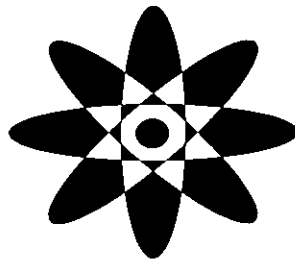


**PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT**

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

**May 22, 2008**



**PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT**

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

**for the May 22, 2008 Board Meeting**

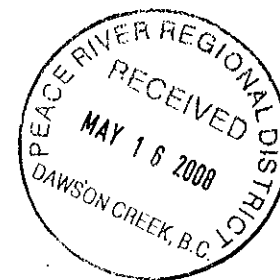
**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- C-23 May 16, 2008 invitation from Deputy Minister Dana Hayden and Vice Chair, Forestry Roundtable Secretariat, to participate in the community meeting of the Working Roundtable on Forestry scheduled for May 23, 2008 in Fort St. John.

**REPORTS:**

- R-20 May 6, 2008 report from Shannon Anderson, General Manager of Environmental Services regarding the 2008 Ministry of Transportation Invasive Plant Program.

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May 16, 2008

Karen Goodings, Chairperson  
Peace River Regional District  
P.O. Box 810  
Dawson, Creck, B.C.  
V1G 4H8

Dear Karen Goodings:

I'm writing to invite your participation at an upcoming community meeting of the Working Roundtable on Forestry and to share your ideas on practical solutions that will lead to a stronger, more vibrant and sustainable forest industry in British Columbia for the future with the Roundtable Chair, Forests and Range Minister Rich Coleman and some members of the Roundtable.

The meeting in Fort St. John will be held:

**Date:** Friday, May 23

**Time:** 1:00 - 3:00

**Location:** Ballroom, Northern Grand Hotel, 9830 - 100<sup>th</sup> Ave., Fort. St. John

As you may be aware, in January 2008, Premier Gordon Campbell announced the Working Roundtable on Forestry. The Roundtable's primary focus will be on identifying conditions for the long-term success of British Columbia's forestry sector within the global marketplace. Considerations will include:

- challenges and opportunities of climate change for B.C. forests.
- remaining competitive in evolving world economies.
- the impact of innovation and technology on forestry.
- changing demographics within an aging workforce.
- issues affecting B.C.'s forests, such as the mountain pine beetle.
- changing social expectations of forests and the forest industry.
- upholding First Nations' rights.
- sustaining B.C.'s world-renowned environmental standards.

We're looking for:

- New and innovative ideas for change

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Forestry Roundtable  
Secretariat

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- Ideas about what needs to happen in your area for a future vibrant forest
- How do these ideas/initiatives fit into the regional and provincial forest context

You are invited to share your thoughts with us at the meeting.

Participants are asked to provide a one-page summary of their ideas 3 days in advance of the meeting. Please confirm your attendance and send your summaries to [donna.hall@gov.bc.ca](mailto:donna.hall@gov.bc.ca) by May 20. All information provided at the community meetings will be made available to the Roundtable members.

Interested members of the public can provide comments to the Working Roundtable via the website [www.for.gov.bc.ca/mof/Forestry\\_Roundtable](http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/mof/Forestry_Roundtable).

We look forward to your participation.

Yours truly,



Dana Hayden  
Deputy Minister and Vice Chair, Forestry Roundtable

Attachment(s): Forestry Roundtable Terms of Reference

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## WORKING ROUNDTABLE ON FORESTRY Terms of Reference

### PURPOSE:

The Working Roundtable will identify key issues and opportunities facing the forest sector in British Columbia, and make recommendations to ensure a strong, vibrant, sustainable forest industry in British Columbia for this generation, and for future generations.

The Working Roundtable will determine conditions necessary for the long term success of the forest sector in the context of global paradigm shifts such as:

- o climate change and the challenges and opportunities it presents for BC's forests
- o changed competitiveness in the face of evolving world economies
- o evolving markets
- o evolving technology
- o changing demographics as the workforce ages
- o issues affecting BC's forest stock such as the pine beetle
- o changing social expectations with respect to forests and the forest industry.

The Working Roundtable members will provide input to, and recommendations for, a forest sector plan that looks forward 5 to 10 years.

Working Roundtable members will not be expected to reach consensus or agreement, nor is the Working Roundtable a decision making body.

### PRINCIPLES

- The softwood lumber agreement will be honoured
- First Nations' rights will be respected
- No subsidies will be provided to industry
- No net deforestation will be proposed
- Government's climate change strategy will be supported
- High environmental standards will be maintained

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## **MEMBERSHIP**

The members of the Working Roundtable have been chosen because of their ability to receive, consider and provide new perspectives and ideas. Working Roundtable members are not intended to represent individual forest sector stakeholders because it would be impossible to have a Working Roundtable of a reasonable size and at the same time represent all forest sector interests.

## **OPERATIONS**

The Working Roundtable will welcome presentations, input and ideas from forest sector representatives, associations and interested individuals.

Working Roundtable members will be asked to review and comment on proposals, questions or issues, and will have the ability to request briefings from forest sector or other experts, commission research and conduct surveys.

The Roundtable will hold meetings in communities around the province. At these meetings local experts, community leaders or others will be contacted to meet with Roundtable members, and roundtable members may undertake field or mill tours.

The Roundtable may visit forest operations in other countries or provinces to learn about forestry practices in other jurisdictions.

A website will be established to provide for public input and provide public information about the Roundtable and forestry in BC.

The Minister of Forests and Range will report to Cabinet quarterly on the progress of the Working Roundtable.



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Peace River Regional District

REPORT

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**To:** Chair and Directors  
**From:** Shannon Anderson, General Manager of Environmental Services  
**Date:** May 6, 2008  
**Re:** 2008 Ministry of Transportation Invasive Plant Program

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Regional Board approve an agreement with the Ministry of Transportation to operate and administer the Ministry of Transportation Invasive Plant Control program within the Regional District, for a budget of \$144,000.

Rationale:

As you may recall, at the request of the Ministry of Transportation (MOT), the Regional District agreed to operate the 2007 Invasive Plant Control Program on their behalf within our region. The final 2007 budget, funded by MOT, was \$160,000.

The Ministry of Transportation is requesting that the Regional District carry out the invasive plant control program for 2008. The Ministry has allocated \$144,000 for the 2008 program, which is a reduction of \$16,000 from 2007.

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Department Head: \_\_\_\_\_

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**PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**Items to be received for information.**

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**PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**for the May 22, 2008 Board Meeting**

**MINUTES:**

- MA-1 Agriculture Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of April 15, 2008.
- MA-2 Electoral Area Directors' Committee Meeting Minutes of April 16, 2008.
- MA-3 Northeast Invasive Plant Committee Meeting Minutes of April 29, 2008

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- CA-1 March / April Municipal Insurance Association of BC's publication *Tidbit Exchange*.
- CA-2 May 1, 2008 update from the UBCM Community Economic Development Committee regarding Recreation Trails Strategy for BC.

**REPORTS:**

- RA-1 May 2008 Monthly Building Permit Report.



PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT  
Agriculture Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes

MA-1

DATE: Tuesday, April 15, 2008

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: Regional District offices, Dawson Creek, BC

PRESENT: Director Wayne Hiebert, Electoral Area 'D', Meeting Co-Chair  
Ruth Veiner, Peace River District Women's Institute, Meeting Co-Chair  
Director Larry Houley, Electoral Area 'C'  
Mayor Calvin Kruk, City of Dawson Creek  
Maurice Fines, North Pine Farmer's Institute  
Jim Collins, (Alternate), North Pine Farmers' Institute  
Jill Copes, Peace River District Women's Institute  
Frank Breault, Member at Large – South Peace  
Katharine Keuth, Member at Large – North Peace  
Judy Madden, Peace River Regional Cattlemen's Association

**Staff**

Bruce Simard, General Manager of Development Services  
Suzanne Garrett, Information Services

1) Call to Order Co-Chair Wayne Hiebert called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:**

2) Adoption of the Agenda **MOVED** by Calvin Kruk, **SECONDED** by Larry Houley, that the Agriculture Advisory Committee Agenda for the April 15, 2008 meeting including New Business and Additional Items for the agenda, be adopted as amended.

CARRIED.

**Minutes**

M-1 Agriculture Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of February 5, 2008

**Correspondence:**

C-1 February 7, 2008 email from Kim Erickson, Ministry of Agriculture and Lands regarding Best Management Practices guidelines for wildlife and habitat preservation.

**New Business:**

- NB-1 Election of Committee Chair
- NB-2 Agriculture Advisory Committee - Terms of Reference and Membership
- NB-3 City of Dawson Creek – Land Use Planning Charrette
- NB-4 North Peace Fringe Area OCP
- NB-5 Settlement nodes
- NB-6 Per Diem
- NB-7 ALC Commissioner for North
- NB-8 Rural Area Roads

**MINUTES:**

3) M-1 Ag. Adv. Cmte. Mtg. Min. of Feb. 5, 2008 **MOVED** by Ruth Veiner, **SECONDED** by Judy Madden, that the Agriculture Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of February 5, 2008 be adopted.

CARRIED.

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**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**

5) M-1, Item #17  
re: farm  
assessment      Members inquired if there was an update report on the "farm status assessment policy" review currently being conducted. Mr. Simard advised that there has been no updates.

6) M-1, Item #11  
re: Delegation  
Agreement      Discussion ensued regarding the Delegation Agreement. Committee members reiterated their concern that the agricultural land base must be protected from residential and industrial development within the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR).

Mr. Simard was asked to provide a comparison on the number of ALR Applications, subdivision and non-farm use, approved by the Regional District but refused by the Agriculture Land Commission.

It was noted that the Regional District is proficient regarding land use consultations with the Committee. The proposed delegation agreement pilot project for Electoral Area 'D' is a good opportunity for the community to work together on issues.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

7) NB-1  
Election of  
Chair      Mr. Simard called for nominations for the office of Chair for 2008.

MOVED by Judy Madden, SECONDED by Maurice Fines,  
that Wayne Hiebert be nominated for the office of Chair for 2008.

Mr. Simard called a second time for nominations for the office of Chair for 2008.

Mr. Simard called a third time for nominations for the office of Chair for 2008.

Mr. Simard declared Wayne Hiebert to be the Chair of the Agriculture Advisory Committee for 2008.

8) NB-2  
Terms of  
Reference

**Terms of Reference**

Mr. Breault noted that Committee meetings should be scheduled for every second month on the third Tuesday and that the Terms of Reference should be provided to any new Committee member.

The Committee felt that if they are going to participate and provide input to the North Peace Fringe Area Official Community Plan that regularly scheduled meetings would be beneficial.

Mr. Simard advised that meetings are not usually scheduled if there is a lack of agenda items.

Mr. Simard noted the following housekeeping revisions to the Terms of Reference:

- under 3. Procedures, 3.3 the word "or" will be added, to read as follows:  
3.3 The Committee may meet every second month on the third Tuesday of the month, and/or at the call of the Committee Chair as necessary, unless there are no agenda items to be reviewed.

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**NEW BUSINESS:** (continued)

8) NB-2  
Terms of  
Reference  
(continued)

- under 3. Procedures, 3.7 "Procedure By-law No. 1517, 2004" will be updated to reflect the current Regional District "Procedure By-law No. 1633, 2006."

Mr. Houley observed that it would be beneficial for Committee members to receive an update on the results of AAC recommendations that have been forwarded to the Regional Board.

Mr. Simard advised that recommendations from the AAC are forwarded to the Regional Board for ratification and direction to act upon that recommendation.

MOVED by Calvin Kruk, SECONDED by Judy Madden,

- a) that the Chair of the Agriculture Advisory Committee report back to the Committee on the status of recommendations forwarded to the Regional Board; and
- b) that the report be distributed electronically between Committee meetings.

CARRIED.

9) NB-3  
City of DC  
Land Use  
Planning  
Charrette

Mr. Kruk advised members that a Land Use Planning Charrette is taking place this afternoon. Since 2005, the City has been progressing towards a shared community vision for a sustainable future. A step within this larger sustainability planning process is a catalyst project for a new neighbourhood development. This project initiative seeks to engage a wide range of community members in a charrette to realize applied sustainable design in the creation of a conceptual site plan for the development of a sustainable community. It is anticipated that the outcome of the process, the plan and eventual development will be used as a guide for broader community planning and development. The area encompasses land south of the 210 Road.

Committee members reiterated the need for proper buffers and that buffers must be the responsibility of the developer(s).

10) NB-4  
NP Fringe Area  
OCP

Regarding the North Peace Fringe Area Official Community Plan, Mr. Breault observed that it is difficult to make informed decisions and would like to see the Committee being afforded an opportunity for a guided tour of the area that the Plan encompasses. It was felt that it would be beneficial for members to actually see the area being discussed.

Mr. Simard advised that the North Peace Fringe Area OCP Advisory Committee (NPFA OCP) will be meeting later this evening. If the AAC would like an open invitation he would formally request the NPFA OCP Advisory Committee if they have any objections to the AAC's participation.

MOVED by Frank Breault, SECONDED by Ruth Veiner, that the Agriculture Advisory Committee forward a formal request to the North Peace Fringe Area Official Community Plan requesting that the Agriculture Advisory Committee be permitted to participate in any tours undertaken in the Plan area to foster a better understanding of the land use issues being discussed by the North Peace Fringe Area Official Community Plan Advisory Committee.

CARRIED.

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**NEW BUSINESS:** (continued)

11) NB-5  
Settlement  
Nodes

It was noted that there are several settlement nodes within the Regional District, i.e. Montney, Baldonnel, Cecil Lake, and Prespatou. Mr. Collins inquired how the Committee felt regarding subdivisions being allowed in proximity to these development areas? It was observed that Cecil Lake needs to be expanded, for example, the Cecil Lake store requires more land. There are no lots left for subdividing. This is not the case in other communities where there are lots left. It was felt that a list of available lots should be made available to the general public.

More development is taking place on prime agricultural land. Only 5% of land in the Province is in the ALR. Continued development erodes and negatively impacts on the amount of land to produce food. It was observed that development also has a social aspect, people move out to the rural area not to farm. Increased population changes the communities social structure – one of the changes is fewer spaces in local schools resulting in children being bussed to urban centres. Construction of senior complexes in the rural area, is it a need or a want – the facility in Prespatou is having difficulty filling its rooms. While these types of facilities are great better planning needs to be addressed – put this energy back into the municipality – find a balance to benefit both urban and rural.

12) Recess:

The meeting recessed for lunch 12:15 p.m.

Mr. Kruk left the meeting at 12:20 p.m.

13) Reconvene:

The meeting reconvened at 12:40 p.m.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

14) NB-6  
Per Diem

Discussion ensued regarding a per diem for Committee members. It was noted that Committee members are paid mileage and lunch is provided.

MOVED by Larry Houley, SECONDED by Maurice Fines, that the Agriculture Advisory Committee recommend to the Regional Board that consideration be given for a per diem rate for members of the Agriculture Advisory Committee.

CARRIED.

15) NB-7  
ALC  
Commissioner

Mrs. Veiner advised members that currently there is no representative from the Peace River Region on the Agriculture Land Commission (ALC). It was noted that farm groups and MLA's are usually requested by the ALC to forward names. There is a process, i.e. an application has to be filled out. It was felt that suggested names should be vetted through each Committee representative organization first.

MOVED by Ruth Veiner, SECONDED by Maurice Fines, that the Agriculture Advisory Committee recommend to the Regional Board that names be put forward to the Agriculture Land Commission for consideration of Commissioner to represent the Peace River Region.

CARRIED.

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**NEW BUSINESS:** (continued)

16) NB-8  
Roads

Roads in the rural areas are in a deplorable state. Main roads are being impacted by industrial usage. This could be addressed, as noted in the Terms of Reference, Section 1.3:

The Agriculture Advisory Committee may also make recommendations on: examining and identifying infrastructure improvements to support agriculture.”

MOVED by Larry Houley, SECONDED by Maurice Fines, that the following items be placed on the Agriculture Advisory Committee meeting agenda scheduled for June 17, 2008:

- a) condition of rural area roads; and
- b) that representatives from the Ministry of Transportation be invited to attend the meeting.

CARRIED

17) Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 17, 2008.

18) Committee  
report

MOVED by Judy Madden, SECONDED by Maurice Fines, that the recommendations from the Agriculture Advisory Committee Meeting of April 15, 2008 be recommended to the Regional Board for approval.

CARRIED

19) Adjournment:

MOVED by Jim Collins, SECONDED by Larry Houley, that the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

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Wayne Hiebert,  
Chair

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Suzanne Garrett,  
Information Services

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PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT  
ELECTORAL AREA DIRECTORS' COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES

MA-2

DATE: April 16, 2008  
TIME: 10 a.m.  
PLACE: Regional District Office Boardroom, Dawson Creek, BC  
PRESENT: **Directors:**  
Director Karen Goodings, Electoral Area 'B' and Meeting Chair  
Director Wayne Hiebert, Electoral Area 'D'  
Director Tim Caton, Electoral Area 'E' (via telephone)  
**Absent:**  
Director Larry Houley, Electoral Area 'C'  
**Staff:**  
Fred Banham, Chief Administrative Officer  
Faye Salisbury, Corporate Officer  
Bruce Simard, General Manager of Development Services  
Barb Coburn, Recording Secretary  
**Guests: (D-1)**  
Bruce White, Surface Land Representative, Encana Corporation  
Sandra Dixon, Surface Land Co-ordinator, Encana Corporation

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

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

2) April 16, 2008  
Agenda **MOVED** by Director Caton, **SECONDED** by Director Hiebert,  
that the Electoral Area Directors' Committee agenda for the April 16, 2008 meeting  
including Additional Items for the agenda, be adopted as amended:  
**Call to Order: Director Goodings to Chair meeting**  
**Adoption of Agenda:**  
**Minutes:**  
M-1 Electoral Area Directors' Committee Meeting Minutes of March 20, 2007  
**Business Arising from the Minutes:**  
**Delegations:**  
D-1 Bruce White, Surface Land Representative, and  
Sandra Dixon, Surface Land Co-ordinator, of Encana Corporation at 10:30 a.m.  
regarding: R-1.  
**Correspondence:**  
**Reports:**  
R-1 March 27, 2008 Report from Jodi MacLean, South Peace Land Use Planner  
regarding ALR Non-farm Use Application No. 40/2008 (Encana and SHARP)  
R-2 April 10, 2008 Report from Fred Banham, Chief Administrative Officer regarding  
Rural Sewerage Systems Study  
**New Business:**  
**Diary:**  
**Adjournment:**

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CARRIED

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3) M-1  
re: EADC Meeting  
minutes of Mar 20/07

MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Caton,  
that the Electoral Area Directors' Committee Meeting Minutes of March 20, 2008 be  
adopted.

CARRIED.

REPORTS

4) R-1  
re: ALR Non-farm Use  
Application No. 40/2008  
(Encana)

The Directors discussed the proposed compressor site and additional activity currently  
taking place on the southwest quarter of Section 21, Township 25, PRD, except Parcel  
A (17352M) and Plan H661 (14813 Little Tomslake Road, Tomslake, BC) while  
waiting for the delegation to arrive. It was pointed out that the site was in contravention  
even before the non-farm use application was submitted and that there will also be a  
need for rezoning of the property. The Directors noted that there are some positive  
activities proposed on the site; such as, using one pad to establish four wells.

There is a well on a neighbouring lot that is under the 450 metre restriction but that  
landowner didn't want any additional construction on his property so Encana  
approached Mr. Klemmer.

5) Vary Agenda

MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Caton,  
that the Agenda be varied to deal with R-2 at this time.

CARRIED.

6) R-2  
re: Rural Sewer Systems  
Study

Mr. Banham advised that he is introducing this subject now in order to be better  
prepared for when the province makes changes to the current requirements for rural  
sewerage systems. He is proposing that a study be made to gather information  
regarding the various types of sewer systems that are available and investigate the  
proposed regulations regarding acceptable systems depending on the landowner's  
property size in order that the Regional District will be better able to advise applicants  
of restrictions and possible costs they may be facing.

The Directors discussed whether the Regional District would be assuming liability by  
producing a document that would assist a proponent in choosing a certain system if that  
system should fail. It was suggested that the Regional District only put together  
information regarding what is available and an outline of the regulations but be careful  
not to recommend or suggest a product or system but to refer them to Northern Health  
for specific information. Mr. Simard advised that Northern Health is recommending  
that the Regional District adopt by-laws regarding mandatory maintenance for the new  
systems and this may be required before they will approve a Type II or III system on  
anything less than four acres.

DELEGATIONS:

7) D-1  
Encana Corporation

Mr. Bruce White, Surface Land Representative, and Ms. Sandra Dixon, Surface Land  
Co-ordinator, of Encana Corporation arrived at 10:40 a.m. Director Goodings  
welcomed the delegates and made introductions. Ms. Dixon briefly explained the  
situation with the proposed construction to take place on the site at Tomslake. There is  
a compressor on the site now, which was built in 2007, and the company has made an  
Agricultural Land Reserve application for the site in order to expand the operation.  
There is another compressor situated north of the subject location and a well site south  
of the site.

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**DELEGATIONS (continued):**

7) D-1 (continued)  
Encana Corporation

Ms. Dixon distributed a site plan that shows more clearly the location and proposed construction, including a new well site for another four wells, access roads and a borrow pit. The borrow pit is planned to be placed on a neighbouring quarter section, to the north but the farmer proposes to use the pit to water cattle once it is abandoned by Encana; therefore, another Agricultural Land Reserve application should not be needed for that site. The Directors expressed a concern regarding runoff into a spring freshet near the site that would eventually make its way to Tate Creek, then into the Pouce River and eventually to the Peace River. Mr. White explained that Encana has environmental and remediation specialists on staff who identify problems and develop remedial options to mitigate harming the environment in any way.

Mr. White explained that the four wells would be used for directional drilling and that only two wells would be drilled to start with, which will take about four months from beginning to operation. Once they are operational, the company would wait about six months, then commence drilling of the next two wells.

It was pointed out to the delegates that the property is zoned A2 Agriculture and, as well as the Agricultural Land Reserve application, the property owner would need to rezone his property to suit the activity currently taking place there now and the future proposed development. Mr. Simard stated that the rezoning and the non-farm use process could take place at the same time.

Chair Goodings thanked the delegation for taking the time to come to the meeting to explain what Encana is doing on the site in Tomslake.

MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Caton,  
that the site plan for the southwest quarter of Section 21, Township 25, PRD, be received.

**CARRIED.**

8) Adjourn to the call of  
the Chair

MOVED by Director Caton, SECONDED by Director Hiebert,  
that the Electoral Area Directors' Committee adjourn to the call of the Chair.

**CARRIED.**

The meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

9) Recall to Order

The Chair recalled the meeting to order at 12:35 p.m.

**REPORTS (CONTINUED)**

10) R-1 (continued)  
re: ALR Non-farm Use  
Application No. 40/2008  
(Encana)

The Directors continued the discussion regarding the non-farm use application from Encana Corporation and that a rezoning application will also be required. It was ascertained that, after listening to the presentation, it made sense to compromise this one small piece of land rather than spread the oil and gas activities across several adjacent properties.

REPORTS (CONTINUED)

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10) R-1 (continued)  
re: ALR Non-farm Use  
Application No. 40/2008  
(Encana)                      MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Caton,  
that the Electoral Area Directors' Committee recommend to the Regional Board that the  
ALR Non-farm Use Application 40/2008 (Encana) be tabled and that the applicant be  
encouraged to amend the application to include all oil and gas related development on  
the subject property that has not been reviewed by the Agricultural Land Commission.  
**CARRIED.**

11) R-2  
re: Rural Sewerage  
Systems Study                      MOVED by Director Caton, SECONDED by Director Hiebert,  
that this report be referred to the next Electoral Area Directors' Committee meeting.  
**CARRIED.**

DIARY

12) Item 1. Sundance  
Lake Rest Stop                      MOVED by Director Caton, SECONDED by Director Hiebert,  
that the following actions be added to Item 1, Sundance Lake Rest Stop:  
- apply for a Free Crown Grant to acquire land;  
- apply through UBCM Community Tourism Program for rest-stop capital  
development costs; and  
- include Sundance Rest Stop operational costs in future Regional Parks function  
budget.  
**CARRIED.**

13) Item 3, Charlie Lake  
Conservation Society                      MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Caton,  
that Item 3, Charlie Lake Conservation Society be removed from the Diary.  
**CARRIED.**

14) Committee Report                      MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Caton,  
that the recommendations from the Electoral Area Directors' Committee Meeting of  
April 16, 2007 be recommended to the Regional Board for approval.  
**CARRIED**

15) Adjournment                      MOVED by Director Caton, SECONDED by Director Hiebert,  
that the meeting adjourn.  
**CARRIED**

The meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

Karen Goodings, Chair

Barb Coburn, Recording Secretary

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**PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT  
NORTHEAST INVASIVE PLANT COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES**

DATE: Tuesday, April 29, 2008

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: Regional District Offices, Dawson Creek, BC

PRESENT: Tim Caton, Electoral Area 'E' Director, Meeting Chair  
Ryan Spillett, Environmental Services Technician, Min. Transportation  
Dennis Meier, Weed Contractor - Regional District  
Manuel Mariotto, IPM Unit, Ministry of Environment, Prince George  
Dan Hanson, Resource Officer, Oil and Gas Commission  
Mohammad Farah, Oil and Gas Commission  
Rod Brooks, Louisiana Pacific Canada Ltd. and Tembec Industries  
Darcy Perrin, City of Dawson Creek  
Gord Gosse, District of Chetwynd  
Julie Robinson, Ministry of Agriculture and Lands, Fort St. John  
Kari Bondaroff, Ministry of Agriculture and Lands, Dawson Creek  
Kerry Clark, Ministry of Agriculture and Lands, Dawson Creek  
Sonja Leverkus, Ministry of Forests and Range, Fort Nelson  
Gaétane Carignan, Ministry of Forests and Range, Dawson Creek  
Bob Drinkwater, Ministry of Forests and Range, Prince George  
Stephanie Haight, Ministry of Forests and Range, Dawson Creek  
Mike Deliman, Spectrum Resource Group Inc.  
Mike Pangman, Spectrum Resource Group Inc.  
Troy Gould, District of Taylor  
Darrell Peterson, Peace River Cattlemen's Association  
Jill Copes, New Invaders Contractor  
Colleen Hughes, Western Canadian Coal Corp.  
Monica Rice, Saulneau First Nations, 10:45 a.m.  
Shannon Anderson, Director of Field Services, Regional District  
Suzanne Garrett, Corporate Services Coordinator

**Guests**

Linda Wilson, Ph.D., P.Ag., Manager, Invasive Plant Management  
Program, Ministry of Agriculture and Lands, Abbotsford, BC  
Denise McLean, Ministry of Agriculture and WIPC Chair  
Andrea Eastham, Northwest Invasive Plant Committee (NWIPC)

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

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:**

2) Adoption of the Agenda **MOVED** by Dennis Meier, **SECONDED** by Jill Copes,  
that the Northeast Invasive Plant Committee Agenda for the April 29,  
2008 meeting including New Business and additional items for the  
agenda, be adopted as amended.

CARRIED.

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**Adoption of the Agenda:** (continued)

**Minutes**

- M-1 Northeast Invasive Plant Committee Meeting Minutes of November 28, 2007
- M-2 Pine Pass Steering Committee Meeting Minutes of January 15, 2008

**Delegation:**

- D-1 Ms. Linda Wilson, Manager, Invasive Plant Management Program, Ministry of Agriculture and Lands regarding Invasive Plant Program.

**Correspondence:**

- C-1 April 8, 2008 email Brian Boyle, Environment Coordinator, BP Canada - Northwest Operations Centre regarding OGC Vegetation control.
- C-2 **Re: Grants**
  - a) April 1, 2008 letter from the Honourable Pat Bell, Minister of Agriculture and Lands; and
  - b) April 1, 2008 letter from the Honourable Pat Bell, Minister of Agriculture and Lands (Pine Pass Project).
- C-3 **Re: Ministry of Transportation - Pine Pass Project**
  - a) March 20, 2008 letter from Regional Board Chair Karen Goodings; and
  - b) February 25, 2008 letter from the Honourable Kevin Falcon, Ministry of Transportation.
- C-4 March 26, 2008 email from Gord Gosse, District of Chetwynd regarding draft Noxious Weed by-law.
- C-5 **Re: Pesticide Free Zones (PFZ)**
  - a) January 7, 2008 letter from Mr. Robert Adams, Administrator, Integrated Pest Management Act, Ministry of Environment; and
  - b) December 2, 2007 letter from Regional Board Chair Karen Goodings.
  - c) April 22, email from Mr. Brian Haddow, P. Ag., Range Resource Agrologist, Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration (PFRA) regarding buffer zones.
- C-6 April 22, 2008 email from Mr. Bob Drinkwater, Invasive Plant Specialist, Ministry of Forests and Range, regarding name change of defined/project areas.

**Reports:**

- R-1 Update report on Fort Nelson Invasive Plant Project by Sonja Leverkus
- R-2 2007 Invasive Plant Report recommendations prepared by Dennis Meier
- R-3 2007 New Invaders Report recommendations prepared by Jill Copes
- R-4 2008 Plan and Profile review and update by Bob Drinkwater and Kerry Clark
- R-5 2006/2007 Pine Pass Invasive Plant Management Report by Bob Drinkwater

**New Business:**

- NB-1 NEIPC Logo

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**MINUTES:**

3) M-1  
NEIPC Meeting  
Minutes of  
Nov. 28, 2007

MOVED by Dennis Meier, SECONDED by Kari Bondaroff,  
that the Northeast Invasive Plant Committee Meeting Minutes of  
November 28, 2007 be adopted.

CARRIED.

4) M-2  
Pine Pass Steering  
Cmte. Mtg. Min.  
of Jan. 15, 2008

MOVED by Mike Deliman, SECONDED by Dennis Meier,  
that the Pine Pass Steering Committee Meeting Minutes of January  
15, 2008 be adopted.

CARRIED.

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**

5) M-1, Item #17  
Pesticide Applicator  
Certification

Members were advised that the Sub-Committee, Dennis Meier, Sonja, Leverkusen, Jill Copes and Andrew Shwetz, were still working on the development of a provincial applicators training program focusing on harmony between BC and Alberta regulations and legislation. Due to the licensing regulation discrepancies between provinces members felt that the sub-committee should pursue revisions to licensing regulations in BC/Alberta first. It was noted that it is easier to have certification from BC transferred to Alberta. Mr. Meier will research possible changes through the Trade, Investment Labour Mobility Agreement (TILMA) - BC and Alberta.

**DELEGATION:**

6) D-1  
re: Invasive Plant  
Program

Ms. Linda Wilson, Manager, Invasive Plant Management Program, Ministry of Agriculture and Lands, Abbotsford, BC was in attendance to update members on the Ministry's new program. The Province, in collaboration with the Federal government is supporting and coordinating national Invasive Plant programs, partnering with Invasive Plant Councils to determine program needs, training and development, etc.

Discussion ensued regarding Hawkweeds and its potential for invading the Peace Region. Members from the Northwest Invasive Plant Council strongly recommended that Hawkweeds be dealt with as soon as possible especially since there are only a few sites in the Peace. Hawkweeds, once established in crop/pasture lands, spread rapidly (16 to 20% per year) and alters soil function - nitrogen cycles. It was suggested that additional funding be applied for from the agriculture fund - may need to match dollars. It was also suggested that more cross Committee communication would be beneficial - request NWIPC to consider time and labour to check on highway and utility corridors, i.e. highway, rail line, pipelines, BCTC - containment line Bijoux to Azouette Lodge. Knapweed has been found at Waterton Park - coming up over Yoho and Jasper, Alberta. Concern was expressed for pastures, Hawkweed is a number 1 priority in the Plan and Profile. It was felt that Hawkweeds should be added to the Provincial list of noxious weeds.

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**Delegation:**

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- 6) D-1  
(continued)
- MOVED by Dennis Meier, SECONDED by Kerry Clark, that the Northeast Invasive Plant Committee recommend to the Regional Board that Orange and Yellow Hawkweed be added to the Weed Control Act - Part II - Regional list of noxious weeds within the boundaries of the Peace River Regional District.

CARRIED.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- 7) C-4  
re: Chetwynd  
draft Noxious  
Weed By-law
- The District of Chetwynd has drafted a by-law relating to the control of noxious weeds by landowners/occupiers within the District of Chetwynd. It was suggested that draft by-law make reference to the NEIPC Plan and Profile and Noxious Weed Control Act.
- 8) C-5 a), b)  
and c) re:  
letter from MOE re:  
PFZ
- A letter was forwarded to the Ministry of Environment requesting the Integrated Pest Management Regulation be amended to include aminopyralid along with the currently specified glyphosate in Section 74. Amending the regulations will increase the effectiveness of invasive plant management while reducing the detrimental impacts of herbicide use. Mr. Adams has responded with a number of concerns.

Members were advised that Mr. Brian Haddow, Range Resource Agrologist, Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration (PFRA) will be attending a Pest Management Regulatory Agency meeting concerning buffer zones and the opportunity to spray within them. The meeting is to arrive at policy concerning Riparian habitat and the priorities to give to various methods to maintain the ecology of the buffer zone.

Discussion points:

- Hawkweed cannot be pulled
- Milestone has low aquatic toxicity - only targets weed not vegetation surrounding the weed
- it was suggested that the Committee request permission to conduct trials, 2 to 10 metre, on selective plants.
- Ms. Wilson advised that the letter to the Ministry of Environment from NEIPC was discussed at a meeting held on March 19, 2008. A letter was to be forwarded to NEIPC requesting more information, i.e. type of species, etc.
- Mr. Anderson advised that the Regional District has not received this letter
- it was suggested that treating species within riparian areas be pursued, spot spray within a 2 meter buffer zone,
- need to take into account soil types/profiles, slope, leaching, make it a condition of the PMP
- impacts are greater if chemical is used versus if it is not, i.e. leafy spurge taking over riparian areas
- the Invasive Plant Council may be able to assist

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**Correspondence:** (continued)

8) C-5  
re: PFZ  
MOVED by Kerry Clark, SECONDED by Darrell Peterson, that a Sub-Committee, comprised of Dennis Meier, Shannon Anderson, and Kerry Clark, be formed to pursue the issue of amending the Pesticide Regulation to utilize aminopyralid along with currently specified glyphosate in Pesticide Free Zones, within proximity to riparian areas.

CARRIED.

9) Recess  
The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:10 p.m.

10) Reconvene  
The meeting reconvened at 12:45 p.m.

11) C-6  
Invasive Plant Management Areas  
Mr. Drinkwater attended the Southern Interior Weed Management Committee meeting in Kamloops where it was suggested that the term "Invasive Plant Management Areas" (IPMA) be used when referring to defined or project areas. The IPMA nomenclature is being used by some of the other Committees, i.e. NWIPC. It was felt that if everyone used the same nomenclature it would make it easier for everyone to understand what and how the areas/projects function. Mr. Drinkwater suggested that the Pine Pass Project and Fort Nelson Project be renamed using IPMA.

MOVED by Bob Drinkwater, SECONDED by Julie Robinson,  
a) that the Northeast Invasive Plant Committee adopt the terminology of "Invasive Plant Management Area"; and  
b) that the Pine Pass Project and Fort Nelson Project be renamed to the "Pine Pass Invasive Plant Management Area" and the "Fort Nelson Invasive Plant Management Area."

CARRIED.

**REPORTS:**

12) R-1  
re: update on FN IMPA  
Sonja Leverkus, Ministry of Forests and Range, Fort Nelson provided members with an oral report on the Fort Nelson Invasive Plant Management Area. Vision, priorities, funding partners are in place. Spectra Energy and EnCana providing "in kind" donations. Weed Awareness Week scheduled for June 9 - 13.

13) R-2  
re: 2007 report by Dennis Meier  
Mr. Meier reviewed the 2007 report with members. Points of interest:  
- cannot spray within proximity of organic farms. This is becoming more of a problem, and mowing not sufficient.  
- it was felt that responsible landowners should be rewarded, i.e. recognition from NEIPC "Attaboy reward"  
- results would be less complaints, keep weeds off property  
- it was felt that it should be reward enough to keep your property clean

Dates need to be confirmed for the Weed identification course, Dawson Creek will host. Mr. Drinkwater will confirm dates.

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Reports: (continued)

14) R-3  
re: 2007 report  
by Jill Copes

Ms. Copes, New Invaders Contractor, reviewed recommendations contained in the final report.

- posters should be implemented at Parks to further public education

Discussion ensued regarding proposed development of Site C as a hydro dam - all equipment should be steam cleaned before leaving the site. Members were advised that work is being conducted upstream and downstream with the collection of baseline data. These areas do contain Oxeye Daisy sites, with the potential of equipment spreading the weed seeds.

MOVED by Jill Copes, SECONDED by Dennis Meier, that the Northeast Invasive Plant Committee recommend to the Regional Board that a letter be forwarded to B.C. Hydro and Power Authority requesting that all equipment involved in any site work at the Site C location be steam cleaned before moving to other areas in the Peace to reduce the potential for invasive plant seeds being spread to other areas.

CARRIED.

Biological control sites were monitored and samples were found at each. Not all the biological release sites were inspected. Members were advised that Mrs. Copes is retiring and will be showing Mr. Meier the biological site locations, with participation from the Ministry of Forests and Range.

15) R-4  
2008 Plan and  
Profile

2008 Plan and Profile review and update by Bob Drinkwater and Kerry Clark.

- move caraway to Category 2
- move Hoary Crest to Category 1
- add Hoary Alyssum to the list
- currently not a large economic impact to the area

It was felt that an agricultural matrix needs to be developed within the Plan and Profile. Agriculture producers spend time and money dealing with Canada Thistle (CT) and Sow Thistle (ST). CT and ST are found next to agriculture i.e., right-of-ways, ditches, etc. Producers continue to spend money to maintain a clean seed crop. The matrix currently says CT is treated as 2 - 1. The Committee cannot do it all - balancing act between agriculture and industry to manage the weeds. Oil and Gas industry, 100 wells on ALR lands - creating more weed seeds is becoming a big issue. It is understood that we cannot manage all weeds, however agriculture industry is worth \$15 million - land sales for oil and gas generate \$2.2 billion. Focus on awareness with Oil and Gas industry, work with NEIPC and provide more information to the oil and gas industry. NEIPC would need a budget of \$2 million to deal with all the weeds. It was noted that the Province spent \$4.5 million last year on invasive plant control.



**New Business:** (continued)

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22) Committee Report                      MOVED by Dennis Meier, SECONDED by Kerry Clark, that the recommendations from the Northeast Invasive Plant Committee Meeting of April 29, 2008 be recommended to the Regional Board for approval.

CARRIED.

23) Adjournment                      MOVED by Darrell Peterson, SECONDED by Bob Drinkwater, that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

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Tim Caton,  
Chair

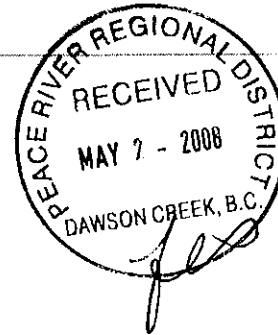
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Corporate Services Coordinator

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**Faye Salisbury**

**From:** Marisa Newton [Marisa@miabc.org]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 30, 2008 4:19 PM  
**Subject:** MIA Tidbit/Exchange Newsletter  
**Attachments:** March April Tidbits.pdf



In this issue:

- ~ Trails – Nature, Hiking, Biking, Walking
- ~ Pulse-checking device helps Lifeguards
- ~ Cause and Effect
- ~ RFABC – Playspace Safety Course

A copy of the newsletter is attached and is also available at:  
[http://www.miabc.org/upload/dcd689\\_March\\_April\\_Tidbits.pdf](http://www.miabc.org/upload/dcd689_March_April_Tidbits.pdf)

You can view Tidbit/Exchange using Adobe Acrobat Reader, which can be downloaded for free from the Adobe website at: <http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep2.html>

If you would like to view previous issues, they are archived on our website at [www.miabc.org](http://www.miabc.org). To find them, please select the Administration Library and click on the Tidbits folder.

If you are not on the Tidbits mailing list and would like to be, or if you are on it and would like to be removed, please let me know.

Thank you and enjoy this issue of Tidbit/Exchange!

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# Tidbit Exchange

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March/April 2008

## Trails – Nature, Hiking, Biking, Walking



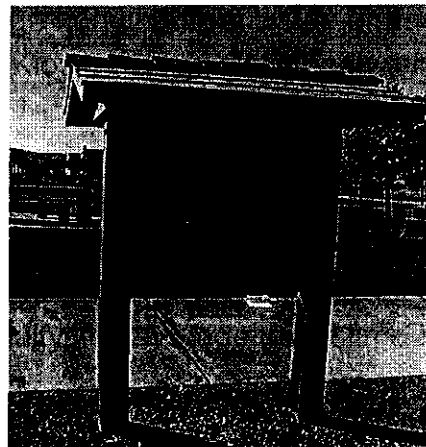
Trails come in all types, shapes and sizes. Each type has its own unique exposures such as sharing the trail with others, degree of difficulty, and maintenance, to name a few.

Unfortunately, volunteers over time move on to other interests or they lose interest in maintaining these natural settings.

Our claims data has revealed a number of claims and incidents arising from slip & fall injuries on wooden bridges as well as other wooden structures which have decayed overtime and are no longer safe for use. In addition, trail users have encountered situations where insufficient information about the trail and its potential hazards has not been made available to them.

To prevent accidental injuries and potential claims local governments need to develop not only policies but documented inspection and maintenance programs. Information kiosks, in our opinion, far exceed the information available on a sign hanging from a tree or attached to a post. Kiosks provide a friendly environment and attract visitors. Kiosks can be used to promote the use of the trail and at the same time provide hazard warnings as well as additional information about the trail that the trail user should be made aware of including the degree of difficulty, the average travel time and how to get help.

In addition to providing the trail users with information about a trail and the risks that may be associated with the trail, the kiosk can provide notice to the public that wildlife may not be friendly, it is also important to mark the trails "for recreation".



## **Pulse-checking device helps lifeguards**

A team of SFU engineering undergraduates has devised an economical way to help lifeguards more accurately assess the condition of potential drowning victims. **CA-1**

The four students—who created Heart Guard Technologies for a fourth-year engineering course—have built a waterproof heart-monitoring system that rescuers can use to determine whether the victim has a pulse. That's vital information when it comes to deciding if and/or how to apply CPR procedures.

The battery-operated system, contained in a bright yellow case, uses a non-invasive infrared detector that is clipped to the victim's finger. It can detect a pulse within five seconds and provides an average pulse rate after each subsequent beat.

During a demonstration, (right) students Stephen Czerniej and Bryan Schurko—both lifeguards—showed how the small hand-held device can be used as a victim is being removed from a pool.



"Often, checking for the pulse on victims in hectic environments like water can be difficult because of the stress, temperature and other surrounding elements," explains Schurko. He says the national Lifesaving Society is currently looking for ways to improve pulse-checking procedures to limit error during rescues.

"But if victims do in fact have a pulse, that would play a role in how aggressively you approach life-saving measures," he says. "The device makes it easier to get on with the correct rescue procedure."

Czerniej says systems with some similarities to the team's project exist, but he notes that the SFU model is waterproof, easy to use and comes in at just under one-third of the cost.

The team, which includes fellow students John Azer and Vahid Shababi, developed the system for a course led by SFU engineering professor Andrew Rawicz. Rawicz encourages students in the growing field of biomedical engineering to create marketable projects that benefit society.

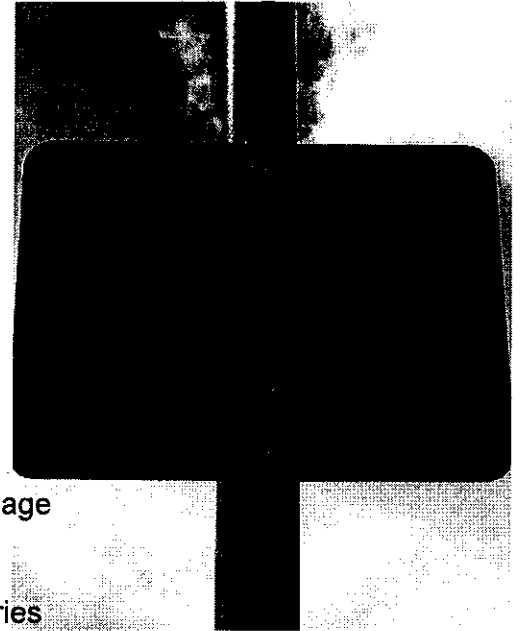
By Marianne Meadahl - SFU News Online

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# Cause and Effect

The following are examples of the type of claims recently brought against MIA Stakeholders.

<b>Cause</b>	<b>Effect</b>
Foundation Slab Sinking	Loss of Revenue plus repairs
Crack in Sidewalk	Trip & Fall – Black Eye
Road Surface – Icy	Slip & Fall – Fractured Ankle
Uneven Sidewalk	Trip & Fall – Split lip Chipped Tooth
Staircase – Snow & Ice	Slip & Fall – Head Injury
Flushing of Watermain	Flooded Basement – Property Damage
Running Track	Trip & Fall – injured shoulder
Unmarked Trench Cut	Damage to bicycle
Road Surface - Icy	MVA Vehicle Damage & Bodily Injuries
Wet Floor – Changing Room	Slip & Fall – Broken Arm
Arena Glass Knocked Out	Fell on spectator – Broken Foot & Ankle
Parking lot – Icy	Slip & Fall – Fractured Ankle



## RFABC - Playspace Safety Course

This is a one day introductory course focusing on the design, installation and maintenance of playspaces. This course is for anyone interested in exploring the safety aspects of playspaces for children. Past participants have included: Recreation Directors, Managers and Programmers, Facility and Parks Maintenance Staff, Day Care Providers, School Board Officials, Principals, Teachers, Landscape Architects, Contractors and Playspace Supply companies.

For further information and to register please click the link provided:

[www.rfabc.com](http://www.rfabc.com) or email Mike Bryson at [mybryson@rfabc.com](mailto:mybryson@rfabc.com)

<b>Date:</b> May 9 <sup>th</sup> 2008 <b>Time:</b> 9:00AM – 5:00PM	<b>Fee:</b> \$80 (RFABC members) \$130 (non members)	<b>Location:</b> Powell River, B.C. <b>To Register:</b> call 1-877-285-3421
<b>Date:</b> May 21 <sup>st</sup> , 2008 <b>Time:</b> 9:00AM – 5:00PM	<b>Fee:</b> \$80 (RFABC members) \$130 (non members)	<b>Location:</b> Oliver, B.C. <b>To Register:</b> call 1-877-285-3421
<b>Date:</b> June 11 <sup>th</sup> , 2008 <b>Time:</b> 9:00AM – 5:00PM	<b>Fee:</b> \$80 (RFABC members) \$130 (non members)	<b>Location:</b> Taylor, B.C. <b>To Register:</b> call 1-877-285-3421
<b>Date:</b> July 14 <sup>th</sup> , 2008 <b>Time:</b> 9:00AM – 5:00PM	<b>Fee:</b> \$80 (RFABC members) \$130 (non members)	<b>Location:</b> Cranbrook, B.C. <b>To Register:</b> call 1-877-285-3421

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## Out and About

Where?	Who? & Why?
Bella Coola	Risk Manager Keith Gibson met with Central Coast Regional Staff and the Board Chair to discuss various liability issues in their communities.
Coquitlam	Risk Manager Keith Gibson met with staff and conducted a Risk Assessment Survey of their 2 new recreation facilities.
Duncan	Risk Manager Keith Gibson conducted Risk Assessment Surveys for the City of Duncan and for the Cowichan Valley Regional District.
Esquimalt	Risk Manager Keith Gibson and Claims Manager Sherman Chow met with staff on site to discuss the risks and management of risk at their Rock Climbing area.
Langford	Claims Manager Sherman Chow and Risk Manager Keith Gibson attended the AVICC Conference.
Langley	Executive Director Tom Barnes met with staff at the City of Langley to assist in the development of building regulation policies and practices.
Nanaimo	Assistant Claims Manager David Tupper attended a mediation.
Nelson	Risk Manager Keith Gibson met with staff from the Regional District of Central Kootenay to discuss their liability and risk management issues and concerns. Risk Manager Keith Gibson and Deputy Executive Director Mitch Kenyon attended the AKBLG Conference.
New Westminster	Staff Lawyer Adrienne Atherton attended a Examination for Discovery.
North Vancouver	Risk Manager Keith Gibson met with staff at the District of North Vancouver Parkgate Community Centre to discuss volunteer liability issues and concerns.
Port Moody	Staff Lawyer Adrienne Atherton attended a mediation. Risk Manager Keith Gibson provided Risk Management Presentations to staff.
Phoenix, Arizona	Executive Director Tom Barnes presented a paper on risk financing to the Association of Governmental Risk Pools conference.
Trail	Risk Manager Keith Gibson met with staff from the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary to discuss liability issues and concerns. In addition Keith met with staff from the City of Trail to discuss liability and the management of risk for in their Parks.
Ucluelet	Risk Manager Keith Gibson met with staff and the Volunteer Fire Department to discuss liability in the Fire Service.
Vancouver	Executive Director Tom Barnes presented a paper on liability insurance to the Pacific Business and Law Institute's Local Government Liability conference.
Vernon	Executive Director Tom Barnes and Claims Manager Sherman Chow attended the SILGA conference.
Victoria	Executive Director Tom Barnes and Deputy Executive Director Mitch Kenyon met with local governments interested in joining the MIA.

Comment

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UNION OF  
BRITISH  
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MUNICIPALITIES

TO: UBCM Members  
FROM: UBCM Community Economic Development Committee  
DATE: May 1, 2008  
RE: RECREATION TRAILS STRATEGY FOR BC

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A Recreation Trails Strategy for BC is currently being developed by the Ministry of Tourism, Sport and the Arts (MTSA) and BC Parks. The primary goal of the strategy is to ensure the full range of economic, social and environmental benefits of BC's trail system are realized through a collaborative, sustainable approach to trail management across the Province. A major step in this process will be to coordinate the roles and responsibilities of the many government agencies and stakeholder groups that have historically been involved in managing BC's trails.

The Recreation Trails Strategy is being developed in several phases. The first phase, completed in 2007, includes an overview assessment of the existing status of BC's trail network and a proposed process for developing the strategy. The second phase, currently underway, focuses on the strategy development process through a Trail Advisory Committee consisting of government agency representatives and stakeholder groups. The process may involve community workshops and open houses in various regions throughout the Province. Subsequent phases will involve implementing the strategy, monitoring effectiveness, and modifying the strategy as required.

A copy of the latest Progress Report April 2008 has been attached for your reference. If you have any questions please consult the Trails Strategy website at:

[www.tsa.gov.bc.ca/sites\\_trails/managing/recreation\\_trails\\_strategy.htm](http://www.tsa.gov.bc.ca/sites_trails/managing/recreation_trails_strategy.htm)

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# UPDATE #3

## Recreation Trails Strategy for British Columbia

### Progress Update

April 2008

This brief update presents:

- a) a concise synopsis of the results of the third meeting of the B.C. Trails Strategy Committee (TSC);
- b) the current status of developing the Recreation Trails Strategy for BC; and,
- c) an overview of the next steps.

The Trails Strategy Committee (TSC) represents a collaborative partnership between trail stakeholders, government and First Nations and is responsible for developing and recommending the Trails Strategy, with the caveat that government has the authority to approve the Strategy given potential implications on legislation, policy, funding, etc. TSC may also have an on-going role in helping to ensure an approved Trails Strategy is effectively implemented.

The Trails Steering Committee has overall responsibilities for managing the project. TSC's recommended Recreation Trails Strategy for BC will be reviewed by the Steering Committee and the provincial government for approval.

#### Trails Strategy Website:

[www.tsa.gov.bc.ca/sites\\_trails/managing/recreation\\_trails\\_strategy.htm](http://www.tsa.gov.bc.ca/sites_trails/managing/recreation_trails_strategy.htm)

Synopsis of third meeting of the Trails Strategy Committee (TSC)

The Trails Strategy Committee met on February 29 - March 1, 2008 in Richmond, BC with the following goals:

1. To consider desired outcomes and strategies in view of the issues identified
2. To develop a clear understanding of categories of strategies

As a result of comprehensive discussions on a wide range of issues and over 90 potential strategies, the TSC made numerous detailed recommendations. Overall recommendations concerning the Strategy included:

- The Strategy must present an effective business case and demonstrate what can be gained and what will be lost if not adopted
- The Strategy should be concise and based on the following types of categories: Funding; Legislation; Standards; Education/Marketing; Trail Designation.
- Detailed strategies should provide an all encompassing direction incorporating both short term and long term outcomes.

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**The Recreation Trails Strategy is intended to serve as the hub of a wheel connecting a broad range of organizations in a shared vision for British Columbia's world-class trail network**

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Current Status

Based on direction and feedback from TSC the consulting team and Steering Committee are currently preparing an initial draft Trails Strategy for TSC review at its next meeting. The draft Strategy will then be revised and distributed for First Nations, agency, stakeholder, community and public input. The plan is to develop a draft Trails Strategy that succinctly addresses key high level strategies with relevant links to supporting documentation.

The following broad considerations are guiding development of the draft Strategy:

1. How to digest and incorporate the wealth of information generated to date into a concise Strategy document;
2. Keeping in mind trail-related initiatives currently underway and the operational jurisdiction and scope of agencies (i.e. some strategies are easily within scope of the current program and might not warrant inclusion in the Strategy).
3. How to ensure the draft Strategy document is appropriately strategic and provincial in scope with the greatest likelihood of providing Province-wide improvements while also supporting operational activities at the local level.

Next Steps

Once the draft Trails Strategy has been approved by the TSC, members will be visiting regional centres in the Autumn 2008 to solicit community input.

Timelines	TSC develops draft strategies for key issues	January to April, 2008
	TSC develops draft Trails Strategy report	May – June
	TSC widely circulates draft report for feedback by November	July-August
	TSC launches community meetings starting with UBCM AGM	Sept – Nov
	TSC reviews feedback received on draft report	Dec-Jan, 2009
	TSC prepares final Trails Strategy report	Feb-March

## Peace River Regional District

### Monthly Building Permit Report for the month of May 2008

		Current Month	
BUILDING INSPECTION AREA		Number of Permits	Value of Permits
<b>Chetwynd vicinity</b> (Portion of Electoral Area 'E')			
No permits issued			
<b>Dawson Creek vicinity</b> (Area 'D' & portion of Area 'E')			
Manufactured Home		1	\$ 14,100
Shop		2	\$ 99,600
Single Family Dwelling		2	\$312,000
Institutional		1	\$160,000
<b>Fort St. John vicinity</b> (Areas 'B', 'C' and portion of Area 'E')			
Manufactured Home		5	\$185,300
S/F Dwelling		7	\$1,447,350
Equestrian		1	\$400,000
Shop / Garage		5	\$265,760
<b>Monthly Total</b>		<b>24</b>	<b>\$2,884,110</b>

		Year to Date		
		West Peace	South Peace	North Peace
S/F Dwelling	# of permits	3	5	14
	Value	\$ 614,780	\$1,001,130	\$2,642,710
Manufactured Home	# of permits		4	7
	Value		\$15,100	\$193,300
Garage/shop	# of permits		2	9
	Value		\$99,600	\$520,760
Commercial	# of permits			
	Value			
Industrial / Utility	# of permits			
	Value			
Institutional	# of permits		1	
	Value		\$160,000	
<b>Total Number of Building Permits</b>				<b>44</b>
<b>Year to Date Total</b>				<b>\$5,548,380</b>