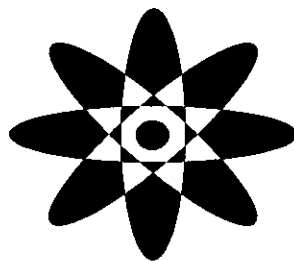


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November 13, 2008



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for the November 13, 2008 Board Meeting

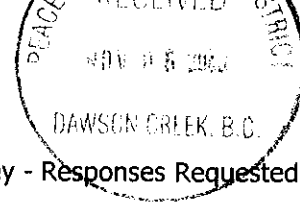
CORRESPONDENCE:

- C-15 November 6, 2008 email from Laura Porcher, Executive Director, Community Energy Association regarding the Local Government Survey - District Energy, Renewable Energy and Energy Planning.
NOTE: Staff has the survey and will complete it following Board authorization
- C-16 November 4, 2008 response from Ian Stacey, Vegetation Maintenance Manager Northern Interior Region, BC Hydro, to the September 22, 2008 letter from the Regional Board (*attached*).
- C-17 November 5, 2008 letter from the Honourable Kevin Krueger, Minister of Small Business and Revenue and Minister Responsible for BC Assessment regarding assessments being frozen at their July 1, 2007 levels.
- C-18 November 10, 2008 email from Director Saugstad regarding discussions with Randy L'Heureux, Director Airevac and Critical Care regarding the use of Shock Trauma Air Rescue Society (STARS) by BC Ambulance Service.

REPORTS:

- R-11 November 7, 2008 report from Shannon Anderson, General Manager of Environmental Services regarding the Bessborough Landfill Electric Wildlife Fence.
- R-12 November 7, 2008 report from Shannon Anderson, General Manager of Environmental Services regarding recommendations from the November 4, 2008 Solid Waste Committee meeting.

From: Laura Porcher [mailto:lporcher@communityenergy.bc.ca]
Sent: Thursday, November 06, 2008 1:03 PM
To: governments-and-energy@lists.onenw.org
Cc: 'Provencal, Rachele EMPR:EX'; jim.ciccateri@gov.bc.ca
Subject: [CEA governments-and-energy] Local Government Energy Survey - Responses Requested by Nov 20, 4:30pm
To: Local Government representatives on the Community Energy Assn *Governments-and-Energy Listserve*



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Additions

Local Government representatives are invited to complete the Provincial Government's *Local Government Survey on District Energy, Renewable Energy and Energy Planning*. **Responses are due November 20, 2008, 4:30 pm**. There will be a book prize draw from amongst respondents.

The intention of this survey is to:

- Ascertain the level of interest in and understanding of district and renewable energy systems and other sustainable energy initiatives;
- Find out what existing district and renewable energy systems are in place;
- Identify barriers to the implementation of district and renewable energy projects and other initiatives; and
- Determine the most effective ways to support the development and implementation of sustainable energy solutions.

The survey is fairly lengthy, and will take approximately 45 minutes to complete. (Your work is automatically saved as you go along, so you can complete the survey over more than one sitting.) We anticipate that completing the survey will be a learning experience in itself; the time you or your staff invest in considering the questions will likely further your government's energy/greenhouse gas planning process. In addition, your input will enable government and other agencies to better assist communities with the advancement of energy planning and systems integration.

While this survey is going out to the CAO's of all BC local governments, as well as staff contacts of municipalities and regional districts participating in the Community Action on Energy and Emissions program, we wanted to provide local government representatives on the CEA listserv with the opportunity to respond as well. We apologize for any cross postings.

To complete the survey on-line, please click on the following link:

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=d7gZewd38ToBM8K3VNic1w_3d_3d

If you prefer to complete a paper version, the attached document can be printed and faxed to the Community Energy Association at 250-598-4025.

Aggregated survey results will be available; individual responses will remain confidential, however the Province may initiate contact in order to clarify or expand your answers.

If you have any questions, please contact either myself or Rachele Provencal at the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources (t: 250-953-4631 or email: Rachele.provencal@gov.bc.ca).

Thank you in advance -- your responses are very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

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Connecting communities, energy and sustainability

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1. Preamble

Responses are requested by November 20, 2008, 4.30pm.

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The Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources, Ministry of Community Development, Ministry of Environment, BC Hydro, Community Energy Association and Pembina Institute are interested in identifying your community's interests, activities, and needs related to district energy systems, renewable energy generation and community energy and emissions planning. In collaboration with district energy champions such as the communities of Revelstoke and Quesnel, as well as FVB Inc., this survey has been designed to gain your input as municipal and regional district representative.

Your input will be used to inform program development and initiative design by partner agencies and to support the advancement of energy planning and efficiency, district energy, renewable energy and other projects. The Provincial Government may follow up with direct contact for clarification or expansion of your answers.

The survey is expected to take 45 minutes, but it can be conducted over several sessions and even on different days. The web-version automatically saves itself every time you click to go to the next page, and if you close down the survey and later click on the original weblink you were sent, your survey will automatically reload itself to where you left off.

We expect you will get new insights from participating in the survey, and we thank you for your time. For information about the survey, please contact:

Laura Porcher
Executive Director
Community Energy Association
Tel: 250-598-4034
Email: lporcher@communityenergy.bc.ca

Or:

Rachelle Provençal
Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources
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Survey results will indicate aggregated responses; individual responses will remain confidential. Results will only be used to support communities. Honest survey responses (e.g. indicating no previous interest or action) are helpful and will not affect community support.

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November 4, 2008

Karen Goodings
Chair, Peace River Regional District
Box 810
Dawson Creek, B.C.
V1G 4H0



Dear Karen,

Thank you for your letter dated September 22, 2008 regarding your concerns and suggestions for our Vegetation Maintenance program in the Peace River area.

Our vegetation management program has 3 main goals:

- to provide for the reliable delivery of power to our customers
- to continue the development of management techniques to ensure fiscal responsibility and reduce overall long term costs
- to ensure public and worker safety while implementing our program

Our experience over the years has shown that resprout vegetation sprayed with herbicide needs to remain untouched for a considerable period of time to allow the herbicide to fully translocate throughout the plant system in order to achieve maximum efficacy. Experience has also demonstrated that sprayed brush left to stand typically falls over during the winter either from wind and snow or snowmobile / ATV traffic in the ditch. There are a number of benefits gained from this approach:

- there are very few shattered stumps in the ditches after a spray operation
- additional public safety is achieved in terms of wildlife / vehicle interaction, the visibility is greatly improved and the shrub food source that attracts deer and moose to the roadside is gone
- reliability is improved and interruption time is greatly reduced due to the improved visibility and access for our line crews

Consistent monitoring of our management techniques indicates that herbicide is an effective lower cost alternative to mowing or mulching by reducing both the frequency of treatment and the vegetation density, both very desirable qualities for roadside vegetation management. Our program in the Peace area has been in place for many years and has been modified over the years to where it is now considered to be one of the best managed areas in the province.

I would be more than happy to meet with you and discuss our program and any possible impacts you might foresee in the future.

Yours Sincerely,

Ian Stacey
Vegetation Maintenance Manager
Northern Interior Region

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Office of: the Chair

September 22, 2008

BC Hydro
Rights-of-Way Division
P.O. Box 9501,
Vancouver, BC V6B 4N1

Dear Sir/Madam:

Re: BC Hydro right-of-way Spray Program

At its September 11, 2008 Board meeting the Directors of the Peace River Regional District discussed the BC Hydro right-of-way vegetation control spray program along the regions main arterial routes. It was observed that, as a result of the spray program there is now a considerable amount of dead underbrush under the power lines, which is very unsightly to the travelling public.

The Regional Board would like to know the intention of BC Hydro in dealing with the dead underbrush and would recommend to BC Hydro that in the future these areas be mowed and / or mulched.

Thank you for your time in considering our request and we look forward to your response.

Yours truly,

Karen Goodings
Chair

c.c. – Brian Ward, Vegetation Management
Box 210, 2400 Hart Highway, Dawson Creek, BC V1G 2B3

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PLEASE REPLY TO:

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Karen Goodings
Peace River Regional District
Box 810
Dawson Creek, British Columbia
V1G 4H8

Dear Ms. Goodings:

On November 1, Premier Gordon Campbell announced that effective immediately and for 2009 only, assessments will be frozen for all property classes at their July 1, 2007 levels. This measure will provide property owners with certainty and confidence in the property assessment system.

As a result of the current economic crisis, British Columbia's real estate market has experienced a downturn. By taking the initiative to freeze assessments at last year's levels, the B.C. government will ensure that assessments reflect current market realities rather than the peak experienced close to July 1, 2008.

The provincial government is committed to fair and equitable treatment for all property owners. This action builds on the B.C. government's steps to ensure the province's competitiveness and to provide stability and predictability for property owners and taxpayers in the wake of the current global economic slowdown.

BC Assessment, in consultation with the Ministry of Small Business and Revenue, will work closely with your administrator and financial staff to address questions related to the roll freeze at the earliest opportunity.

The Ministry of Small Business and Revenue will also work closely with the Ministries of Finance and Community Development to ensure there is clear and coordinated communication between government ministries, local governments and other taxing jurisdictions regarding the implementation and details of the freeze.

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Ministry of
Small Business and Revenue
and Minister Responsible
for Regulatory Reform

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I have been in close contact with BC Assessment's Board of Directors and Executive Committee to discuss this decision, and they are working on addressing the various and complex policy impacts, including working closely with the Ministry of Small Business and Revenue in drafting legislation that will bring these proposed changes into force during the fall legislative session.

In closing, I am seeking your support and involvement to work cooperatively with the provincial government and BC Assessment to implement this decision, to benefit property owners and taxpayers in your community.

Should you have any questions, I or staff would be pleased to discuss this matter with you in more detail. Further information is available online at http://www2.news.gov.bc.ca/news_releases_2005-2009/2008OTP0264-001663.htm.

Sincerely,



Kevin Krueger
Minister of Small Business and Revenue and
Minister Responsible for BC Assessment

cc: Honourable Gordon Campbell
Premier

Honourable Colin Hansen
Minister of Finance

Honourable Blair Lekstrom
Minister of Community Development

Connie Fair, President and CEO
BC Assessment

Lillian White, Chair
Board of Directors
BC Assessment

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Fred Banham

From: Evan Saugstad [ESaugstad@spectraenergy.com]
Sent: Monday, November 10, 2008 9:59 AM
To: Fred Banham
Cc: Leo Sabulsky; redfearn@gochetwynd.com; tlc954@hotmail.com
Subject: RE: Last Week/STARS

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*Request
for additions
to Agenda*

Fred

Can I add this to this weeks PRRD meeting agenda?

Evan Saugstad

-----Original Message-----

From: Leo Sabulsky [mailto:leo@peacefm.ca]
Sent: November 10, 2008 8:50 AM
To: redfearn@gochetwynd.com; Evan Saugstad; Laverne Norris; tlc954@hotmail.com
Subject: Last Week/STARS

STARS Briefing

November 2, 2008 to November 4, 2008

Conversations with:

Randy L'Heureux
Director Airevac and Critical Care
Victoria, BC.

Mr. L'Heureux called me, arranged for a telephone call and telephoned me on two occasions. He will follow up with a letter: These are the salient points of the conversation which I recorded.

Mr. L'Heureux stated the following:

- (a) BCAS is in charge of arranging and transporting patients.
- (b) BCAS and STARS do not have a formal arrangement at this time, but BCAS has used them in specific cases.
- (c) Northern Health does not have a formal agreement with the Grande Prairie Hospital to take patients.
- (d) Grande Prairie does not have a Level 1 Trauma Unit.
- (e) STARS Invoice may not be paid by BCAS or Northern Health.
- (f) BCAS does not have a night vision licensed helicopter for at site landings in the Peace.

Mr. L'Heureux listened to my explanation:

- (a) Critical care was needed at the scene in question.
- (b) STARS were to attend at scene, but flight plan was changed due to a quickening of treatment of the patient at the site, BCAS changing

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it and the return of the patient to the hospital.

(c) STARS had attended in Chetwynd for training and for meetings with the doctors, nurses, fire/rescue and BCAS and we were all aware of the protocol, but were also aware that BCAS does not have an equivalent service.

(d) I was not aware of the Invoice to BCAS.

Mr. L'Heureux concluded:

(a) He is going to meet with STARS this week or early next week and review protocol in Calgary.

(b) He is concerned about the Chetwynd arrangement with the Grande Prairie Hospital since GP may not be able to take patients or have adequate facilities;

(c) He agreed that BCAS did not have an equivalent service in the Peace when we called STARS,

Summary::

Mayor, Council and the PRRD may wish to address the use of STARS by BCAS and Northern Health and review a policy for patient care at Grande Prairie.

Mr. L'Heureux is pursuing this incident and seems to be concerned about the forthcoming Invoice from STARS. My recommendation is that STARS officials, BCAS and Northern Health should formalize an arrangement so this does not happen when a critically injured patient is flown from a scene in our community.

* Our understanding to call STARS is as follows:

-The call for a STARS Unit is only done when there is a critically injured patient and stabilization of the patient is question.

-Time is critical for patient removal; and, -Traditional road route removal to the hospital is delayed, impractical, a long distance or impossible.

In the case in question:

- We had a critically injured patient, removal from the scene was difficult and an extended time period had occurred at the scene in stabilizing the patient. A BCAS alternative was not available. Dr. Venter and nurses welcomed the call, as well as BCAS members.

Consequences of this Discussion:

- The PRRD and the Mayor and Council should request copies of discussions with STARS, Northern Health and BCAS. Concerns raised by Mr. L'Heureux about the Grande Prairie Hospital arrangements with the Chetwynd Hospital and the acceptance of invoices warrant discussion at the District and the PRRD levels.

Leo Sabulsky
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Chetwynd Fire Department
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TO: Chair and Directors
FROM: Shannon Anderson, General Manager of Environmental Services
DATE: November 7, 2008
RE: Bessborough Landfill Electric Wildlife Fence

Recommendation:

that the Regional Board award the Bessborough Landfill Electric Wildlife Fence Contract to Score Construction Ltd., Revelstoke, BC, for \$46,174.80, including GST.

Rationale:

Tenders were requested for the supply of all labour and materials for the installation of 2300m of electric wildlife fence that will make up the over all perimeter fence at the Bessborough Landfill site.

One tender package was received and opened publicly on November 7, 2008, please refer to minutes on the Consent. The successful company, Score Construction Ltd., has the necessary experience, qualifications and equipment to conduct the works required. Score Construction Ltd. has successfully installed wildlife fencing previously on Regional District landfill facilities. The tendered amount is within the 2008 Financial Plan and the budgeted amount.

Commencement of the works is slated for November 14th.

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CAO:

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Peace River Regional District

REPORT

To: Chair and Directors of the Regional Board

From: Director Larry Houley, Chair – Solid Waste Committee
Shannon Anderson, General Manager of Environmental Services

Date: November 7, 2008

Re: Solid Waste Committee meeting recommendations

The following recommendation arising from the November 4, 2008 Solid Waste Committee meeting is for the Regional Board's consideration and approval. The minutes are on the Consent for your information.

Supply and Hauling of Roll-Off Bins

- a) that the Solid Waste Committee recommend to the Regional Board that staff be authorized to issue a tender for the Supply and Hauling of Roll-Off Bins contract; and
- b) that Complete Environmental Inc., be requested to honour its contract obligations to December 31, 2008, which will give the Regional District the required time to complete the tender process.

The Contractor requested termination of the contract prematurely due to continued revenue losses. The Solid Waste Committee reviewed their request and has agreed to cancel the contract at years end to provide sufficient time to re-tender the contract.

Department Head:

CAO:

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CONSENT CALENDAR

Items to be received for information.

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CONSENT CALENDAR

for the November 13, 2008 Board Meeting

MINUTES:

- MA-1 Regional Solid Waste Management Joint Committee Meeting Minutes of October 2, 2008.
- MA-2 Solid Waste Committee Meeting Minutes of October 16, 2008.
- MA-3 Agriculture Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of October 21, 2008.
- MA-4 Bessborough Landfill Electric Wildlife Fence Tender Opening Meeting Minutes of November 7, 2008.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- CA-1 September 2008 Municipal Insurance Association of BC *Board Meeting Highlights*.
- CA-2 Copy of October 28, 2008 letter of appreciation from Marilyn Belak, Acting Mayor, City of Dawson Creek to UBCM, NCMA and PRMA Leaders and Staff for their words of condolence and encouragement.
NOTE: Recording Secretary has the Memorial Card and Eulogy available.
- CA-3 October 2008 letter of appreciation from C. Neil Downey, President Ducks Unlimited Canada for supporting their conservation efforts of the past year.



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Regional Solid Waste Management Joint Committee Meeting Minutes

DATE: Thursday, October 2, 2008
TIME: 10:00 a.m.
PLACE: Regional District offices, Dawson Creek, BC

PRESENT:

Steering Committee

Director Karen Goodings, Electoral Area 'B'
Director Wayne Hiebert, Electoral Area 'D'
Director Jim Eglinski, City of Fort St. John
Councillor Alvin Stedel, City of Dawson Creek
Councillor Joanne Roberts, District of Chetwynd

Technical Advisory Committee

Sally Emory, Northern Environmental Action Team, Fort St. John
Kevin Henderson, Director of Operations, City of Dawson Creek
Victor Shopland, Director of Infrastructure and Capital Works,
City of Fort St. John
Gordon Davies, Public Works Superintendent, District of Taylor
Bruce Craig, Provincial Approving Officer, Ministry of Transportation and
Infrastructure, Fort St. John

Public Advisory Committee

Robert Bacon, Rose Prairie
Jewel Bacon, Rose Prairie
Wade Lillico, Rose Prairie
Judy Madden, Dawson Creek
Hellmut Patzelt, Dawson Creek
Monica Abma, Dawson Creek
Karen Thomas, Dawson Creek

Others

Wendy Rudder, Earth Tech AECOM
Fred Banham, Chief Administrative Officer
Shannon Anderson, General Manager of Environmental Services
Suzanne Garrett, Corporate Services Coordinator

- 1) Call to Order: Director Eglinski, Acting Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.
- 2) Adoption of the Agenda: MOVED by Karen Goodings, SECONDED by Wayne Hiebert, that the Regional Solid Waste Management Joint Committee Meeting agenda for the October 2, 2008 meeting, including New Business and Additional Items for the agenda, be adopted as amended.

CARRIED.

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2) Adoption of the
Agenda
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Minutes:

- M-1 Regional Solid Waste Management Plan Public Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of July 7, 2008
- M-2 Regional Solid Waste Management Plan Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of July 8, 2008
- M-3 Regional Solid Waste Management Plan Steering Committee Meeting Minutes of July 8, 2008

Business Arising from the Minutes:

Reports:

New Business:

- NB-1 Review of Goals
- NB-2 Final comments / suggestions

MINUTES:

3) M-1
RSWMP Public
Advisory Cmte.
Mtg. Minutes
of July 7, 2008

MOVED by Hellmut Patzelt, SECONDED by Judy Madden,
that Regional Solid Waste Management Plan Public Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes of July 7, 2008 be adopted.

CARRIED.

4) M-2
RSWMP Technical
Advisory Cmte.
Mtg. Minutes
of July 8, 2008

MOVED by Kevin Henderson, SECONDED by Sally Emory,
that Regional Solid Waste Management Plan Technical Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes of July 8, 2008 be adopted.

CARRIED.

5) M-3
RSWMP
Steering Cmte.
Mtg. Minutes
of July 8, 2008

MOVED by Councillor Stedel, SECONDED by Councillor Roberts,
that Regional Solid Waste Management Plan Steering Committee
Meeting Minutes of July 8, 2008 be adopted.

CARRIED.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

6) M-1, Item 6
recycling

Director Eglinski advised members that the City of Fort St. John has
implemented a curbside recycling pilot project on a trial basis. E-co Depot is
picking up curbside recyclables from 108th Street north.

NEW BUSINESS:

7) NB-1
Review of
Goals

Ms. Rudder briefly reviewed comments received to date. It was noted that the
deadline for receipt of comments from municipalities has been extended to
October 20th.

There were no major changes requested, a few minor text corrections and
updates to the tables and figures. Concern was noted regarding Phase I
implementation - over-loading of projects to be completed within the identified
time frame. Suggestions on tightening up reporting and performance
measurement were received. It was noted that the overall structure of the Plan
reflects the Ministry of Environment guidelines more closely.

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New Business (continued)

- 8) Phase I revisions
- incorporated discussion on replacements for the Fort St. John landfill, covers all possibilities
 - included planned development of Bessborough for completeness
 - incorporated an objective specifically focused on stakeholder outreach, i.e. pilot project for recycling of agriculture plastic products, education and training needs exploration; construction and demolition working group; IC waste working group.

- 9) Phase II revisions
- high interest in recycling, plus disposal options for bulky waste, wood waste and HHW. Major focus of Phase II is on expansion of services.

Curbside Recycling

- mixed feedback from residents in Fort St. John. The Plan leaves flexibility to pursue this discussion with member municipalities and outlines issues that should be addressed in developing curbside recycling programs.
- Other updates to Phase II - recognition of landfill gas regulation requirements. The need for transfer station development in Fort St. John and development of an illegal dumping strategy.

- 10) Phase III
- Looking ahead to the future
 - continues implementation of key programs from earlier phases. Focuses on development of long term infrastructure and new technologies. Includes resource allocations for studies and other planning work.

Establishing the Vision

- two fold approach (1) establish long term vision; (2) set interim targets
- long term vision is currently Zero Waste
- interim goals reflect projections for each phase:
 - : 26% reduction by the end of Phase I
 - : Up to 41% total reduction by the end of Phase II
 - : Up to 42% total reduction by the end of Phase III

Question: reduction rates of 26%, 41%, 42%, is the 1% increase from Phase II to Phase III worth it, is that number realistic?

Response: Phase III is the phase where the investigative / research work will be undertaken and where other implementation work projects will be completed. Reduction numbers could change depending on what other projects the Regional District decides to undertake.

Question: The Province has announced rebates for gas emission projects. Maybe this should be moved to Phase I to take advantage of funding that may not be available in the next few years.

Response: It was noted that the funding rebates recently announced do not apply to landfill gas emission capture projects.

Question: If the Regional District implements higher tipping fees for items that can be recycled and upgrade the transfer stations to manned sites we may be encouraging more illegal dumping.

Response: The Plan identifies that an alternative viable option must be in place for public use before we have manned stations and increase the tipping fees on items that can be readily recycled. When the Regional District implemented a ban on commercially generated cardboard, containers were placed around the region or on commercial sites where cardboard could be deposited. Anyone after that that brought cardboard to the landfill was charged extra for their cardboard.

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New Business: (continued)

- Response: We know the alternative has to be viable and easy for the public, otherwise it will fail.
- Comment: It was suggested that local input be solicited when determining where the manned transfer stations will be placed. Someone in the local area may be willing to manage the site.
- Question: Have we identified how enforcement will be carried out, i.e. illegal dumping?
- Response: Litter is a problem, the Regional District has started handing out pamphlets to landfill users who come on site with unsecured loads. The Plan identifies strategies, the need for more resources, and multiple approaches to the enforcement issue.
- Comment: It is a full time job to recycle, if the public is willing to haul it the site has to be fully operational.
- Comment: Baling waste will reduce transportation costs, reduce gas emissions and the need for daily cover at landfills.

Defining Zero Waste

definition from the Zero Waste International Alliance

"Zero waste means designing and managing products and processes to reduce the volume and toxicity of waste and materials, conserve and recover all resources, and not burn or bury them."

definition from the Zero Waste Alliance

"Zero waste suggests that the entire concept of waste should be eliminated. Waste should be thought of as a "residual product" or simply a "potential resource" to counter our basic acceptance of waste as a normal course of events.

MOVED by Sally Emory, SECONDED by Karen Thomas,
that the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan identify the following as a goal:

"that the overarching goal of the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan is Zero Waste as defined by the Zero Waste International Alliance which states that "Zero waste means designing and managing products and processes to reduce the volume and toxicity of waste and materials, conserve and recover all resources, and not burn or bury them."

Discussion points:

- is zero waste realistic?
- recognize it is a journey
- the goal has to be attainable
- need to be comfortable with ideas to get to zero waste
- goal for zero accidents on a long weekend, it may not be attainable, but it is a concept to strive for
- attainable but at what price
- companies and industry need to change how they produce / manufacture goods/products - most are not recyclable
- consumers should support product stewardship programs, i.e. do not purchase eggs in styrofoam cartons
- need to lobby government to impose extra taxes on products manufactured that impact the environment, government needs to take on some responsibility

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New Business: (continued)

Discussion points regarding zero waste (continued)

- burning waste wood products to recover energy is not how zero waste is defined, should be recovered at its best possible value.
- potential resource waiting to happen, waste is no longer an option
- Mother Nature has no waste
- adopt zero waste as a long term mission, still going to have residuals - zero waste may take 20 years to implement.
- would like to speak against the motion and adopt 3.1.1. on page 8
- feel there is a conflict, landfilling does not meet zero waste criteria
- need to find practical use for used products
- need to encourage innovation to find end uses of products, not just throwing it in the hole, support getting the most out of everything
- feel 3.1.1 is more realistic
- Regional District could support zero waste as a long term vision, use as a filter to base future decisions on

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

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

13) Zero Waste Ms. Rudder read out the following:

The Zero Waste International Alliance defines Zero Waste as follows:
"Zero Waste is a goal that is both pragmatic and visionary, to guide people to emulate sustainable natural cycles, where all discarded materials are resources for others to use. Zero Waste means designing and managing products and processes to reduce the volume and toxicity of waste materials, conserve and recover all resources, and not burn or bury them. Implementing Zero Waste will eliminate all discharges to land, water or air that may be a threat to planetary, human, animal or plant health."

The Regional District supports Zero Waste as a long-term, overarching vision. In support of this vision, the Regional District will work towards maximizing the results of its waste reduction and waste diversion programs, and will use the Zero Waste philosophy as a guide to making decisions.

MOVED by Sally Emory, SECONDED by Karen Thomas,
that the following resolution be withdrawn:

"that the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan identify the following as a goal: that the overarching goal of the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan is Zero Waste as defined by the Zero Waste International Alliance which states that "Zero waste means designing and managing products and processes to reduce the volume and toxicity of waste and materials, conserve and recover all resources, and not burn or bury them."

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New Business: (continued)

13) Zero Waste
(continued)

MOVED by Sally Emory, SECONDED by Karen Thomas,
that the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan be amended as follows:

On Page 8, Section 3.1.1 Zero Waste - the Long Term Vision be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

The Zero Waste International Alliance defines Zero Waste as follows:

“Zero Waste is a goal that is both pragmatic and visionary, to guide people to emulate sustainable natural cycles, where all discarded materials are resources for others to use. Zero Waste means designing and managing products and processes to reduce the volume and toxicity of waste materials, conserve and recover all resources, and not burn or bury them. Implementing Zero Waste will eliminate all discharges to land, water or air that may be a threat to planetary, human, animal or plant health.”

The Regional District supports Zero Waste as a long-term, overarching vision. In support of this vision, the Regional District will work towards maximizing the results of its waste reduction and waste diversion programs, and will use the Zero Waste philosophy as a guide to making decisions.

CARRIED.

14) RSWMP

MOVED by Karen Thomas, SECONDED by Karen Goodings,
that the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan be amended as follows:

On Page 8, Section 3.1.2 word “interim” be deleted from the heading and in the first sentence to read as follows:

“In addition to the long-term vision, the Regional District will work toward a set of goals, linked to the phased approach for implementing the policies and programs outlined in the Plan.

CARRIED.

MOVED by Karen Goodings, SECONDED by Wayne Hiebert,

- a) that the Local and Technical Advisory and Steering Committees recommend to the Regional Board that the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan, as amended, be approved in principle for submission to the Ministry of Environment; and
- b) that the Local and Technical Advisory Committees formed for the review of the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan project be dissolved, with a letter of appreciation being forwarded to each member.

CARRIED.

New Business: (continued)

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- 15) Next Steps Municipal comments to the Plan are due mid-October. Final revisions to the Plan will take place late October for submission to the Regional Board. Upon Board approval in principle the Plan on November 13th will be forwarded to the Minister of Environment for final approval in late November.

Mr. Anderson noted that, if anyone is interested, that under the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan there is a need for a Plan Monitoring and Advisory Committee. The role of the Committee would be to monitor the implementation and effectiveness of the Plan and to identify concerns and issues that may arise in the implementation process.

Director Eglinski, on behalf of the Solid Waste Committee and Regional Board, thanked Ms. Rudder and all the Committee members for doing an outstanding job during the Plan review process.

- 16) Adjournment MOVED by Hellmut Patzelt, SECONDED by Kevin Henderson, that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Jim Eglinski, Acting Chair

S. Garrett, Corporate Services Coordinator

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PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

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Solid Waste Committee Meeting Minutes

DATE: Thursday, October 16, 2008
TIME: 2:00 p.m.
PLACE: Regional District offices, Dawson Creek, BC
PRESENT: Director Larry Houley, Electoral Area 'C', Committee Chair
Director Tim Caton, Electoral Area 'E'
Director Jim Eglinski, City of Fort St. John
Fred Banham, Chief Administrative Officer
Shannon Anderson, General Manager of Environmental Services
Suzanne Garrett, Corporate Services Coordinator

Guest

Lindsay Heal, Eco-Depot Recycling Centre, Fort St. John

- 1) Call to Order: Director Houley called the meeting to order at 2:35 p.m.
2) Adoption of the Agenda: MOVED by Director Eglinski, SECONDED by Director Caton that the Solid Waste Committee Meeting agenda for the October 16, 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 July 24, 2008

Business Arising from the Minutes:

Correspondence:

C-1 October 16, 2008 letter from Eco-Depot regarding local partner increase (handout).

Delegation:

D-1 Lindsay Heal, Eco-Depot Recycling Centre, Fort St. John regarding local partner increase

Reports:

R-1 September 2008 report from Earth Tech regarding Fort St. John Landfill site selection.

R-2 October 6, 2008 report from Shannon Anderson, General Manager of Environmental Services regarding Rural Haul All contract award.

MINUTES:

- 3) M-1 SWC Mtg. Min. of July 24, 2008: MOVED by Director Caton, SECONDED by Director Eglinski, that Solid Waste Committee Meeting Minutes of July 24, 2008 be adopted.

CARRIED.

DELEGATION:

4) C-1 (handout) and D-1 re: local partner increase to recycling contract

Ms. Lindsay Heal, Eco-Depot Recycling Centre, Fort St. John, was in attendance to request an increase to the recycling contract. The Depot has been managing the regional recycling contract since September 1, 2007. Since taking over the contract Eco-Depot has had numerous requests from its local partners, Chetwynd Lions Recycling and Bottle Depot; DC Recycling and Bottle Depot;

DELEGATION: (continued)

4) C-1 and D-1 and the recycling in Tumbler Ridge to review their product rates for the collection
(continued) of recyclable materials.

Local partners are a key element to the success of the regional recycling program. The product rate structure was originally implemented by Recycle Plus more than five years ago. Fuel and wages in the region have experienced dramatic increases over the past few years. There have been no real increases to the rate structure since its implementation years ago.

Overall, Eco-Depot's rates would need to increase 4.2%, including the collection levy, to increase the local partners rates by 10%. In addition, as per the Regional District's contract, the Consumer Price Index (CPI) will have to be calculated and added to the rates. Currently the calculation for CPI is 1.13%, so the overall increase would be 5.333% or 6%.

5) Cardboard recycling pilot project

Ms. Heal also advised that the Eco-Depot Recycling Centre has been managing the cardboard collection pilot project at depot locations. The Regional District is billed for the bin rental and the bin tips for each cardboard bin at each of the depot locations. In order to stream line the accounting process, Eco-Depot would like to request that these costs be incorporated into the contract cardboard product rate and invoice the Regional District per MT of cardboard collection instead of per bin / tip.

Ms. Heal left the meeting at 2:45 p.m.

Mr. Anderson advised that an increase could have been requested earlier when Eco-Depot first bid on the contract. It was noted that under the Recycling Contract Eco-Depot is responsible for payment of product rates to Local Partners, not the Regional District.

Concern was expressed that a form of auditing should be implemented to ensure that the 10% increase is being passed on to the Local Partners.

MOVED by Director Eglinski, SECONDED by Director Caton, that the Solid Waste Committee recommend to the Regional Board that the Eco-Depot Recycling Contract be increased by 5.3% to facilitate an increase in product rates to Local Partners covered under the Recycling Contract, said increase to remain in effect for the duration of the Contract.

CARRIED.

MOVED by Director Caton, SECONDED by Director Eglinski, that staff be requested to provide a breakdown of the cardboard collection pilot project for discussion at the next meeting.

CARRIED.

REPORTS:

7) R-1
FSJ L/F
site selection

MOVED by Director Eglinski, SECONDED by Director Caton, that the September 2008 report from Earth Tech regarding Fort St. John Landfill Site Selection be referred to the next meeting.

CARRIED.

REPORTS:

8) R-2
re: Rural Haul
All Collection
and Transfer
Contract

MOVED by Director Caton, SECONDED by Director Eglinski,
that the Solid Waste Committee recommend to the Regional Board that the
Part I - Tumbler Ridge / Hudson's Hope TS-500 (50 yd) Walking Floor Trailer
Route contract, for a three year period, be awarded to Excel Transportation Inc.,
Prince George, BC, for a per bin tip price of \$207.35, including GST.

CARRIED.

Discussion ensued regarding Part II - North Peace and Part III - South Peace of
the rural refuse collection and transfer services contract. Mr. Bruce Graydon has
provided additional information in support of his original bid. Director Houley
inquired how issues, if any, with the contract would be addressed. Mr. Banham
advised that contract issues that arise will be dealt with separately.

Director Eglinski inquired how changes to contract work, that could occur
following implementation of the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan, would
be handled? Mr. Anderson advised that each contract contains specific clauses
pertaining to possible changes to contract works.

MOVED by Director Eglinski, SECONDED by Director Caton,
that the Solid Waste Committee recommend to the Regional Board that the
Part II - North Peace Haul-All PL-6 (6 yd) Route contract, for a three period, be
awarded to Graydon Contracting Ltd., Fort St. John, BC, for a per bin tip price of
\$49.35, including GST.

CARRIED.

MOVED by Director Caton, SECONDED by Director Eglinski,
that the Solid Waste Committee recommend to the Regional Board that the
Part III - South Peace Haul-All PL-6 (6 yd) Route contract, for a three period, be
awarded to Graydon Contracting Ltd., Fort St. John, BC, for a per bin tip price of
\$40.95, including GST.

CARRIED.

9) Diary

Mr. Anderson advised members that the contract for the Education component of
the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan will be expiring on January 1, 2009.
This work under this contract is currently being done by the Northern
Environmental Action Team. A request for proposal will be issued shortly.

10) Committee
Report

MOVED by Director Eglinski, SECONDED by Director Caton
that the recommendations from the Solid Waste Committee Meeting of October
16, 2008 be recommended to the Regional Board for approval.

CARRIED.

11) Adjournment

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

CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.


Larry Houley, Chair


S. Garrett, Corporate Services Coordinator



**PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT
Agriculture Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes**

MA-3

DATE: Tuesday, October 21, 2008
 TIME: 10:00 a.m.
 PLACE: Regional District offices, Dawson Creek, BC

PRESENT: Director Wayne Hiebert, Electoral Area 'D', Meeting Chair
 Ruth Veiner, Peace River District Women's Institute (Alternate)
 Jim Collins, North Pine Farmer's Institute
 Judy Madden, Peace River Regional Cattlemen's Association
 Margrit Leuenberger, BC Grain Producers Association
 Katharine Keuth, Member at Large – North Peace
 Kari Bondaroff, Ministry of Agriculture and Lands
 Dan Hanson, Oil and Gas Commission

Guests

Gino Morrone, Peace Region Manager, PickSeed Canada Inc., 10:30 am
 Brad Will, Regional Account Manager, South/BC Peace, BrettYoung, 10:35
 Dan Mulder, Vice President Retail Sales, BrettYoung, 10:35 am

Staff

Bruce Simard, General Manager of Development Services
 Debbie Kunz, Assistant General Manager of Development Services, 12:30
 Suzanne Garrett, Corporate Services Coordinator

1) Call to Order The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:12 a.m.

Committee members observed a moment of silence in memory of Director Calvin Kruk.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

2) Adoption of the Agenda **MOVED** by Ruth Veiner, **SECONDED** by Jim Collins, that the Agriculture Advisory Committee Agenda for the October 21, 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 June 17, 2008

Delegation:

D-1 Gino Morrone, Peace Region Manager, Pickseed; Brad Will, Regional Account Manager, BrettYoung regarding seed containing weed seeds

Correspondence:

- C-1 July 7, 2008 letter from Garnet Berge, Chair, BC Grain Producer Transportation Committee regarding condition of rural roads.
- C-2 July 16, 2008 letter from Victor Brandl, Chair, Northeast Regional Transportation Advisory Committee regarding rural road issues and concerns.
- C-3 August 15, 2008 letter from Alex Ferguson, Commissioner and CEO of the BC Oil and Gas Commission regarding seed containing weed seeds.
- C-4 October 2008 letter from Renee Mounteney, District Manager, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure regarding rural road issues and concerns. (handout not available, MoT will be in attendance at the next AAC Meeting.)

Adoption of the Agenda: (continued)

2) Adoption of the
Agenda
(continued)

Reports: (continued)

- R-1 October 6, 2008 report from Director Wayne Hiebert, Committee Chair, regarding status of the Committee recommendations forwarded to the Regional Board.
- R-2 October 6, 2008 report from Bruce Simard, General Manager of Development Services regarding proposed Oil and Gas Treatment and Disposal Facility in the Rolla area.
- R-3 Copy of the May 2, 2008 report from the Northeast Invasive Plant Committee regarding recommendations to the Regional Board.
- R-4 Farmed Animal Carcass Disposal Emergency Plan.
- R-5 October 8, 2008 report from Debbie Kunz, Assistant Manager of Development Services regarding the South Peace Fringe Area Official Community Plan.

New Business:

- NB-1 Farm Assessment Review

MINUTES:

3) M-1
Ag. Adv. Cmte.
Mtg. Min. of
June 17, 2008

MOVED by Jim Collins, SECONDED by Judy Madden,
that the Agriculture Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of June 17,
2008 be adopted, as amended:

Item #13) R-6 on page 5 add to Issue No. 1 "gas lines should be buried deeper to enable cutting of the grass in the ditches; and power lines should be higher, this would enable better movement of equipment."

CARRIED.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

4) Item #18
Buffer Zones

Committee members were advised that buffer zones in agricultural areas have been incorporated into the North Peace Fringe Area Official Community Plan. As well, the concept is being reviewed for inclusion into the South Peace Fringe Area OCP. It was noted that the Land Commission has developed detailed guidelines on different types of buffers that can be utilized.

CORRESPONDENCE:

5) C-1 re: rural
road conditions

Members reviewed the letter received from Garnet Berg, Chair, BC Grain Producer Transportation Committee expressing concern on the condition of rural roads in the Peace Region.

Discussion points:

- Highway contractors should be encouraged to reinstate its consultation process with various stakeholders
- BC Grain Producers used to meet with CRS to discuss road maintenance, used to work well.
- Rural Roads Task Force worked well, due to increased industrial activity Milligan, Prespatou and Buick Creek areas were paved. Now the Task Force has been replaced with the Regional Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC). South Peace roads have been left out as the industrial activity was relatively low, however now it is steadily increasing. Roads were constructed for 1950's usage not fully loaded B-trains. Need to put more pressure on RTAC. Committee members feel their concerns on road conditions are not being addressed, the system is not working.
- Road contractors are working on a complaint basis, this is not good enough.

DELEGATION:

6) re: seed
containing weed
seeds

At its June 17 meeting the Agriculture Advisory Committee discussed seed lots sold at local seed vendors/elevators that contained weed seeds.

Mr. Gino Morrone, Seed Purchasing, Contracting and Peace Region Field Representative, Pickseed; Mr. Brad Will, Regional Account Manager South and BC Peace, BrettYoung; and Mr. Dan Mulder, Vice President Retail Sales, BrettYoung were in attendance to discuss primary and secondary noxious weed seeds contained in seed lots.

It was noted that the Canada Seed Act controls which seeds are allowed in seed lots. Part of the problem is that each Province has its own list of weeds, what BC considers a weed may not be a weed in Alberta.

Discussion ensued regarding ways of assisting retailers when selling seed. How do we get Fosters and other types of vendors to recognize that these contaminants are not allowed in the Peace Region. Without changing anything specifically it will be difficult to get educational information out to the vendors. It is difficult to monitor what seeds are in the mix. A reclamation company may purchase in bulk without knowing where the seed is going to be planted. Awareness - need to get more information out to buyers and sellers.

Mr. Morrone expressed concern that more funding is needed for weed control, currently invasive species are being focussed on while Canada and Sow Thistle have been put on the back burner.

MOVED by Jim Collins, SECONDED by Ruth Veiner,

- a) that the Agriculture Advisory Committee recommend to the Regional Board that an educational program be implemented for seed retailers in the Peace Region, including the Alberta retailers closest to the Peace Region, to create a better awareness of what species of weed seeds are not acceptable in the Peace Region; and
- b) that a letter be forwarded to the Ministry of Agriculture and Lands requesting that an article on the subject of weed seeds be placed in the next edition of the "Farm News" newsletter published by the Ministry.

CARRIED.

The delegation left the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

CORRESPONDENCE: (continued)

7) C-1
(continued)

Chair Hiebert advised that he will be meeting with Blair Lekstrom, MLA South Peace in the near future to discuss roads.

Committee members expressed their concern that the Regional Transportation Advisory Committee is not working, i.e. concerns of area residents are not being fully addressed.

MOVED by Judy Madden, SECONDED by Ruth Veiner, that the Agriculture Advisory Committee recommend to the Regional Board that a letter be forwarded to the Regional Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC) requesting an update on the status of RTAC recommendations to the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure over the last twelve months.

CARRIED.

8) Recess: The meeting recessed for lunch at 11:55 a.m.

9) Reconvene: The meeting reconvened at 12:30 p.m.

REPORTS:

10) R-2
re: Disposal
Facility
There is a non-hazardous waste disposal well being proposed by Secure Energy Services Inc. at A11-4-79-14, W6M. The well authorization has been approved and the operator is planning to drill the well and perform water injectivity tests to determine if the well would be a viable disposal well. If the tests are successful Secure intends to submit to the OGC the required applications for a disposal scheme under the P&NG Act and a permit application under the Environmental Management Act.

It was noted that the nearest residence is ½ mile away. It was unclear if the facility would become a major collection well. Other concerns included:

- what the life expectancy of the facility would be
- will the facility be expanded in the future
- increased traffic in the area
- types of trucks, i.e. sealed end trucks containing contaminated soil, the storage of contaminated soil on site
- local residents should be made aware of proposal

It was noted that at this moment it is only a proposal, it may or may not proceed.

MOVED by Ruth Veiner, SECONDED by Margrit Leuenberger, that the Agriculture Advisory Committee recommend to the Regional Board that the Secure Energy Services application for a non-hazardous waste disposal well be forwarded to the AAC for comment.

CARRIED.

11) R-5
re: SP Fringe
Area OCP

In August 2008 the Regional District launched a planning process to create an Official Community Plan for the South Peace Fringe Area. This OCP will guide development decision-making and establish policy direction on matters related to the environment, the community and economic development for this area. A Community Advisory Committee (CAC) is being established to assist in advising this OCP process. The Development Services Department is looking for two volunteers from the Agriculture Advisory Committee to sit on the CAC.

MOVED by Ruth Veiner, SECONDED by Katharina Keuth, that the Agriculture Advisory Committee recommend to the Regional Board that the following Agriculture Advisory Committee members be appointed to the South Peace Fringe Area Official Community Plan Community Advisory Committee:

Judy Madden
Frank Breault, Alternate

CARRIED.

Ms. Veiner left the meeting at 1:35 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

12) Farm Assessment Review Panel Committee members were advised that the Farm Assessment Review Panel will be meeting in Dawson Creek. Members, representing their respective groups, have submitted concerns which have been compiled into a brief. It was noted that the draft Brief was approved by the Regional Board at its meeting held on October 9, 2008.

MOVED by Jim Collins, SECONDED by Judy Madden, that the Agriculture Advisory Committee authorize Chair Hiebert to present the Agriculture Advisory Committee's submission to the Farm Assessment Review Panel, as amended.

CARRIED.

13) Committee report MOVED by Judy Madden, SECONDED by Margrit Leuenberger, that the recommendations from the Agriculture Advisory Committee Meeting of October 21, 2008 be recommended to the Regional Board for approval.

CARRIED

14) Adjournment: MOVED by Margrit Leuenberger, SECONDED by Judy Madden, that the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Wayne Hiebert,
Chair

Suzanne Garrett,
Corporate Services Coordinator

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PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

**Bessborough Landfill Electric Wildlife Fence
Tender Opening
Meeting Minutes of November 7, 2008**

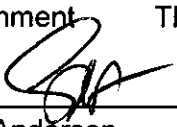
DATE: Friday, November 7, 2008
TIME: 2:00 p.m.
PLACE: Regional District offices, Dawson Creek, BC
PRESENT: Shannon Anderson, General Manager of Environmental Services
Faye Salisbury, Corporate Officer
Suzanne Garrett, Corporate Services Coordinator

- 1) Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m.
- 2) Tender Opening Mr. Anderson advised that the Tenders would be opened consecutively in no particular order. The tender issued is for the supply of all labour and materials for the installation of 2300m of electric wildlife fence around the perimeter of the Bessborough Landfill site.
- 3) Tenders Tenders were as follows:

- 1. **Score Construction Ltd.,**
Box 320, 210 Highway 23N, Revelstoke, BC V0E 2S0
Bid bond enclosed
Tender amount including GST \$46,174.80

Mr. Anderson noted that the tender will be evaluated on the basis of the merits of price, bidder's experience and professional reputation and other factors. The successful proponent will be advised following Regional Board approval.

- 4) Adjournment The meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.



Shannon Anderson,
General Manager of Environmental Services



S. Garrett
Corporate Services Coordinator

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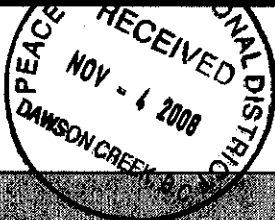
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Board Meeting Highlights

MUNICIPAL INSURANCE ASSOCIATION
of British Columbia

September 2008



2009 Rates Remain Stable

The Board of Directors delivered on the MIABC's prime strategic goal of cost stability by keeping rates at the same level as 2008. As a result, the only changes to individual members will be the result of population change or claims experience rating. This will see almost half the members paying less in 2009 than in 2008. Renewal quotations have already been distributed. The actual invoices, which will not be more than the quotations, will be sent out once reinsurance costs are determined in December. Last year reduced reinsurance premiums meant the actual invoices were slightly lower than the quotations.

Director Elections Featured at the AGM

The Regional District Representative and four Group Representative positions were open for election at the MIABC's Annual General Meeting in Penticton. An unprecedented level of interest resulted in elections being held for three positions. These were won by Councillor Royce Schmidt of Montrose (Group A Representative), Mayor Teunis Westbroek of Qualicum Beach (Group C Representative), and Sukh Gill of the Thompson Nicola Regional District (Regional District Representative). Tony Chong of Port Coquitlam retained his position as the Group D Representative by acclamation. In addition, the Board welcomed Janette Van Vianen, Director of Corporate Services for the Town of Osoyoos, who was named Group B Representative by acclamation.

Two New Members Join the MIABC

The MIABC is pleased to welcome two new members – the cities of Victoria and Kelowna. Both will be joining effective November 1st. This brings the total membership to 170 and our insured population to almost 2.3 million – both all-time highs. The MIABC has effectively grown by 10% with these new additions.

Mobile Digital Data Collection Pilot Project to be Launched

The MIABC will be teaming with Noratek Solutions Inc. of Prince George to assess the feasibility of developing a mobile data collection system for use by MIABC members. The Noratek system starts by taking an organization's inspection forms and converting them into a digital format. The tool has automated data collection allowing users to fill out required inspections while in the field using a smart phone data device. The data collected can include pictures, video files, voice recordings and GPS waypoints. The data is subsequently synced to the organization's database using either a wireless cell network or an existing computer network connection.

Incomplete and inconsistent record keeping frequently impairs the MIABC's ability to successfully defend claims against its members. We are also hampered by ineffective filing and document retrieval systems. The Noratek approach appears capable of addressing these issues over a wide range of local government services.

The pilot project will introduce this system to a small, medium, and large sized local government. It will be focused on building inspections, the MIABC's biggest risk management concern. If the Noratek system can prove itself by passing this rigorous test, we should be able to comfortably conclude that it can be readily applied to less complex tasks.

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File No.: 1-0-1

October 28, 2008

Dear UBCM, NCMA and PRMA Leaders and Staff:

Thank you for your words of condolence and encouragement while we grieve the loss of our friend Calvin who was a significant leader in local government and whose influence reached other levels of government as well as into the economic sector.

Mayor Kruk has left us a legacy that will make the path easier for all communities to plan for the future.

Together, the great communities that make British Columbia the "Best Place on Earth" will grieve; and together, we will continue to share our work and accomplishments to make all of our communities "The Best Place to Live."

We intend to keep Dawson Creek moving forward with all of you, to build engaged and active communities who will define the nature and future of British Columbia.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Belak

Marilyn Belak
Acting Mayor, on behalf of:

- Councillor Bud Powell
- Councillor Mike Bernier
- Councillor Brent Neumann
- Councillor Alvin Stedel
- Councillor Paul Gevatkoff

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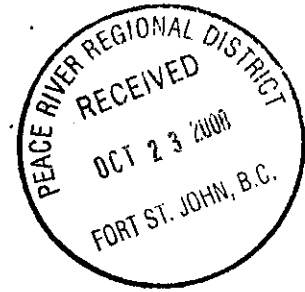
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Ducks Unlimited Canada
Conserving Canada's Wetlands

Active by nature.

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October 2008

Dear Wetland Conservation Supporter:

On behalf of Ducks Unlimited Canada's (DUC) Board of Directors and staff, I extend my appreciation to you as one of the many individuals, corporations, foundations, partner conservation organizations and government agencies that supported our conservation efforts over this past year.

We are pleased to provide you with a copy of DUC's Annual Report for the fiscal year 2008 (April 1, 2007 – March 31, 2008) which includes:

- A cross-Canada overview of DUC's on-the-ground conservation programs
- Details about the science and research behind our work
- Highlights of our revenue and membership accomplishments
- Audited financial statements
- An Honour Roll of DUC's many generous and committed long-term and recent supporters.

You'll see that with your help, DUC enjoyed a very successful year. We're making great strides with our habitat conservation efforts and our support base continues to grow. But as wetland loss persists across the country, your ongoing commitment to their conservation is more critical than ever.

The theme of this year's Annual Report is "Active by nature." This not only refers to the work we do to ensure the future of wetlands and waterfowl, but it also speaks to the attributes of the people who support us. Our supporters understand that when they head outdoors to enjoy Canada's natural resources, wetlands likely had a role in supporting the recreational pursuits they love. You can take pride in knowing that you are helping to continue this natural legacy through your support of Ducks Unlimited Canada.

Yours truly,

C. Neil Downey
President
Ducks Unlimited Canada

p.s. The DUC Annual Report is also available on our website at www.ducks.ca.

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