Rural Budgets Administration Committee approve a \$15,000 Area 'D' Fair
Share Grant to the Tupper Community Club to go toward the purchase of a new lot
and for reimbursement of funds for the past purchase of four lots which will be used
for parking.

CARRIED.

9) C-3
BC SPCA – South
Peace Branch re:
funding support

MOVED by Director Caton, SECONDED by Director Hiebert,
that the Rural Budgets Administration Committee approve a \$1,500 Electoral Area
'D' and a \$1,000 Electoral Area 'E' Fair Share Grant for a total of \$2,500 payable to
the BC Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, South Peace Branch, for
services provided on behalf of rural residents.

CARRIED.

10) C-4
Electrical Extension
Grant for Howard Moody

MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Caton,
that the Rural Budgets Administration Committee ratify Director Hiebert's approval
of a \$1,927.40 Electoral Area 'D' Fair Share Electrical Extension Grant for Howard
Moody.

CARRIED.

REPORTS:

11) R-1
Electrical Extension
Grant Policy

MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Caton,
that the current Hydro Electrification Fair Share Policy, revised August 16, 2007,
remain in effect as is.

CARRIED.

12) R-2
Financial Report as of
March 2008

- Halfway Graham Community Club: Director Goodings will get in touch with
Valerie Hedges regarding property insurance payment and a funding request for
a furnace.

NEW BUSINESS:

13) NB-1
Dawson Creek Auction
Mart

Director Caton will ask Laura Plambeck, District of Chetwynd, to add Mr. Gus
Connelly's request to access NDI Trust funds for the Dawson Creek Auction Mart
to the April 25, 2008 NDI/NERAC Meeting Agenda.

NEW BUSINESS: continued

14) NB-2
Canadian Wildfire
Prevention Program

Director Hiebert attended a Community Wildfire Prevention Program Meeting at One Island Lake regarding fireproofing residences by spacing of trees, etc. He mentioned that there are individuals who require financial assistance to fire proof their lots and inquired if there was any funding available for this.

It was noted that Prince George, Quesnel, Williams Lake, etc. received Government of Canada funding for costs involved in cutting down Pine Beetle killed trees. Director Goodings will call Jay Hill to see what funding may be available for our area.

ADJOURNMENT:

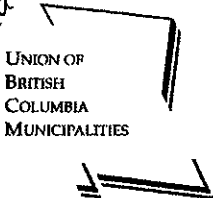
MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Caton,
that the meeting adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Karen Goodings, Meeting Chair

Diana Mitchell, Recording Secretary

*Consent
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Finance*



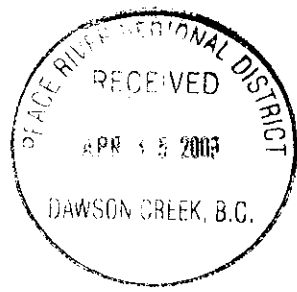
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Chair Goodings and Board,
Peace River Regional District,
Box 810
Dawson Creek, BC, V1G 4H8

RE: 2007 EMERGENCY PLANNING GRANT COMPLETION



Dear Chair Goodings and Board:

For program
information, visit
www.civicnet.bc.ca
under
Programs & Services

Thank you for providing us with reporting on activities undertaken with 2007 Emergency Planning Grant funding. Our review of the materials submitted is now complete.

Local Government
Program Services

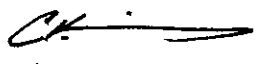
A cheque for the outstanding amount of \$ 2,500.00, representing the final grant payment, will follow.

LGPS Secretariat
Municipal House
545 Superior St
Victoria BC V8V 1T7
Phone: 250 356-5134
Fax: 250 356-5119

Upon review of your report, we have noted that you have not included an updated Community Emergency Program Review (CEPR). We request that you submit your updated CEPR at your earliest convenience.

We congratulate you on your efforts to improve the status of Emergency Planning within the Peace River Regional District.

Sincerely,


for
Sue Clark
Program Officer

pc: Ron Storie, Manager of Community Services

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File: 0280-30
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Fred Banham
Chief Administrative Officer
Regional District of the Peace River
PO Box 810 Stn Main
Dawson Creek BC V1G 4H8

Dear Mr. Banham:

The Ministry of Agriculture and Lands is pleased to provide a grant in the amount of \$55,000 to the Regional District of the Peace River for the 2008/2009 fiscal year.

To protect our Province's valuable land resource, it is important to manage the negative impacts of invasive plants. Coordinated invasive plant programs across jurisdictional boundaries are an integral part of a successful province-wide approach to the management of invasive plants. Your program is recognized as having an important role in the overall invasive plant management network in the Province.

Funding under the Invasive Plant Grant Program is based on the following administrative requirements:

1. Operation of a noxious weed control program in accordance with provisions of the Weed Control Act.

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Thank you for your continued interest and participation in the management of invasive plants, and I wish you a successful season.

Sincerely,



Pat Bell
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Attachments

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Invasive Plant Management Program British Columbia Ministry of Agriculture and Lands

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162 Oriole Road, Kamloops, BC V2C 4N7**

Local and regional invasive plant management programs provide significant value through coordination and cooperation to address the threats and impacts of invasive plants. Your organization is recognized as having an important part in the overall invasive plant management network within the Province. Your report is an opportunity for you to communicate your accomplishments in minimizing invasive plant impacts. In turn, this information assists the Ministry in evaluating and measuring the overall progress of invasive plant management in the Province and ensuring Grant funds are allocated effectively and appropriately. The final report will be available to the public.

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1. Executive summary.
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Total	

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Dennis Meier
Coordinator
Northeast Invasive Plant Committee
PO Box 810
1981 Alaska Ave
Dawson Creek BC V1G 4H8

Dear Mr. Meier:

The Ministry of Agriculture and Lands is pleased to provide a grant in the amount of \$14,000 to the Northeast Invasive Plant Committee for the 2008/2009 fiscal year.

To protect our Province's valuable land resource, it is important to manage the negative impacts of invasive plants. Coordinated invasive plant programs across jurisdictional boundaries are an integral part of a successful province-wide approach to the management of invasive plants. Your program is recognized as having an important role in the overall invasive plant management network in the Province.

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Peace River Regional District
Monthly Building Permit Report for the month of April 2008

		Current Month	
BUILDING INSPECTION AREA		Number of Permits	Value of Permits
Chetwynd vicinity (Portion of Electoral Area 'E')			
S/F Dwelling		1	\$220,780
Dawson Creek vicinity (Area 'D' & portion of Area 'E')			
No permits issued			
Fort St. John vicinity (Areas 'B', 'C' and portion of Area 'E')			
Manufactured Home		1	\$ 9,000
S/F Dwelling		4	\$789,000
Shop / Garage		1	\$ 40,000
Monthly Total		7	\$1,058,780

		Year to Date		
		West Peace	South Peace	North Peace
S/F Dwelling	# of permits	3	3	7
	Value	\$ 614,780	\$ 689,130	\$1,195,360
Manufactured Home	# of permits		1	2
	Value		\$ 1,000	\$10,000
Garage/shop	# of permits			4
	Value			\$ 255,000
Commercial	# of permits			
	Value			
Industrial / Utility	# of permits			
	Value			
Institutional	# of permits			
	Value			
Total Number of Building Permits				20
Year to Date Total				\$2,664,270