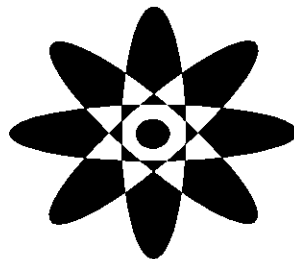


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ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

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PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

for the August 14, 2008 Board Meeting

REPORTS:

- R-10 August 13, 2008 report from Fred Banham, Chief Administrative Officer regarding meeting with the Honourable Iain Black, Minister of Labour and Citizen's Services.

BY-LAWS:

- B-1 Additional Items:
d) Public Hearing Meeting Minutes of August 11, 2008; and
e) Revised By-law No.1800, 2008 Schedule "A" map; and
f) Revised By-law No.1801, 2008 Schedule "A" map.
- B-6 Additional Item:
d) Public Hearing Meeting Minutes of August 11, 2008.



Peace River Regional District REPORT

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TO: Chair and Directors
FROM: Fred Banham, Chief Administrative Officer
DATE: August 13th, 2008
SUBJECT: Meeting opportunity with the Honourable Iain Black, Minister of Labour and Citizens' Services

There is an opportunity to meet with the Honourable Iain Black, Minister of Labour and Citizens Services on Wednesday August 20th, 2008, 4:30 PM at the Peace River Regional District, Dawson Creek Board room.

Minister Black is touring the Province speaking with elected officials and citizens about issues of importance to British Columbians.

Recently Regional District Board members met with the Northern caucus and discussed the following list of peace region issues.

Agriculture – Carbon Tax

- Drought

CN Rail – Infrastructure Maintenance

- Rail Overpass Height

RCMP Road Closures due to Vehicle Accidents

Fossil Management Framework

Upgrade to Murray River Services Road to Monkman Provincial Park.

There is opportunity to speak one on one with Minister Black on these issues and any others identified by the Board.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board authorize all Directors to attend.

Department Head

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CAO

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Public Hearing Minutes
Proposed Official Community Plan and Zoning
Amendment By-law No.'s 1800 and 1801, 2008

Date: August 11, 2008 Time: 7:30 p.m.
Place: Peace River Regional District offices, Dawson Creek, BC

Present: Director: Wayne Hiebert Director of Electoral Area "D"
Staff: Bruce Simard General Manager of Development Services
Jodi MacLean Land Use Planner
Applicant: Wes Mayer
Sandra Mayer
Agent: Wayne Dahlen
Public: None Present

1. CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order at 7:31 p.m.

2. STATEMENT OF PUBLIC HEARING

Wayne Hiebert read the statement of "Public Hearing".

3. INTRODUCTION TO PROPOSAL

Jodi MacLean reviewed the proposal and the OCP and Zoning Amendment process.

4. COMMENTS BY APPLICANT

Wes Mayer explains the process he has gone through for the proposal. He denies any intention of building an asphalt plant or gravel crushing business. He explains why there was gravel being stored on the property (part of Bear Mountain Wind Project).

5. CORRESPONDENCE AND PUBLIC COMMENT

Wayne Hiebert read aloud 2 letters of objection:
Letter dated June 4, 2008 from Everett Bohn
Letter dated June 6, 2008 from Dave LaBerge & Pamela Roberts

6. FINAL COMMENTS

No comment

7. TERMINATION – The hearing was terminated at 7:43 p.m.

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Pamela Pamela Roberts, Dave LaBerge
1711 Cedarwood Court
Dawson Creek B.C.
V1g 4N4
(250) 782-6908



Peace River Regional District Office
#1981 Alaska Avenue (box # 810)
Dawson Creek, B.C.

ATTENTION: Director, Hiebert/ Jodi MacLean, Land Use Planner

Please be advised that, I Dave LaBerge & Pamela Roberts are opposed to the
1) Official community Plan amendment by-law no. 1800,2008 to re-designate a 8ha (20
acre) portion of the southeast 1/4 of section 17, township 78, range 15, w6m, PRD From
"agriculture-rural resource" to "industrial"

WE ARE FURTHER OPPOSED TO:

2) Zoning amendment by-law No 1801, 2008 that proposes to rezone the same From A-2
"Large agriculture holding" zone to I-1 "Light Industrial"

Sincerely,

Dave LaBerge
Pamela Roberts

Dave LaBerge June 04, 2008
Pamela Roberts 66/04/08

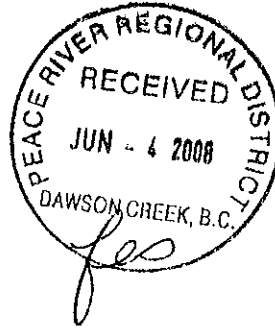
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Peace River Regional District
Box 810
Dawson Creek, B.C.
V1G 4H8



ATTENTION: Wayne Hiebert
RE: Public Hearing, By Laws Nos. 1800 & 1801, 2008

Dear Mr. Hiebert,

As a resident of PL: 12702 Sec:17 TWP 78 Rg:15 W6 M Lot C (BW 562543), P O Box 296, Dawson Creek, B.C. , V1G 4G7, we are concerned as to the rezoning of the subject property to industrial, light industrial. Our residence is approximately one kilometer from the afore mentioned.

We have queries in regard to this rezoning. We note that the prospect rezoning is:

1. Not in accordance with the configuration in the Comprehensive Development Plan 2007. We were led to believe that this document was final and infallible.
2. In the applicants proposal they state use is to be an "office, shop and equipment yard". An observation of the site suggests this is a misleading statement. We feel the applicant is being disingenuous in that there is currently thousands of meters of coarse gravel on the site. Are they building upon this?. We suggest not and that their true plans are for a more threatening and noxious purpose. IE: crusher site and or asphalt plant.
3. A third concern is how the site has reached the above state of development without proper approval prior to removal from the ALR and rezoning.

Some time ago top soil was removed and gravel storage was occurring. Now that the approval has been obtained the aforementioned massive gravel storage has occurred without proper rezoning. How has this occurred?

The district seems anxious to pass wonderful bylaws, but ignores the violations of such.. Why is this tolerated without repercussions?

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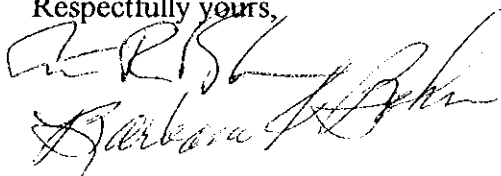
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4. We note that in their application the owners provided very old and misleading maps (pg. 198 of application). Is this an attempt to mislead the citizens of Chilton subdivision and the City of Dawson Creek as to an impending nearby threat to their air and noise quality?

With the above concerns we would request the Regional District withhold approval until the true intentions of the applicants be known and the site activities be frozen until proper procedures are met and approved.

Respectfully yours,



Everett Ray Bohn & Barbara J. Bohn

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EDITORIAL

It's a matter of law

Any student of government will tell you one of the basic tenets of the profession: Never pass a law that you're not prepared to enforce. Yet current governments do it - all the time.

Consider, as one example, the Peace River Regional District. Routinely they enact bylaws of one sort or another, yet they have no bylaw enforcement department. The issue has been raised before, as residents in different areas of the region have expressed frustration with a process that allows some to contravene zoning and other bylaws with seeming impunity because the district doesn't have the resources to police its own laws.

It was raised again at a public meeting on the draft North Peace Fringe Area Official Community Plan in Charlie Lake last week. Several residents wanted to know how, while they comply with the law, others can flout the bylaws with no penalty. Several wondered why they should bother being law abiding citizens when others seem to get away with doing whatever they want because no one will come out and take enforcement action.

We are told this is a financial issue: It costs money to have a department devoted to bylaw enforcement. So the regional district elects to act on complaints only. Yet we are told that complaints are not always or often followed up and even if warnings are issued, the logical next steps, such as prosecution, are rarely taken.

Laws may be made to be broken, as the old saying goes, but they should also be made to be enforced. It's time government put some teeth into its laws and started to enforce them fairly and consistently.

- Bruce Lantz

MP'S REPORT

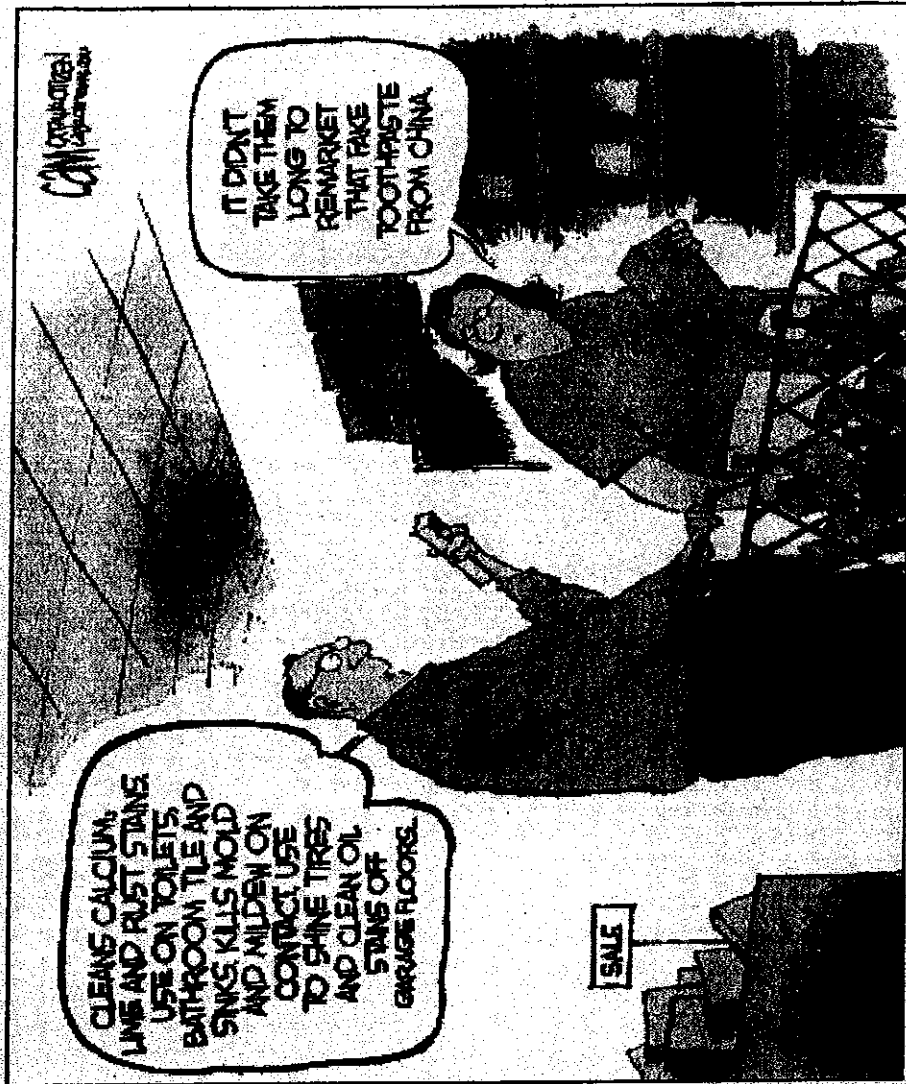
Red Chamber's 'unelected majority' hijacks legislation

As Chief Government Whip, I commend MPs

MPs stepped-up efforts to pass important legislation

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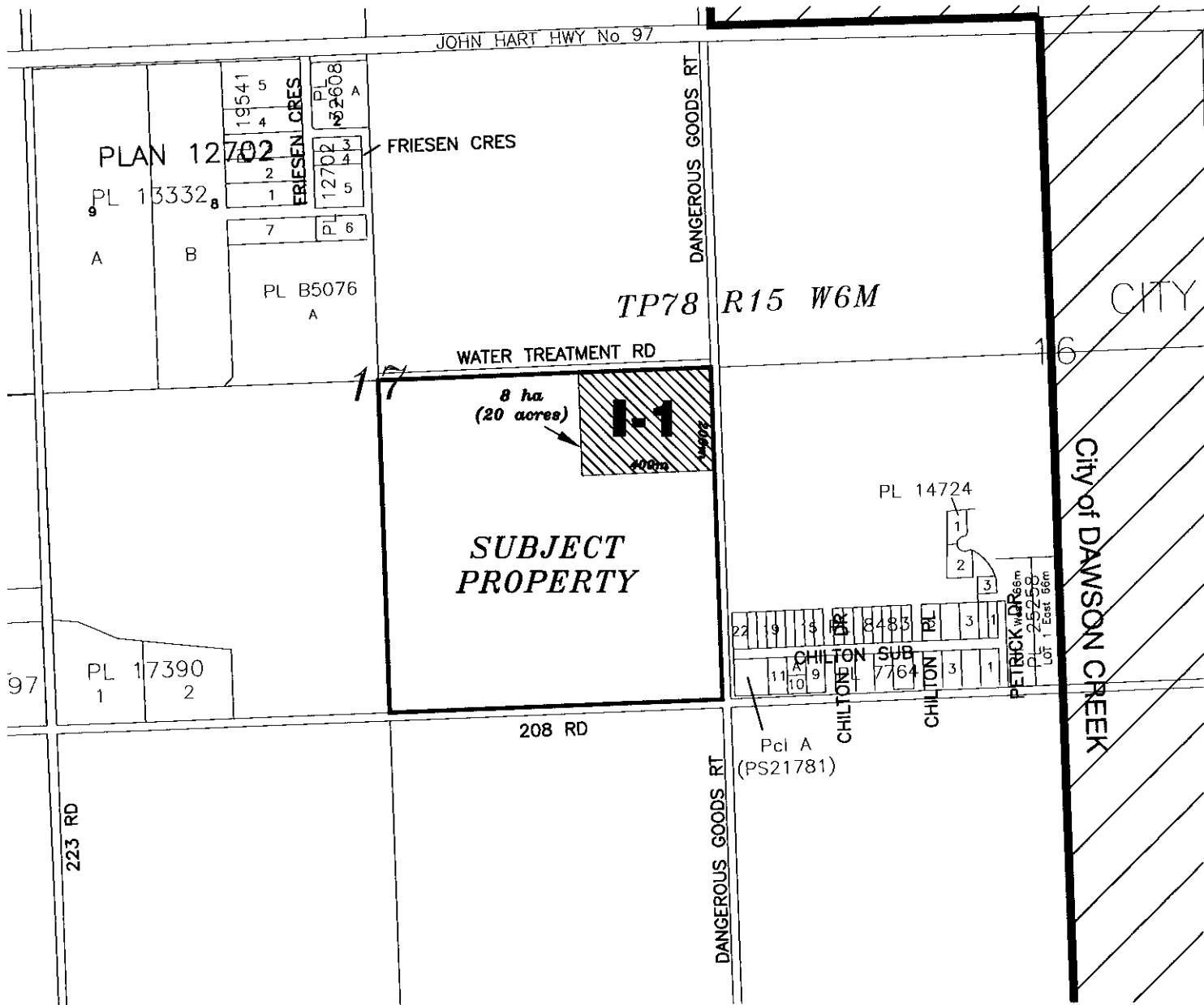
Peace River Regional District
By-law No. 1801, 2008

SCHEDULE "A"



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Map. No. 9 - Schedule 'B' of "Peace River Regional District Zoning By-law No. 1343, 2001" is hereby amended by rezoning an 8 ha (20 acres) portion of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 17, Township 78, Range 15, W6M, PRD from A-2 "Large Agricultural Holdings Zone" to I-1 "Light Industrial Zone" as shown shaded on the drawing below:



CERTIFIED a true and correct copy of
Schedule "A" to "Peace River Regional
District Zoning Amendment By-law
No. 1801, 2008".

Fred Banham, CAO

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PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

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Public Hearing Minutes
Proposed Official Community Plan and Zoning
Amendment By-law No.'s 1819 and 1820, 2008

Date: August 11, 2008 Time: 7:00 p.m.
Place: Peace River Regional District offices, Dawson Creek, BC

Present: Director: Wayne Hiebert Director of Electoral Area "D"
Staff: Bruce Simard General Manager of Development Services
Jodi MacLean Land Use Planner
Applicant: Shane Fickle 9791 Friesen Sub Road
Public: Stan Carlson 9874 Friesen Sub Road
Helen Carlson 9874 Friesen Sub Road
Carol Mamm 9823 Friesen Sub Road
Rod Friesen 9877 Friesen Sub Road
Everett Bohn 9933 Friesen Sub Road

1. CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. STATEMENT OF PUBLIC HEARING

Wayne Hiebert read the statement of "Public Hearing".

3. INTRODUCTION TO PROPOSAL

Jodi MacLean reviewed the proposal and the OCP and Zoning Amendment process.

4. COMMENTS BY APPLICANT

Shane Fickle introduces himself and states that his intentions are explained well in the agenda package.

5. CORRESPONDENCE AND PUBLIC COMMENT

Wayne Hiebert read aloud 2 letters of objection:

Letter dated August 5, 2008 from Everett & Barbara Bohn

Letter dated August 11, 2008 from Helen & Stanley Carlson

Helen Carlson – Asks what the difference is between industrial zones.

Bruce Simard – Explains differences, specifically between I-1 (Light Industrial) and I-2 (General Industrial) zones.

Rod Friesen – States he is opposed to the proposal. Lodges complaints against nearby industrial activity which can run 24 hours a day causing excessive noise. Assumes this proposal will result in the same kind of impact. He does not want anymore noise pollution. States he is a long-time resident there, since 1962, and has recently purchased the parcel from his parents.

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Carol Mamm – States she is opposed to the proposal. Explains that she was raised a farm girl but this property in the subdivision is probably the closest she will ever get back to the rural setting. She enjoys her current neighbourhood and the rural living there. She states that she finds recent increase in industrial activity, and encroaching development, disturbing. She aspires for a quiet quality of life that she enjoyed there for children but she is increasingly concerned about safety within the neighbourhood.

Everett Bohn – States he is opposed to the proposal. He is concerned about access from the highway, traffic increase, and road blockage that could result from this proposal. He is also becoming frustrated with the increase in noise from industrial activity and is concerned this will increase that noise. Elaborates regarding the highway access being dangerous because of yard lights from industrial businesses shining onto the highway and blinding drivers turning into the subdivision.

Rod Friesen – Agrees with the problem regarding yard lights blinding drivers, especially in the winter.

Carol Mamm – Agrees with the problem regarding yard lights and complains that they also shine into the house. Enquires about buffering.

Everett Bohn – Enquires about buffering.

Wayne Hiebert – Asks BS regarding plans for buffers

Bruce Simard – Explains that K & C Oilfield Hauling is preparing a buffering plan between its property and the neighbouring residential lots.

Everett Bohn – Notes inaccuracies in the notice and feels that short notice was given of the hearing.

Rod Friesen – Agrees that too short a time was given to reply adequately to the notice.

Stan Carlson – Notes that Caribou Road Service does not maintain the access point well so the proposal is not appropriate.

Wayne Hiebert – Asks about a recent purchase of land in the subdivision by H.F. Nodes Construction.

General discussion ensues regarding the purchase and plans to use the property.

6. FINAL COMMENTS

Shane Fickle – Thanks the audience for taking the time to consider his proposal. Believes his intentions are clear on what he wants to do.

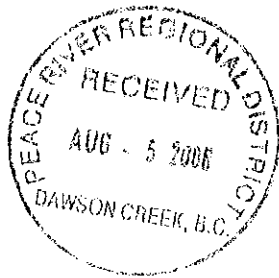
7. TERMINATION – The hearing was terminated at 7:24 p.m.

Jodi MacLean, Recorder

Wayne Hiebert, Chair

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August 4, 2008

Re: Proposed Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1819, 2008 and Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1820, 2008.

To Whom it may concern:

We the undersigned are adamantly opposed to the enactment of the afore mentioned proposals.

For many years we have lived in the adjacent serene neighborhood. We have strived to enhance our property and enjoy our rural environment.

Subsequently , along has come the South Peace Comprehensive Development Plan. In its ' wisdom it has enabled the surrounding area to our residential neighborhood to become zoned "light industrial".

The "Comprehensive Plan" stresses that evaluation criteria should include "are any potential negative external impacts minimized (eg. visual, noise, air)? We suggest not. Page 23 of "The Plan" states it seeks to identify a 15 to 20 year minimal land supply"... If so why wasn't the afore mentioned parcel included in this document? Can land supply be outstripped already?

Already air, noise and visual pollution is occurring to the west of the subdivision. This has had an effect on neighborhood property values. We suggest this proposal would only further erode our property assets, by placing heavy equipment adjacent to our properties and in our front yards.

Page 30 of "The Plan" proposes buffering areas for agriculture, industrial and urban sites. Why are these not being implemented?

Please note your map is no longer accurate in that the Dawson Creek boundary is not including SE 1/4 Sec 20 TWP 78 Range 15 W 6th M., nor does it have the correct land description for our

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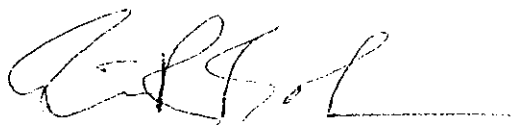
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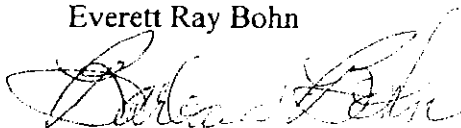
property , which is, Lot C(BW562543, Plan 12702, Section 17, Township 78 Range 15, Meridian W6. (See encls.)

Also, in your amendments you suggest zoning from "agricultural rural resource to industrial" and from A-2 Large Agricultural Holdings to I-1 Light Industrial". Please note your "Official Zoning Maps Schedule 3, Zoning Bylaw No 1343-2001 Map #9", lists the afore mentioned property as R-4 , Residential 4 zone. To our knowledge this subdivision has not been zoned Large Agricultural for 30 some years.

Respectfully yours,



Everett Ray Bohn



Barbara Bohn

Everett Ray & Barbara Bohn

P O Box 296

Dawson Creek, B.C. V1G 4G7

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2007 Property Assessment

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This is your 2007 Property Assessment Notice. This is not a tax notice. This provides you with an estimate of your property value, its classification, and your entitlement to exemptions from taxation, if any apply. This information will be used by the provincial government and local governments to calculate your 2007 property taxes.

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

This is a general description of your property for assessment purposes. For additional information please contact your area office*.

9933 FRIESEN SUBDIV

Lot C(BW562543, Plan 12702, Section 17, Township 78, Range 15, Meridian W6, Peace River Land District, PREV FOLIO 003746.000
PID - 026-134-624

- To inquire about your assessment, please call Donna 250-562-7215 ext 232 or 1-800-757-9766
- 2006 assessed value (as of July 1, 2005) was \$165,259

YOUR ASSESSMENT OFFICE FOR THIS PROPERTY IS:

Peace River Assessment Area
1112 - 103rd Ave
Dawson Creek BC V1G 2G7
27-59-759-003746.010

Fax 250-782-9647
Email peacriver@bcassessment.ca

THE OWNER/LESSEE OF THIS PROPERTY IS:

0016850

BARBARA BOHN
EVERETT R BOHN
PO BOX 296 STN MAIN
DAWSON CREEK BC V1G 4G7

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QUESTIONS? CONTACT US

If you have any questions about your 2007 Property Assessment, please call your local assessment office.

During the month of January, offices will be open between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

For more information, please see the back of this notice.

DEADLINE FOR FILING A COMPLAINT

Options for filing a written request for review:

Mailing: At the address shown for your assessment office. **Postmarked not later than January 31, 2007**

Fax: At the number shown for your assessment office

In-person: Drop-off at the address shown for your assessment office

Online: Complete an online appeal form at www.bcasessment.ca

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**NOTICE OF
BOUNDARY CHANGE**

Dawson
BRITISH COLUMBIA

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Notice is hereby given that effective February 19, 2008, the boundary of the City of Dawson Creek is amended by including the following property:

PID: 014-431-572

The South East of Section 20, Township 78, Range 15, West of the 6th Meridian, Peace River District, Except: Firstly, Plan A1442 and Secondly: Part dedicated as road on Plan BCP19114.

Letters Patent and a map showing the new boundaries may be viewed at the office of the City of Dawson Creek, 10105 - 12A Street, during regular office hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, except statutory holidays, or call Kathy at 250-784-3660 for additional information. This synopsis is published in accordance with section 15(b) of the Local Government Act.

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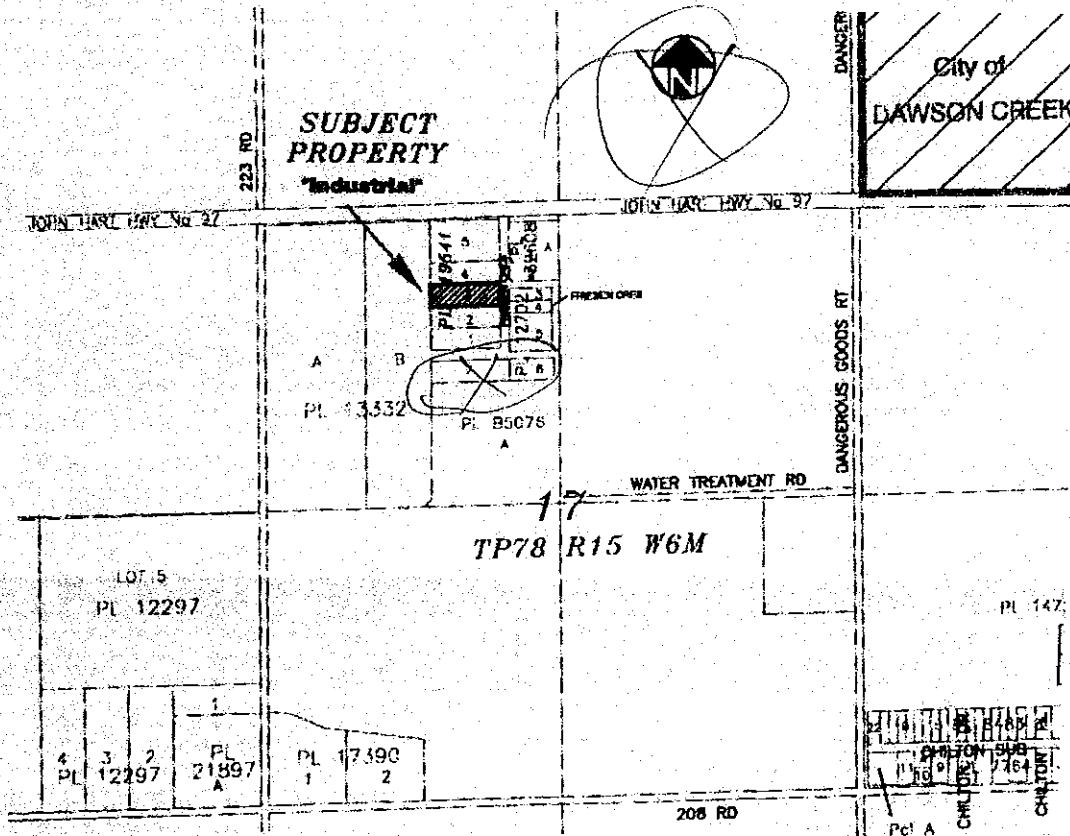
PROPOSED OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN AMENDMENT BY-LAW NO. 1819, 2008 AND ZONING AMENDMENT BY-LAW NO. 1820, 2008

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Friesen Subdivision

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing is scheduled to be held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, August 11th, 2008, at the offices of the Peace River Regional District located at 1981 Alaska Avenue, Dawson Creek, BC. The purpose of this meeting is to hear from those persons who believe that their interest in property will be affected by the following amendments being proposed to the Dawson Creek Rural Area Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 477, 1986, and to the Peace River Regional District Zoning Bylaw No. 1343, 2001:

1. **Official Community Plan Amendment By-law No. 1800, 2008**, proposes to re-designate Lot 3 of Plan 19541, Section 17, Township 78, Range 15, W6M, PRD, from "Agricultural – Rural Resource" to "Industrial", in order to allow its use for light industrial purposes.
2. **Zoning Amendment By-law No. 1801, 2008**, proposes to rezone the same area from A-2 "Large Agricultural Holdings" to I-1 "Light Industrial" zone for the same purposes as above.



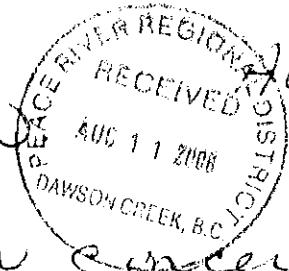
This notice is in general form only. A copy of the proposed amendment bylaw and relevant background documents may be reviewed in detail, between the hours of 8:30 am to 12:00 noon and 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays, at the Peace River Regional District office, located at 1981 Alaska Avenue, Dawson Creek, BC. Any inquiries, comments or concerns should be referred to the **Development Services Department**, by calling 784-3200 or 1-800-670-7773, fax: 1-250-784-3201.

Fred Banham, CAO

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To whom it may concern

We wish to express our concern and disapproval for rezoning of Lot 3 of Plan 19541 Sec 17 Twp. 78 Range 15, W6M, P.R.D from Rural Residential to Industrial.

We have resided on Lot 5 Plan 12702, since 1965 having purchased it 3 years previous. Our address is 9874 Friesen Road. Our 8 neighbors took pride in their homes. The children were bused from here for schooling. We all looked out for one another. It is a great place to live.

The make up of the neighbourhood will be changed if Industry is allowed in such a close proximity to our property.

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We already have Industry to the west with another proposal to the East in the near future. It will certainly have an adverse effect on the value of our Residential property.

Thank you for your consideration towards our request.

Sincerely,

Helen Carlson

Steve Carlson

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PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

CONSENT CALENDAR

Items to be received for information.

August 14, 2008

PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

CONSENT CALENDAR

for the August 14, 2008 Board Meeting

MINUTES:

- MA-1 Special Solid Waste Committee Meeting Minutes of July 10, 2008.
- MA-2 Electoral Area Directors' Committee Meeting Minutes of July 17, 2008.
- MA-3 Alaska Highway Nomination Process Meeting and Tour meeting notes from June 24, 2008.
- MA-4 Solid Waste Committee Meeting Minutes of July 24, 2008.
- MA-5 Special Emergency Executive Committee Meeting Minutes of July 29, 2008.
- MA-6 Intermunicipal / Interprovincial Annual Meeting Minutes of May 1, 2008.
- MA-7 Northern Caucus Tour Meeting Notes of August 12, 2008.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- CA-1 August 6, 2008 letter from Sue Clark, Program Officer, Local Government Program Services regarding approval of the 2008 Emergency Planning Grant.



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MA-1

Special Solid Waste Committee Meeting Minutes

DATE: Thursday, July 10, 2008
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
PLACE: Regional District offices, Dawson Creek, 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

Tom Wolsey, Complete Environmental Inc.

Staff

Shannon Anderson, General Manager of Environmental Services
Suzanne Garrett, Corporate Services

1) Call to Order: Director Houley called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

DISCUSSION:

2) re: June 26, letter from Complete Environmental
MOVED by Director Eglinski, SECONDED by Director Caton,
that the June 26, 2008 letter from Complete Environmental Inc. regarding
final cover at the Fort St. John landfill be received.

CARRIED.

Complete Environmental Inc. is expressing concern that there is a fair amount of ground remaining to fill with waste which can be excavated deeper to increase waste volume and provide some final cover material. The required amount for daily intermediate cover is 4 to 5 feet. The Company feels that to cover 20 to 30 feet of good soil with garbage and then haul cover material from off-site in the future at a higher cost is not economical.

Complete Environmental feels they can cover half the present landfill with material on site for a much more reasonable price. The cost would be considerably less than hauling material from off-site.

Discussion ensued:

- it was noted that each pit is dug a depth of 5 metres, one boom depth of the hoe. A survey, conducted in 2003 indicated that there was 120,000m³ available for daily cover. Amounts for final cover were not investigated. Regional District has a concern that if available material is used for daily cover the landfill may have to be shut down as there is no more available cover.
- Mr. Wolsey noted that each pit is one boom in depth
- cover material is to be handled once, that was the bid price
- use 5 feet of material for daily and intermediate cover, that still leaves 10 feet of dirt. The Regional District will need 1 metre for final cover.
- final cover is two feet of clay and one foot of good dirt.

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Discussion: (continued)

- 2) June 26, 2008 letter
- it was felt that by digging deeper pits this would extend the life of the landfill and would save taxpayers money.
 - it was felt that a survey of the site would need to be conducted to calculate the amount of cubic metres available for final cover
 - it was noted that "final cover" is not part of this contract. This will have to be tendered.
 - could the extra dirt out of the deeper hole be stockpiled on site?
 - the contract states that the contractor can manage the material as they see fit provided the daily intermediate cover is applied as stated in the Operating Permit. Needs to be compacted and covered in an efficient manner as stated in the Contract.
 - it was suggested that an extensive topographical survey be conducted to calculate the amount of available material - find efficiencies
 - it was felt that by digging deeper pits the contractor will have to handle that material twice, this would result in an "extra charge"
 - some areas of the landfill are up to final grade, close to closure

MOVED by Director Eglinski, SECONDED by Director Caton, that staff be authorized to conduct an extensive topographical survey at the Fort St. John Landfill to determine cubic metres of fill material that are available for closure purposes.

CARRIED.

3) Wood pile Mr. Wolsey advised that the wood pile is huge again. He noted that they cannot burn in this type of weather, it has been very windy. He feels the material should be chipped and mixed with dirt and used for compost.

4) Recyclables Complete Environmental Inc. is being diligent and removing items such as cardboard, televisions, etc. from the waste stream. They are experiencing difficulty in getting this material picked up under the Stewardship Programs or at the local recycling depot. Tires are another concern. Mr. Anderson advised that a representative from EnCorp will be in the area. A site visit will be arranged.

Chair Houley thanked Mr. Wolsey for attending the meeting.
Mr. Wolsey left the meeting.

5) Moberly Lake Transfer Station Site Attendant Mr. Anderson advised members that a tender had been issued for the supply of services of site attendant at the Moberly Lake Transfer Station. The contract would be for a three year period. Two tenders were received, one of which was received after the submission deadline and has been returned, unopened to the respondent. The accepted tender quote a price of:

Year One	\$3,370.85 per month (plus GST)
Year Two	\$3,996.47 per month (plus GST)
Year Three	\$4,012.75 per month (plus GST)

Mr. Anderson advised that the rate is somewhat higher than what was anticipated. The transfer station would be open for 25 hours per week. The Regional District will supply the facility, heat, water, telephone, etc.

Discussion:

5) Moberly Lake
Transfer Station
Site Attendant

It was observed that other Regional Districts are paying \$6,000 to \$8,000 annually for their transfer station attendants - one contractor operating many sites may be why the price is so low. It was suggested that fees be implemented at transfer stations to offset the costs of having them manned.

Previously the site was looked after by the Moberly Lake Community Association for a fee of \$700 per month.

Discussion ensued regarding other transfer station sites - some experience abuse and should be manned - if this contract is awarded at \$30/hour that sets a precedent, conversely if these sites are not manned the costs go up with increased clean up at sites.

MOVED by Director Caton, SECONDED by Director Eglinski, that the Solid Waste Committee recommend to the Regional Board that the Moberly Lake Transfer Station Site Attendant contract award report be referred back to the Committee for further discussion regarding costs.

CARRIED.

6) Committee
Report

MOVED by Director Caton, SECONDED by Director Eglinski, that the recommendations from the Solid Waste Committee Meeting of July 10, 2008 be recommended to the Regional Board for approval.

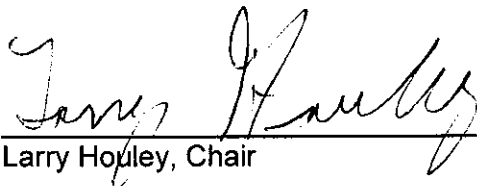
CARRIED.

7) Adjournment

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

CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.


Larry Houley, Chair


S. Garrett, Corporate Services

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PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT
ELECTORAL AREA DIRECTORS' COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

MA-2

DATE: July 17, 2008
TIME: 10:05 a.m.
PLACE: Regional District Office Boardroom, Dawson Creek, BC
PRESENT: **Directors:**
Director Karen Goodings, Electoral Area 'B' and Meeting Chair
Director Larry Houley, Electoral Area 'C'
Director Wayne Hiebert, Electoral Area 'D'
Director Tim Caton, Electoral Area 'E'
Staff:
Faye Salisbury, Corporate Officer
Bruce Simard, General Manager of Development Services
Barb Coburn, Recording Secretary
Other:
10:30 a.m. Arvo Koppel, System Administrator, PRiS (D-1)
11:30 a.m. Ken Foster, Owner / Operator, AB North (D-2)

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

2) July 17, 2008 Agenda MOVED by Director Houley, SECONDED by Director Hiebert, that the Electoral Area Directors' Committee agenda for the July 17, 2008 meeting including additional items for the agenda, be adopted as amended:

Call to Order: Director Goodings to Chair the meeting

Adoption of Agenda:

Minutes:

M-1 Electoral Area Directors' Committee Meeting Minutes of May 15, 2007

Business Arising from the Minutes:

Delegations:

D-1 Arvo Koppel, System Administrator, Peace Region Internet Society (PRiS) regarding highspeed internet services. (10:30 a.m.)

D-2 Ken and Leane Foster, Owner, AB North, regarding highspeed internet services. (11:30 a.m.)

Correspondence:

Reports:

R-1 July 8, 2008 report from Bruce Simard, General Manager of Development Services regarding PRRD Guide to Subdivision Process.

R-2 July 15, 2008 Report from Bruce Simard, General Manager of Development Services regarding Second Quarter By-law Enforcement File Summary.

New Business:

NB-1 Mail Service

NB-2 PNG offering natural gas to Tomslake residents

Diary:

Adjournment:

CARRIED

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- 3) M-1
re: EADC Meeting
minutes of June 19/07
- MOVED by Director Caton, SECONDED by Director Hiebert,
that the Electoral Area Directors' Committee Meeting Minutes of June 19, 2008
be adopted with the following amendment:
on page 3, item 10) NB-2, remove the words 'because there was water being
pumped from somewhere' to read "He believes that there had to . . ."
CARRIED.

BUSINESS ARISING:

- 4) BA-1
re: ALC/OGC
Delegation Agreement
- Director Houley asked for an update on the information that was to be requested
regarding the Agricultural Land Commission / Oil and Gas Commission
delegation agreement. Mr. Simard advised that the information has been
requested. He also advised that the Agricultural Land Commission had offered
to meet during the same week of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities
(UBCM) convention. Faye Salisbury, Corporate Officer, advised that she
contacted the commission to advise of the conflict and request that the meeting
be held in the weeks prior to or soon after the proposed week. The Oil and Gas
Commission has not yet been contacted as there is not a firm date.

- 5) BA-2
re: Charlie Lake
Sewer
- Director Houley requested an update on the new engineering report that had been
requested; however, Mr. Shannon Anderson, General Manager of Environmental
Services was not available to make a comment.

REPORTS:

- 6) R-1
re: PRRD Guide to
Subdivision Process
- Bruce Simard, General Manager of Development Services distributed three
different sizes of the brochure created by Trish Morgan, Community Services
Coordinator with input from Development Services. The Directors suggested
that the sewer and health contact information needed to be highlighted as well as
the role played by the ministries of health and transportation, including sewer
restraints and road access issues. Mr. Simard mentioned that the pictures on the
back of the brochure would be changed from agricultural scenes but the format
would stay the same. To Mr. Simard's request for direction on the size of the
pamphlet, the Directors all preferred the letter-sized example.

The Directors expressed their appreciation for the pamphlet and complimented
Mr. Simard and Mrs. Morgan on the appearance and layout of the information.

DELEGATIONS:

- 4) D-1
re: PRiS
- Mr. Arvo Koppel arrived at the meeting at 10:25 a.m. Chair Goodings
welcomed him to the meeting and introduced the attendees. Mr. Koppel advised
that the agreement between PRiS and the Peace River Regional District
regarding the tower at North Pine will hopefully be signed after the July 24,
2008 Regional Board meeting. PRiS will use the tower to provide service that
should reach as far away as Montney. From a tower located on private property,
service should soon be available to both Cecil Lake and Rose Prairie.

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DELEGATIONS (CONTINUED):

- 4) D-1 (continued) Mr. Koppel explained that the Peace Region Internet Society (PRiS) is a not-for-profit society that has been offering internet services to the Dawson Creek, Chetwynd, Fort St. John, Hudson's Hope and Tumbler Ridge areas for the past fifteen years and are slowly expanding further into the rural areas.

Since 2000 they have been able to switch over 1,400 rural members from the old dial-up service to high-speed through a wireless connection. Access points have just been established in the Farmington and Baldonnel areas and are running, but no subscribers have been connected yet. He distributed two small maps that indicated the areas where service is provided. Although it does look extensive, due to the topography of this region, not everyone can get service, especially those in low-lying areas. Some of the challenges they face are getting tenure to place towers at given locations or acquiring access to towers that are already in place. BC Hydro unavailability at preferred sites has also been a problem but trials are underway using solar power as an alternative. While the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) has stated that incumbent carriers must provide access of their towers to others, it does not regulate how that is to happen or the charge for granting access. In a non-tariffed environment, the cost to connect to towers can be as high as \$3,000 per month, if access is forthcoming at all.

PRiS is communicating with Network BC to work out access problems. Some of the oil and gas companies have towers throughout the region but getting access is a problem. Locally there is support for co-location; however, often head offices are located in major centers where issues such as security and concern about setting precedents can make corporate legal teams reluctant to enter into agreements to grant access to local organizations. Some companies will only grant access if that company's crews are used to install specified equipment, which runs into a large, unnecessary expense. PRiS also has a staffing shortage which adds delays to their plans to extend service.

Chair Goodings thanked Mr. Koppel for the information and insight into the society. She advised that they would keep in touch and wished him success in the endeavour to supply high-speed internet service to rural residents.

- 5) Recess The meeting recessed at 11:25 a.m.
- 6) Reconvene The meeting reconvened at 11:35 a.m.
- 7) D-2
re: AB North Chair Goodings welcomed Mr. Ken Foster, owner/operator of AB North to the meeting and introduced the Directors.

Mr. Foster explained that he got into the business as he needed high-speed internet and there was no one offering it. He purchased a tower, made the arrangements to connect to a provider in Calgary and put the first tower on his property. He now has fifteen towers in operation and seven more to put up this summer. The two hundred and fifty foot towers can transmit a line-of-sight signal for up to forty-eight miles. In some locations hydro is not available; therefore, they have been using solar energy successfully for two years.

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DELEGATIONS (CONTINUED):

7) D-2
re: AB North

Mr. Foster places a receiver on each house that talks directly to the nearest tower. He does not use routers at homes where the signal jumps from house to house, thereby guaranteeing that service is not interrupted or slowed down as others log onto the internet. There are a few residents he was unable to connect due to terrain; although he had placed a large pole (at half the cost) on the property of one customer in the Bonanza area and placed an antenna on top of the pole to provide service to the customer. To date AB North has hundreds of satisfied customers. The service is unlimited and capable of transmitting 1,000 Kb per second at a charge of \$50 per month. He monitors the service regularly and as large draws occur, he has the ability to increase the bytes to accommodate customer usage. He has four employees, but does most of the installations personally.

He is very interested in offering high-speed internet to residents in northeastern BC; however, he will have to investigate the restrictions and what requirements need to be met with the various agencies, such as CRTC, Industry Canada and Navigation Canada. He will also need to investigate the topography and soil conditions to be able to determine whether and where towers can be placed.

Chair Goodings thanked Mr. Foster for attending the meeting and explaining the service his company has to offer. She also invited Mr. Foster to stay for lunch.

8) Recess

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

9) Reconvene

The meeting reconvened at 1 p.m.

The Directors discussed the two presentations. They decided that there is little that can be done at this point to assist in getting internet service into the region except to keep letting the providers know that we remain interested.

MOVED by Director Caton, SECONDED by Director Hiebert,
that:

- a) the high-speed internet service access be diarized; and
- b) that the Wireless Committee be advised that, as a result of the discussions Electoral Area Directors' Committee had with Peace River Internet Society and AB North, perhaps the Wireless Committee should pursue the small service providers.

CARRIED.

REPORTS (CONTINUED):

10) R-2
re: Second Quarter
By-law Enforcement
File Summary

The Directors reviewed the Second Quarter By-law Enforcement File Summary presented by Bruce Simard, General Manager of Development Services. There are twenty-five active files, three files recently closed, two files that are in the process of seeking injunctive court action, and two new files not yet listed on the summary. The Directors thanked Mr. Simard for the informative report and requested that the Electoral Area of each file's location be added to the summary. The next report will be presented at the October 16, 2008 Electoral Area Directors' Committee meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

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- 11) NB-1
re: Post Office
Closure
Director Caton advised that he had met with representatives from Canada Post earlier this morning. The representatives advised Director Caton that the post office at the Moberly Lake Store will be closed as of August 15, 2008. This will affect three hundred and twenty residents that will now have to travel to Chetwynd to get their mail.
- 12) NB- 2
re: Natural Gas
provided to Tomslake
Director Hiebert advised that there are now up to two hundred and fifty residents in Tomslake who are interested in having natural gas supplied to them by PNG. This means that the cost of installation could be as low as \$2,000 to \$2,500 for each household.
- 13) Adjournment
MOVED by Director Caton, SECONDED by Director Houley,
that the meeting adjourn.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Karen Goodings, Chair

Barb Coburn, Recording Secretary

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Alaska Highway Nomination Process Meeting and Tour

Meeting notes from June 24, 2008

DATE: Tuesday, June 24, 2008

TIME: 8:30 a.m.

PRESENT: April Moi, Executive Director, North Rockies Alaska Highway Tourism Association
 Karen Goodings, Chair, Peace River Regional District
 Director Wayne Hiebert, Electoral Area 'D', Peace River Regional District
 Fred Banham, Chief Administrative Officer, Peace River Regional District
 Trish Morgan, Community Services Coordinator, Peace River Regional District
 Councillor Bud Powell, City of Dawson Creek
 Mayor Calvin Kruk, City of Dawson Creek
 Mayor Jim Eglinski, City of Fort St John
 Sarah Tittlemore, Director of Community Services, City of Fort St John
 Todd Tripp, Fort St John Tourism Association Committee
 Mayor Fred Jarvis, District of Taylor
 Gwyn Langemann, Acting Manager, Cultural Resource Services, Parks Canada
 Lyle Dick, West Coast Historian, Cultural Resource Services, Parks Canada
 Dustin Bodnaryk, Tourism Coordinator, Tourism Dawson Creek
 Roger Gregoire, Northern Trails Historical Society
 Ryan McIvor, South Peace Multiplex

Kiskatinaw River Bridge:

- information provided by April Moi and Ryan McIvor who discussed:
 - the importance of sites like the bridge to our region's history and tourism industry
 - the challenges associated with increased usage and maintenance of the bridge and road

Northern Alberta Railway Station and the Mile Zero Cairn:

- Information provided by Gerry Clare, of the South Peace Historical Society, who discussed:
 - the importance the station played in the decision to construct the highway starting in Dawson Creek
 - without an existing railway station the highway would have likely been constructed in Alberta
 - the role the station played in providing a destination point for the transportation of men and equipment to the area
 - historical features and integrity of the building
 - a review of the Mile Zero cairn and associated plaques

Alaska Highway House Tour:

- Dustin Bodnaryk, Roger Gregoire and April Moi provided information to group and Parks Canada representatives on:
 - The development of the Alaska Highway house
 - Further history of the highway

National Commemorative Program:

- Lyle Dick and Gwyn Langemann presented information on the National Commemorative Program and nomination process. In particular they noted:
 - Parks Canada prepares a research paper before the nomination is sent to the Board after the proponent's nomination is submitted
 - In principle, the building of the Alaska Highway already meets the criteria of being significant as it is a National Historic Event
 - All owners of the highway must be in favour of the nomination and give their support to such
 - It will be important to present the story of the Alaska Highway in the nomination with additional resources/sites that contribute to the story as a whole
 - The nomination must clearly define the boundaries of the highway which should include routes and specific cultural resources
 - Challenge will be to identify authentic resources and fund those resources still in use (i.e., Kiskatinaw River Bridge) in order to maintain the integrity of the highway
 - designation may be lost if the integrity of the highway is lost or degraded significantly
 - Federal commemoration cannot impose control over private land or sites on private land
 - Applicant could be the Regional District or individual group (NRAHTA) with support from individual communities and stakeholders
 - Important to note in the nomination of existing historical recognition at the local, province, federal and international levels
 - e.g., U.S. Army Corps of Engineers plaque, Charlie Lake Monument, NAR Station, Kiskatinaw Bridge

Discussion

- Gwyn noted that a list of themes should be identified which support the story of the Alaska Highway and the associated cultural resources
 - themes could mirror themes that the Alaska Highway house presents, i.e., communication, transportation, labour, equipment/technology
- the nomination should highlight key points and an Appendix could list more information or resources
- it will be imperative that the nomination is jointly submitted with the Yukon and Northern Rockies Regional district or with their support
- Resource Inventory:
 - must be completed at the grassroots level and submitted to Parks Canada with the nomination
 - this information must be prepared in accordance with Parks Canada guidelines
- Fred Banham noted that currently the Peace River Regional District does not currently have funds in place to provide a heritage function or to conduct the work required to bring a nomination forward

Adjourned: The meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.



PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

MA-4

Solid Waste Committee Meeting Minutes

DATE: Thursday, July 24, 2008
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
PLACE: Regional District offices, Dawson Creek, BC
PRESENT: Director Larry Houley, Electoral Area 'C', Committee Chair
Director Tim Caton, Electoral Area 'E'
Shannon Anderson, General Manager of Environmental Services
Suzanne Garrett, Corporate Services Coordinator

- 1) Call to Order: Director Houley called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
2) Adoption of the Agenda: BY CONSENSUS, that the Solid Waste Committee Meeting agenda for the July 24, 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 May 23, 2008
M-2 Special Solid Waste Committee Meeting Minutes of July 10, 2008

Business Arising from the Minutes:

- BA-1 Item #2 Fort St. John Landfill survey report

Reports:

- R-1 July 8, 2008 report from Shannon Anderson, General Manager of Environmental Services regarding equipment replacement.
R-2 July 21, 2008 report from Shannon Anderson, General Manager of Environmental Services regarding Moberly Lake Transfer Station Site Attendant - Contract Award.
R-3 July 18, 2008 report from Shannon Anderson, General Manager of Environmental Services regarding Bessborough Landfill Site Clearing - Contract Award.

MINUTES:

- 3) M-1 SWC Mtg. Min. of May 23, 2008: BY CONSENSUS, that Solid Waste Committee Meeting Minutes of May 23, 2008 be adopted.

CARRIED.

- 4) M-2 Special SWC Mtg. Min. of July 10, 2008: BY CONSENSUS, that the Special Solid Waste Committee Meeting Minutes of July 10, 2008 be adopted, as amended.

- a) Page 1, first and second bullet delete the word "scoop" and replace with "boom depth"; and
b) Page 2, second bullet revise to read as follows:

"it was felt that a survey of the site would need to be conducted to calculate the amount of cubic metres available for final cover."

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BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

5) M-2 Item #2
re: FSJ landfill
survey report

Mr. Anderson advised members that an extensive topographical survey has been conducted at the Fort St. John landfill to determine the cubic metres of fill material that is available for closure purposes. As well regulations regarding digging pits over six metres were researched. It was found that pits over this depth require a geo technical study, i.e. soil conditions and an engineers report.

Committee members requested that the Contractor on site be advised that results from the topographical survey will be available soon.

REPORTS:

6) R-1
re: equipment
replacement

Members were advised that the 2001 Ford 550 is in constant repairs resulting in higher maintenance costs. The Regional District issued a Request for Quotes, with two companies responding:

1. Gear-O-Rama Supply Ltd. \$130,495.59
2. James Western Star Ltd. \$126,334.92

It was noted that the replacement vehicle was included in the 2008 Financial Plan, however the lowest quote is approximately \$1,000 over the budget.

Concern was expressed that with the development of the Solid Waste Management Plan is the purchase of this replacement of the vehicle a wise long term commitment, will it still be utilized in two or three years? Was the option of leasing investigated?

Mr. Anderson advised that the vehicle is a crucial piece of equipment that will be required for the next four or five years as it will take a number of years to implement the various Solid Waste Management Plan options that have been identified that may make this piece of equipment obsolete. Leasing is an option but generally speaking an outright purchase is less expensive in the long term.

BY CONSENSUS,
that the Solid Waste Committee recommend to the Regional Board that the purchase of a 2009 Sterling Acterra truck, with knuckle boom picker, from James Western Star Ltd., for the quoted price of \$126,334.92 plus GST be authorized.

CARRIED.

7) R-2
Moberly Lake
T/S Station
Site Attendant

At the July 10, 2008 meeting members discussed the Moberly Lake Transfer Station Site Attendant Contract award. The Committee recommended that further discussion regarding costs be undertaken.

Negotiations were undertaken with Mr. Rob Henry, the proponent, who has submitted revised monthly prices, plus GST - Year One: \$3,000.00 per month; Year Two: \$3,105.00 per month; and Year Three: \$3,200.00 per month.

It was noted that at the Public Meeting / Open House held at Moberly Lake residents were very vocal regarding the need to have an attendant at the Transfer Station.

Reports: (continued)

7) R-2
(continued)

It was suggested that a tonnage breakdown of costs be provided. Other regions provide recycling and garbage pick up three days per week for lower costs. Mr. Anderson noted that the South Peace Haul-All contractor has been carrying out the bulky waste clean up at transfer stations for 6 weeks, their invoice was approximately \$8,000.

Concern was expressed that other options need to be investigated. The Regional District of Fraser Fort George pays \$8,000 per year for transfer station attendants. It was observed that if a site attendant is put in place abuse will take place further out i.e. Sukunka, etc and other areas.

It was suggested that the Moberly Lake Transfer Station Site Attendant contract be awarded for a term of one year with an option to renew.

BY CONSENSUS,
that staff be authorized to negotiate a one year contract, with an option to renew, with Mr. Rob Henry, TNR Sales and Service, for the Moberly Lake Transfer Station Site Attendant.

CARRIED.

8) R-3
Bessborough
Landfill Site
Clearing contract

Tenders were requested for the supply of services to remove trees, mulch and strip area topsoil at the Bessborough Landfill site in preparation of earth works to commence construction of Phase II. Six proponents attended the site viewing and information meeting held on July 14, 2008.

Eight (8) tender packages were received and opened publicly on July 18, 2008. The successful company, Borek Construction, has the necessary experience, qualifications and equipment to conduct the works required. The tendered amount is within the 2008 Financial Plan and is within the budgeted amount. Works will commence on July 28th and be concluded by August 18th.

Mr. Anderson advised members that the adjacent landowner, Mr. and Mrs. Lehmann, will be contacted and advised of the work that will be carried out at the landfill. A 200 ft. buffer on the east property line will remain in effect. Members were also advised that mulching will be carried out rather than burning the timber. The mulched material can be mixed with soil and will be utilized as cover material.

BY CONSENSUS,
that the Solid Waste Committee recommend to the Regional Board that the Bessborough Landfill Site Clearing contract be awarded to Borek Construction, Dawson Creek, for \$210,724.50, including GST.

CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS:

9) NB-1 Director Houley requested an up to date report on the Solid Waste
Budget update Management budget.

10) NB-2 Mr. Anderson advised that additional works have been carried out over the last
Reserve funds few months, i.e. transfer station monitoring. The Finance Department will need to
 transfer funds from the reserve fund to pay the overages and requires
 authorization.

BY CONSENSUS,
that the Solid Waste Committee recommend to the Regional Board that staff be
authorized to reduce the amount of transfer to the reserve to cover all approved
overages on new items.

CARRIED.

11) Committee BY CONSENSUS,
Report that the recommendations from the Solid Waste Committee Meeting of July 24,
 2008 be recommended to the Regional Board for approval.

CARRIED.

12) Adjournment BY CONSENSUS,
 that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Larry Houley, Chair

S. Garrett, Corporate Services Coordinator

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MA.5

**PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT
SPECIAL EMERGENCY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

DATE: Tuesday, July 29, 2008
TIME: 10:10 a.m.
PLACE: via teleconference, Regional District offices, Dawson Creek, BC
PRESENT: Director Karen Goodings, Electoral Area 'B' – Meeting Chair
Director Larry Houley, Electoral Area 'C'
Director Wayne Hiebert, Electoral Area 'D'
Fred Banham, Chief Administrative Officer
Ron Storie, Manager of Community Services

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

REPORTS:

2) 2008 UBCM Emergency Grant **MOVED** by Director Hiebert, **SECONDED** by Director Houley, that the July 28, 2008 report from Ron Storie, Manager of Community Services regarding the 2008 UBCM Emergency Grant be received.
CARRIED.

Committee members were advised that staff require a resolution from the Committee in order to proceed with an application for funding to the Union of BC Municipalities 2008 Emergency Grant program. \$5,000 is available provided the Regional District commits \$2,000. Funding would be used to offset training exercises. As a result of the Cold Weather Tabletop Exercise, Community Services would like to complete a Lifeline Systems Preplan. The Lifeline System failures were identified in the 2005 Hazard Risk and Vulnerability Analysis.

MOVED by Director Hiebert, **SECONDED** by Fred Banham, that staff be authorized to apply for a \$5,000 grant from the 2008 UBCM Emergency Planning Funding Program and that it be included in the 2009 Financial Plan.
CARRIED.

3) Adjournment **MOVED** by Director Hiebert, **SECONDED** by Fred Banham, that the meeting be adjourned.
CARRIED.
The meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Consent
agenda

MA-6

Minutes
INTERMUNICIPAL / INTERPROVINCIAL
ANNUAL MEETING
THURSDAY MAY 1, 2008
BONANZA COMMUNITY HALL
BONANZA, ALBERTA AT 10:30 A.M.



PRESENT:

Clear Hills County

- Charlie Johnson, Councillor
- Pete Nykolyshyn, Councillor
- Frances Davis, Councillor
- Bonnie Bigam, Councillor
- Bill Moedt, Councillor
- Jake Klassen, Councillor
- Brian Harcourt, Councillor
- Ray Coad, Chief Administrative Officer

County of Grande Prairie

- Frank Lowen, Councillor
- Patricia Jacobs, Councillor
- Dalton Longson, Councillor
- Leanne Beaupre, Councillor

Peace River Regional District

- Karen Goodings, Rural Director
- Larry Houely, Rural Director
- Wayne Hiebert, Rural Director
- Tim Caton, Rural Director
- Fred Jarvis, Director
- Kim French, Chief Financial Officer

Saddle Hills County

- Barb Buck, Councillor
- Cindy Clarke, Councillor
- Bruce Jack, Councillor
- Mike McCrann, Deputy Reeve
- Tim Stone, Reeve and Chair
- Tarolyn Peach, Chief Administrative Officer
- Elizabeth Gustafson, Recording Secretary

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Guests

Joany Alyward, Brand manager – Branding the Peace
Richard Prill, Operations manager – Dawson Creek. Transportation
Wayne Franklin, Regional Director - Peace Region, Transportation
Trent McLaughlin, Construction Manager - Peace River, Transportation
Glenda Farnden, Fund Raising Manager, Shock Trauma Air Rescue Society (STARS)
Andy Stewart, General Manager, Shock Trauma Air Rescue Society

1) CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Tim Stone called the meeting to order at 10:40 a.m.

2) ADOPTION OF AGENDA

No items were added to the agenda.

Chronic Wasting Disease and Other Issues

- Tim Caton, PRRD, Rural Director

High Speed Internet Update

- Frank Lowen, City of Grande Prairie, Councillor

Branding the Peace

- Joany Alyward, Brand Manager, Branding the Peace

Farmland Assessment in Alberta

- Gordon Hardy, Chief Assessor, Saddle Hills County

Ministry of Transportation Update

- Richard Prill, District Operations Manager, Peace District, Transportation, BC
- Wayne Franklin, Regional Director, Peace Region, Transportation, AB
- Trent McLaughlin, Construction Manager, Peace Region, Transportation, AB

Fire Protection in Rural Alberta – Overview

- Brian Ballard, Regional Fire and Disaster Services Manager, Saddle Hills County

Shock Trauma Air Rescue Society

- Glenda Farnden, Fund Raising Manager
- Andy Stewart, General Manager

3) CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE AND OTHER ISSUES – Tim Caton, Electoral Area 'D'
Director, PRRD

B.C veterinarians have been researching Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) to find methods of prevention, methods of testing and the current incidence of CWD in B.C.

The provincial plan for B.C is to educate people, introduce regulation so that are processed properly to prevent the spread of CWD (if an animal is coming from Saskatchewan or Alberta the head must be bagged and frozen), investigating creating a 10 mile buffer zone between Alberta and B.C with no game farms. There are freezers being provided at some spots for hunters to freeze the deer heads.

Of the 800 deer heads tested in B.C from 2002-2007 there have been no cases of CWD.

Though CWD is a prion and is related to BSE and Creutzfeldt-Jakob's Disease there is no known risk to humans.

Nothing has happened with the committee that was formed at the 2007 Intermunicipal/Interprovincial Meeting. **Karen Goodings of PRRD volunteered to be the lead in the committee to look at CWD in the Peace Region. Each municipality will appoint one representative and one alternate. Both the Representative and the alternate will attend the first meeting.**

4) HIGH SPEED INTERNET UPDATE – Frank Lowen, County of Grande Prairie

Access to high speed internet in rural areas can be a challenge. When campaigning in the fall the issue that people were interested in was high speed internet, not road or wildlife.

Previously private enterprise would set up the towers, to ensure that all residents were able to access high speed internet the County of Grande Prairie has been helping to pay for towers where there is a smaller population. Within 2 months 11 towers have been completed and 4 were not subsidized. \$45,000 has been committed to towers and radios.

Tim Stone – in Saddle Hills County the County has offered to help pay for towers, but so far private industry has been able to place towers without aid.

5) **BRANDING THE PEACE PRESENTATION** – Joany Alyward, Brand Manager

The focus of Branding the Peace has become agriculture. They have moved from individual members to focusing on organizations and promoting the Peace Region in the world marketplace. One of the objectives is to increase foreign investment here is very little foreign investment happening in agriculture in Canada and most of that foreign investment is in the East.

A video produced in the Peace Country and shot in Bonanza for a CBC contest was shown.

The AGM is going to be held on June 12, 2008.

LUNCH 12:50 p.m. – 1:20 p.m.

6) **FARMLAND ASSESSMENT IN ALBERTA** – Gordon Hardy, Chief Assessor, Saddle Hills County

A handout was passed around the table.

Farmland assessment in Alberta is different from assessment in B.C. Farmland assessment is regulated by the Municipal Government Act and is not based on market value. Some of the factors that affect the assessment value are climate, soil, topography, stone cover and inconvenience. Farm houses have an exemption that is equal to the value of the land or \$61,000, whichever is less. If a house is on farmland and not occupied it is not assessed, whereas a house on non-farmland will be assessed even if it is empty.

7) **TRANSPORTATION UPDATE** – Richard Prill, Operation Manager, Ministry of Transportation, B.C. and Wayne Franklin, Regional Director, Alberta Transportation

Mr. Prill introduced himself, informed the meeting that commercial permitting centre for B.C. and then asked for questions. Some of the topics raised were:

- The Clayhurst hill – there have been challenges and Transportation will continue last year's development
- Emergency rerouting after an accident near the border – The HWY was closed and traffic rerouted without specific regard for the topography. Transportation is working at connecting the RCMP with the maintenance contractors who know the area during emergency situations.

Mr. Franklin gave an update.

- After the provincial election there has been a change and now there is the Ministry of Transportation and the Ministry of Infrastructure.
- The Dunvegan Bridge replacement is due to start May 6, 2008, pause for the winter and be completed in the fall next year.
- The HWY 43 twining will be proceeding as the land acquisition issues should be resolved.
- There is a planning study occurring to look at the footprint of six interchanges along HWY 43 between Bonanza and Beaverlodge.
- Part of the 20 year plan is to have a road from Peace River to Fort McMurray, a second bridge over the Peace River and the twinning of HWY 43 finished.

8) RURAL FIRE PROTECTION IN ALBERTA – Brian Ballard, Regional Fire and Disaster Services Manager, Saddle Hills County

A hand-out was passed around the table.

A municipality is responsible for its own fire protection and can pass bylaws for safety and protection. Municipalities are responsible for funding their fire services though there is limited funding available as Federal and Provincial grants. Urban and rural municipalities can jointly own equipment or contract out equipment to each other according to their specific needs.

There are co-ops that have communally owned equipment, however there are questions regarding insurance and liability. Industrial fire protection can be dealt with by the municipality or by a commercial service. The level of service is set by each municipality through policy.

Some of the challenges that are being faced are recruitment & retention of firefighters, risk management, lack of legislative framework, increasing regulatory requirements, increased public expectation and outdated methods for delivery of service.

9) SHOCK TRAUMA AIR RESCUE SOCIETY UPDATE – Glenda Farden, Fund Raising Manager and Andy Stewart, General Manager

Glenda Farnden and Andy Stewart gave an update of the STARS operation including the number of calls to the different areas of the Peace Country and the addition of longer range helicopters to the STARS fleet.

10) 2009 Intermunicipal/Interprovincial Meeting

Hosting the 209 Intermunicipal/Interprovincial meeting was discussed. **The County of Grande Prairie will be hosting the 2009 Intermunicipal/Interprovincial meeting.**

11) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Tim Stone, Chair

Elizabeth Gustafson, Recording Secretary

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NORTHERN CAUCUS TOUR

MEETING NOTES

DATE: August 12, 2008
TIME: 3 p.m.
PLACE: Crown Room, Quality Inn, Fort St. John, BC
PRESENT: Director Karen Goodings, Chair and Electoral Area 'B' Director
Director Lori Ackerman, City of Fort St. John
Director Lenore Harwood, District of Hudson's Hope
Director Fred Jarvis, District of Taylor
Director Mike Caisley, District of Tumbler Ridge
Director Barb Smith, Village of Pouce Coupe
Fred Banham, Chief Administrative Officer
Barb Coburn, Recording Secretary
John Rustad, M.L.A, Chair, Northern Caucus and two staff members

- 1) Introductions The meeting began at 3 p.m. with Chair Goodings introducing the members of the Regional Board who had the opportunity to attend the meeting and offered the floor to Director Caisley, being the Director who travelled the farthest.
- 2) Invite Northern
Caucus to Tumbler
Ridge Director Caisley expressed his disappointment that the Northern Caucus Tour only included three municipalities. He invited all the members of the Northern Caucus to meet with the Regional Board Directors in Tumbler Ridge.
- Mr. Rustad replied that the Northern Caucus has attempted to do some outreach meetings but with the schedules the members keep, it is difficult to get everyone together away from Victoria. He stated he plans on taking some time to travel to all the communities between Hudson's Hope and Tumbler Ridge.
- 3) Upgrade Murray
River Forest Service
Road Director Caisley went on to advise that he wanted to speak about two issues. The first is the issue of upgrading the Murray River Forest Service Road to provide access to both the Monkman Provincial Park and the Kinuseo Park. He advised that Richard Coleman, as Minister of Forests, had promised to hold meetings with stakeholders to discuss the issue, but no meetings were held.
- Mr. Rustad advised that Minister Pat Bell has committed to meet with all Forest Districts, and perhaps Director Caisley could meet with him when he visits this area.
- 4) Fossil Management
Framework Director Caisley advised that the second issue is that of protecting and managing the discoveries of dinosaur fossils in the Tumbler Ridge area. There was an initiative to identify and preserve fossil discoveries, but that has stalled. He would like to what happened and why it was stalled but has not be successful in locating the appropriate contact.

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- 4) Fossil Management Framework (continued) Mr. Rustad advised that his staff have been working on the same subject for over a year now and asked if Director Caisley could provide some names of who was handling it in the past. He will have his staff start from there to research for some answers.
- 5) CN Fence Maintenance Chair Goodings mentioned that legislation had changed in 1996; therefore, CN Rail has not been doing maintenance of fences that pass through rancher's fields and pastures as they believe it is no longer their responsibility. CN has provided funding for materials but no longer provides the labour required to repair or replace the fences. Mrs. Goodings expressed a concern that it has been downloaded to the farmer, which was not the agreement when the railway was constructed through ranch lands.
- 6) CN Rail Overpasses Chair Goodings expressed a concern that this area is unable to be competitive in the trucking industry due to the height of overpasses between Prince George and Dawson Creek. Over-height vehicles have to travel through Alberta to get to this region.
- Mr. Rustad advised that he has been discussing the issue with Kevin Falcon, Minister of Transportation who has agreed to look at it. He will continue to push the issue.
- Director Smith mentioned the deteriorating condition of the rail trestle in Pouce Coupe on the BC - Alberta rail connection. Due to a lack of maintenance, there are problems with the rail bed that is becoming more and more obvious as well as the weed control issue.
- Mr. Rustad mentioned that there is a pipeline proposed to begin in Alaska that should also bring connectivity to rail lines.
- 7) Drought Chair Goodings mentioned that again this year there is a serious drought problem for this region.
- Mr. Rustad mentioned that the Federal government needs to recognize the drought as a disaster in order for the farmers to be able to access grants, etc. He has discussed the drought situation with the grain and cattle producers earlier and stated that they are taking a lead role on the issue.
- 8) Carbon Gas Director Goodings stated that there is a local farmer working towards planting trees on his property through an initiative from an English company as a way to access carbon credits for his land.
- Mr. Rustad advised that Pat Bell, Minister of Forest and Range has stated that there are no carbon credits associated with the initiative, the company offering the proposal is merely trying to improve their own image. He also stated that he sees the day when supply and demand will turn toward a market price increase for agriculture. As lands are bought up for other purposes, the supply of goods will decrease and the demand will increase.

8) Carbon Tax
(continued)

Director Goodings stated that there is also an age problem for producers, the interest is not there for the next generation to farm when industry is offering better wages, especially when the cost of fuel is so high with little to no return from the crops produced it is not an attractive prospect.

Mr. Rustad advised that Blair Lekstrom, Minister of Community Development has been pushing for recognition of the added costs to the small communities. The residents of these communities have added travel for such things as health care and education. The Province is looking at bringing in a northern living allowance similar to what the Federal government offers.

9) Peace River Basin
Trust

Chair Goodings stated that the Peace River basin is high on the list due to the Site C being proposed by BC Hydro. There is a concern regarding the loss of agriculture industry and the Agricultural Land Reserve holding back economic opportunities as property owners are not able to subdivide.

10) Oil and Gas
setbacks

Chair Goodings also mentioned a request to have the science behind setbacks for the oil and gas industry explained by the Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources.

11) First Nation
Consultation

Director Caisley requested that 'consultation' be defined in regards to dealing with First Nations and that a dispute resolution process be put into effect for local government and industry so that the consultation process can be handled quickly and efficiently.

Mr. Rustad stated that the 1982 constitution gave the first nations rights and title that created certain rights over and above the average citizen without defining them. He agreed that definitions are needed for both the terms 'consultation' and 'accommodation'; however, the courts are unwilling to deal with it and have stated it is a political problem.

12) Grants-in-lieu

Director Harwood advised that BC Hydro gives the District of Hudson's Hope a grant-in-lieu of property taxes; however, the amount has been capped based on population.

Mr. Rustad advised that he also sits on the Crown Corporation Committee and he will bring the subject up with BC Hydro the next time they meet.

13) Adjournment

Chair Goodings thanked Mr. Rustad for the opportunity to meet with the Directors.

The meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

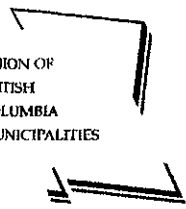
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August 6, 2008

Chair Goodings and Board
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Dear Chair and Board:

RE: 2008 EMERGENCY PLANNING GRANT APPLICATION

I am pleased to advise that your application for 2008 Emergency Planning funding is now approved in the amount of \$ 5,000.00. A cheque in the amount of \$ 2,500.00, representing 50% of the amount approved, will follow.

UBCM is administering this program, and the Province of British Columbia, Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General, has provided funding.

As detailed in the application guide:

1. A report on what was achieved must be completed on or before *February 28, 2009* and must demonstrate that the funding was used to improve the local government's ability to respond to or recover from emergencies.
2. Proposed next steps to enhance emergency preparedness and an updated Community Emergency Program Review to show improvements in emergency preparedness *must be included* in the reporting package.
3. A *financial statement* from the Chief Financial Officer verifying the total cost of the project is also required. The balance of funding (to a maximum of 75% of the actual project cost) will be paid on receipt of a satisfactory reporting package.
4. Finally, if the proposed activities are not yet complete, a *progress report* advising us of expected completion dates will be required.

If you have any questions or concerns, or wish to vary your project in any way, please contact Sue Clark, Program Officer, at 250 356-5134.

We wish you every success with your project.

Sincerely,

Sue Clark
Program Officer

pc: Ron Storie, Manager of Community Services

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