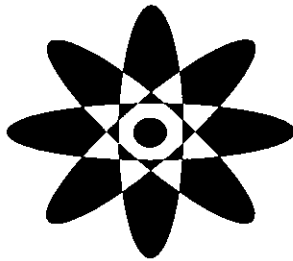


PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

November 22, 2007



PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

for the November 22, 2007 Board Meeting

CORRESPONDENCE:

- C-9 November 15, 2007 update from the Honourable Rich Coleman, Minister of Forests and Range and Minister Responsible for Housing regarding the province's initiative to 'green' the B.C. Building Code.

REPORTS:

- R-7 November 19, 2007 report from Faye Salisbury, Corporate Officer regarding the Chetwynd & District Recreation Complex Renovation/Expansion Project.
- R-8 November 19, 2007 report from the PRRD Utilities Committee regarding BC Hydro Rate Design Application to the BC Utilities Commission.

BY-LAWS:

B-7 **OCP and Zoning Amendment By-law's No. 1766 and 1767 (Mosher)**

Additional Item:

- d) Public Meeting Minutes of November 20, 2007.

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November 15, 2007

Greetings,

It is my pleasure to update you on the Province of British Columbia's initiative to 'green' the B.C. Building Code. As announced in the Throne Speech earlier this year, the 'greening' of B.C.'s Building Code is a key component of the Province's commitment to take immediate action to combat climate change.

Following discussions with representatives from industry and local government, the Province is proposing updates to the B.C. Building Code that will reduce the impact of buildings and construction on the environment. These proposals focus on improving sustainability through increased energy and water efficiency.

It is important that we hear from you. I invite you to comment on these proposals by visiting the provincial government's website at: <http://www.housing.gov.bc.ca/building/> and clicking on the 'Greening of the BC Building Code' button. Please submit your comments by **December 21, 2007.**

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These proposals are the first steps in 'greening' the B.C. Building Code. We are also exploring other areas including reusing existing buildings, smart metering, more environmentally friendly use of construction materials and resources, and improving indoor air quality. We will be consulting on these future proposals at a later date.

We look forward to hearing your comments on these initial proposals. If you have any questions regarding the public review, please contact my ministry at (250) 356-9011 or by email at green.code@gov.bc.ca. Together we can work to ensure a sustainable future that meets the needs of British Columbians for generations to come.

Sincerely yours,

Rich Coleman
Minister

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Forests and Range
and Minister Responsible
for Housing

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REPORT

TO: Chair and Directors
FROM: Faye Salisbury, Corporate Officer
DATE: November 19, 2007
RE: **Chetwynd & District Recreation Complex
Renovation/Expansion Project**

Recommendation: That the Regional Board enter into a contract with Vic Davies (2003) Architect Ltd. For Prime Consultant service for the Chetwynd & District Recreation Complex renovation/expansion project and authorize the Chair and Chief Administrative Office to sign the contract.

Rationale: Attached are the November 13th minutes of the Building Committee for the project. Director Caton and Director Saugstad were at the meeting and are prepared to comment on the recommendation if there are any questions. We have been advised by Mr. George Goodwin that the concerns listed in the minutes have been addressed satisfactorily.

Attachment: November 13th Minutes

Department Head: _____

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CAO: _____

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<p>CHETWYND & DISTRICT RECREATION COMPLEX RENOVATION/EXPANSION PROJECT BUILDING COMMITTEE</p>
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MINUTES

Date: November 13, 2007

Time: 4:30pm

Place: Chetwynd Recreation Centre

Present:

Tim Caton	Peace River Regional District – Committee Chair
Evan Saugstad	District of Chetwynd
Laverne Norris	District of Chetwynd
George Goodwin	Director of Parks & Recreation, DOC
Ron Storie	Manager of Community Services, PRRD
Shannon Anderson	Director of Field Services, PRRD

1. Tim Caton called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm

2. Notice of meeting

MOVED Evan Saugstad SECONDED Tim Caton
“ That prior notification of this meeting be waived.”

CARRIED

3. New Business

G. Goodwin presented a fee proposal from Vic Davies (2003) Architect Ltd for prime consultant services for the project.

Prior to a contract being signed for these services the Committee wanted the following concerns addressed:

- a) The fee for all consulting services be based on the existing capital budget estimates, not final costs, to keep the project on budget. The consultants are to acknowledge that the owner has a fixed amount of capital dollars approved to do this project, that being the amount approved for public borrowing at referendum plus any other monies made available for the project (grants, donations).
- b) When all design drawings and specification documents are complete they are the property of the owner and no further consultant fees will be owing at some future date should the project completion be extended into future years due to the budget maximum being reached before the complete project is finished.
- c) The 10% mark up on disbursements is too high.

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G. Goodwin will convey these items to the architect for his clarification prior to a prime consultant services contract being entered into.

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MOVED Evan Saugstad

SECONDED Laverne Norris

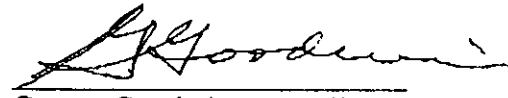
"That the Building Committee recommend that the Peace River Regional District contract with Vic Davies (2003) Architect Ltd for Prime Consultant service for the Chetwynd & District Recreation Complex renovation/expansion project."

CARRIED

4. Next Meeting: Call of the Chair

5. Adjournment The meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm


Tim Caton, Chairman


George Goodwin, Recording Secretary

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REPORT

To: Chair and Directors
From: PRRD Utilities Committee
Date: November 19, 2007
Subject: **BC Hydro Rate Design Application to the BC Utilities Commission**

BACKGROUND:

BC Hydro and Power Authority has submitted a 2007 Rate Application with the BC Utilities Commission (BCUC). The application's principal focus is to ensure that BC Hydro's rates and terms and conditions are fair, efficient and simple.

The PRRD has registered as an intervener in the process and hired Dave Read to assist the Utilities Committee to follow the process and report on the results. Mr. Read has submitted the attached report to the Board on the 2007 Rate Design ruling.

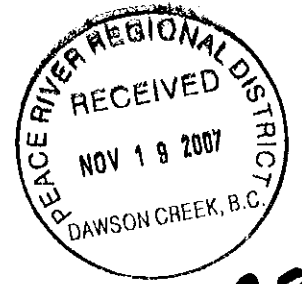
Attachment: November 19, 2007 Report from Aspen Communications

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CAO: _____

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Report to PRRD Board:

BC Hydro Rate Design Application

November 19, 2007

Background:

In March 2007 BC Hydro applied for BC Utilities Commission (BCUC) approval for redesign of electricity rates. Rate design involves establishing rates that reflect the actual cost of providing service for different classes of customers, as well as the structure of charges within each rate schedule.

In overview, the BC Hydro application proposed an increase in residential rates and a decrease in general and commercial rates to move these tariffs closer to reflecting the full cost of serving each of these classes of customers.

The BC Hydro application was based on moving each customer class to within a range of 90% to 110% of the full cost of service, and would have resulted in a 1% increase for residential and a 5.2% average decrease for general and commercial customers.

Hydro also proposed to restructure the large commercial/industrial rate, raise the irrigation rate, phase out Electric Plus rates, revise the method of calculating customer contributions for distribution extensions, and increase connection charges and miscellaneous charges.

BC Utilities Commission Interim Order:

Following a review process and oral hearing, the BCUC issued an Interim Order on September 19, 2007 and a subsequent Decision on October 26, 2007.

The BCUC order denied most aspects of BC Hydro's application and only approved the increases in connection and miscellaneous charges. The standard overhead service connection charge will increase from \$312 to \$463 for 100 amp service and from \$372 to \$496 for 200 amp service. Other connection and reconnection charges will see increases varying from 20% to 100%.

BC Hydro was ordered to file a revised application that would take a more aggressive approach to aligning rates with the cost of service for each customer class. The BCUC order called on Hydro to submit rates that would move each customer class to parity with the cost of service, i.e. rather than to within the range of 90% to 110% as Hydro had proposed in the original application. BCUC called for phasing in the changes over a three-year period.

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As well, BCUC directed Hydro to make a number of changes to how costs are allocated to classes of customers, and to alter the proposed methodology for calculating customer contributions to distribution extensions.

BCUC also denied BC Hydro's application to phase out the Electric Plus rate and ordered BC Hydro to undertake a separate cost-of-service calculation and to propose rates that reflect the costs for this customer sector in its next Rate Design Application which is due to be filed in 2010.

BCUC described BC Hydro's proposed restructuring of the Large General Service class as "ill-conceived and poorly executed" and denied the application. BC Hydro has been ordered to commence "meaningful stakeholder engagement with its Large General Service customers to develop and file with the Commission an application for a rate structure or structures that encourage conservation without unduly benefiting or harming any of its customers in that class." Such rates are to be in place by April 2009.

BC Hydro's Revised Application:

On November 15, BC Hydro filed a revised Rate Design Application in compliance with the BCUC order. If approved the proposed changes would include the following impacts for the various classes of customers.

Customer Class	Proposed Change Over Three Years	Increase or Decrease Effective April 1, 2008
Residential	+11.1%	+3.6%
General/commercial <35 kw	-18.9%	-6.7%
General/commercial >35 kw	-6.4%	-2.2%
Irrigation	+20.4%	+6.4%
Street Lighting	-20%	-7.2%

Most local government accounts will see significant decreases if the proposed rates are approved, starting with about 6.7% in April 2008, with similar annual decreases over the following two years. Also, and quite significantly, similar reductions will apply to street lighting, which was not included in Hydro's original application.

It is important to note that these proposed changes are revenue neutral and independent of any general rate increase that may be approved. An application is expected to be filed in early 2008 for general rate increases and these may offset some of the savings that would have resulted from the Rate Design Application and will most certainly add to the increases.

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Next steps:

BC Hydro's revised Rate Design Application will be subject to review by the BCUC, which is now considering the terms and schedule for that review.

It is unclear how the directed changes to calculating customer contributions for distribution extensions will impact individual customers. We will request an analysis of costs for representative extensions as part of the review process for the revised application.

BC Hydro has also indicated that it has a busy regulatory agenda planned for the coming months. This will involve filing a number of additional regulatory applications over the winter and spring of 2008, including:

- Residential Inclining Block rates: This is a proposal which will increase the costs for higher consumption and may well have a disproportionate impact on customers who deal with the northern climate.
- Revenue Requirements: An application for general rate increases for the next three-year period.
- Long Term Acquisition Plan: Regulatory review of Hydro's' plans for additional generating facilities.

**Prepared by Dave Read, Aspen Communications Ltd.
November 19, 2007**

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**Public Meeting Minutes
Proposed Official Community Plan and Zoning
Amendment By-law No.'s 1766 and 1767, 2007**

Date: November 20, 2007 Time: 7:00 p.m.
Place: Chetwynd & Area Recreation Centre, Chetwynd, BC

Present:	<u>Director:</u>	Tim Caton	Director of Electoral Area "E"
	<u>Staff:</u>	Deb Kunz	Assistant Manager of Development Services
		Jodi MacLean	Land Use Planner
	<u>Applicant:</u>	Not present	
	<u>Public:</u>	Paul Bech	Box 1007
		Lisa Bech	Box 1007
		Walter Ostaszewski	Box 2602
		Ernest Rowe	Box 1322
		Aaron Bozarth	Box 328
		Denise Martin	Box 328

1. CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by the Chair.
2. INTRODUCTION TO PROPSAL – Tim Caton read a summary of the proposal.
3. SUMMARY OF TIMELINE – Jodi MacLean read a summary of the timeline
4. COMMENTS FROM AGENCIES & MUNICIPALITIES

District of Hudson's Hope	Interests unaffected by By-law
City of Dawson Creek	Interests unaffected by By-law
Northern Health Authority	Lot size (4 acres) might not be big enough for two sewage disposal systems: One for the residence & for the industrial enterprise. Lot is too close to a residential mobile trailer park for industrial activities.

5. COMMENTS FROM APPLICANT – Not present
6. COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC –

Concerns were expressed and discussed on the following topics: noise, air quality, devaluation, traffic, permitted zoning uses, taxes, environment, public safety, and distance from emergency services.

Noise & Vibration

Concerns and views expressed by public - While work was being done excavating and pouring a concrete foundation for the proposed building, neighbouring homes in the Manufactured Home Park (MHP) shook. About 4 residents work night shifts and sleep in the day, but were prevented from sleeping during the day because of excessive noise from the construction. In the summer windows are open much of the time which would let more noise inside. Running engines would disrupt living environments, especially if done on west side of subject property, close to residences. No operating hours are specified, and the resident could move away from the subject property. It could end up running 24 hours a day. Options for buffering were requested.

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Air Quality

Concerns and views expressed by public – One family had to move out of town due to illness (involving asthma and allergies) and located in the Aspen Mobile Estates where their health improved. Concern over exhaust from heavy duty trucks and air-bourne particulates from manufacturing trusses would blow over the MHP. Another neighbour completely logged their 5 acre parcel and now burns waste, which according to the smells include shingles, tires, and oil. These properties are located in a low lying area which traps air emissions.

Devaluation

Concerns and views expressed by public – Many of those present were concerned that noxious uses spilling over onto the MHP next door will make it difficult to sell pads and homes abutting the industrial operation. This would create a loss of re-sale value, especially those directly abutting the neighbouring lot where the noxious uses are emanating.

Traffic

Concerns and views expressed by public – The Wildmare Sub access road is already narrow. With trucks or other vehicles parked along side, it is difficult to navigate. This use could increase traffic along the access road. One of the residents used to drive a school bus which uses this lane, and is concerned over the safety of children in that area. Also, traffic along the highway is dangerous, especially at that Wildmare intersection. Residents say that when coming from Chetwynd, vehicles often honk and pass them on the right-hand side as they are slowing and signaling to turn left onto the access road. That location is coming down off a hill making it difficult for heavy trucks to slow down.

Permitted Uses

Concerns and views expressed by public – Over the long term, other businesses may come and go. If this was allowed, what other uses would be permitted. The list of permitted uses in the current general commercial zone and the proposed light industrial zone were compared. Many of the light industrial uses were said to be undesirable and some were singled out as being unacceptable, such as the asphalt plant and auction market.

Other Concerns

Concerns and views expressed by public

Taxes – Would this development increase taxes on neighbouring MHP?

Water pollution – Would development and activity impact MHP water well?

Sewage Disposal – What would he use for waste disposal?

Emergency – Is the lot is too far away from emergency services?

In order to address public concerns related to proposed rezoning a supplemental report is attached.

- 7. TERMINATION – The meeting was terminated at 8:00 pm.

Jodi MacLean, Recorder

Tim Caton, Chair

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Peace River Regional District
Development Services
OCP & Zoning Amendment – Supplemental Report
By-law No.'s 1766 & 1767, 2007

Part 26 Participants.
All, except Tumbler
Ridge

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File No.:	209/2007	Date:	November 21, 2007
Land Owner:	Trevor Mosher	Agent:	Joel Siller
Electoral Area:	E		
Legal Description:	Block F of District Lot 2702, PRD		
Lot size:	1.6 ha (3.9 acres)		
Location:	Chetwynd – Wildmare		

PROPOSAL

To re-designate the subject property from “*Settlement*” to “*Industrial*” and to rezone the same from *C-2 (General Commercial)* to *I-1 (Light Industrial)*, in order to allow for industrial uses including the storage and servicing of heavy duty trucks, manufacturing trusses, and accessory uses such as storage and office/residence.

RECOMMENDATION

1. THAT the Regional Board has considered the requirements of s. 879 of the Local Government Act, and has provided opportunity for early and ongoing consultation with those persons, organizations and authorities the Board considers will be affected, as summarized in the Development Services report dated November 9, 2007;

THAT the Regional Board approve Official Community Plan Amendment By-law No. 1766, 2007 and Zoning Amendment By-law No. 1767, 2007 for First and Second reading;

THAT a Public Hearing be scheduled after the applicant has prepared a restrictive covenant addressing the following:

- a. Fencing and a vegetative buffer area along the boundary with the Manufactured Home Park
- b. Sound proofing plans for the proposed light industrial building
- c. Parking area be restricted to the north and east end of the lot
- d. Within the proposed building, locating the loudest uses to the interior bays or to the bay the farthest away from the Manufactured Home Park

THAT the Public Hearing be held at the Chetwynd & District Recreation Centre in Chetwynd, BC, delegated to Director Caton and one other Director; and

THAT Final Reading be considered after the restrictive covenant has been registered on the title.

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RESPONSES & OPTIONS TO PUBLIC CONCERNS

Noise & Vibration

Sources can include truck servicing and truss manufacturing from within the building, and traffic and idling engines outside.

Options:

- Park and idle engines to the north and east side of subject property, away from residences.
- Create a vegetative buffer, earth berm, or fencing along boundary with MHP.
- Use sound proof isolation or building techniques on the walls of the building.
- Restrict operating hours.
- Restrict activity during certain hours.

Air Quality

Sources of air pollution can include tailpipe emissions and manufacturing ventilation.

Options:

- Idle engines to the north and east side of subject property, away from residences.
- Create a vegetative buffer along boundary with MHP.

Devaluation

Negative externalities, such as noise and pollution may cause devaluation. Those options presented to mitigate those externalities could be used to mitigate devaluation concerns.

Traffic

A referral form concerning the proposed rezoning has been forwarded to the Ministry of Transportation who has jurisdiction on activities on public roads in the Regional District. No response has been received as of the date of this report.

Permitted Uses

New uses permitted under the proposed Light Industrial zone could have an even greater impact on the Manufactured Home Park.

Options:

- Use a restrictive covenant to prohibit specific uses, such as asphalt plant or auction market, on property.
- Amend the bylaws to add only the requested uses to this lot under its current designations

Other Concerns

Referrals to the Northern Health Authority and the Chetwynd Rural Fire Department have been sent.

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Items to be received for information.

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CONSENT CALENDAR

for the November 22, 2007 Board Meeting

MINUTES:

MA-1 Rural Budgets Administration Committee Meeting Minutes of November 15, 2007.

CORRESPONDENCE:

CA-1 November 2, 2007 letter of appreciation from Premier Gordon Campbell and the Honourable Ida Chong, Minister of Community Services for signing the BC Climate Action Charter.

CA-2 November 9, 2007 letter from Sue Clark, Program Officer, Local Government Program Services regarding the Community Wildfire Protection Planning Final Report and Grant Approval.

REPORTS:

RA-1 Monthly Building Permit Report for the month of November 2007.

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PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT
RURAL BUDGETS ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

DATE: November 15, 2007
 TIME: 10:00 a.m.
 PLACE: Peace River Regional District, Dawson Creek, BC

PRESENT:**Directors**

Director Tim Caton, Electoral Area 'E', Meeting Chair
 Director Karen Goodings, Electoral Area 'B'
 Director Larry Houley, Electoral Area 'C'
 Director Wayne Hiebert, Electoral Area 'D'

Staff

Fred Banham, Chief Administrative Officer
 Kim Frech, Chief Financial Officer
 Faye Salisbury, Corporate Officer
 Diana Mitchell, Recording Secretary

1) Call to Order: The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:50 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

MOVED by Director Houley, SECONDED by Director Hiebert,
 that the Rural Budgets Administration Committee agenda for November 15, 2007,
 including Additional Items, handouts, and new business be adopted.

MINUTES:

M-1 Rural Budgets Administration Committee Meeting Minutes of September 20, 2007.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- C-1 September 28, 2007 Fair Share Electrical Extension Grant application for \$4,000
 from Krystall Keunzl
- October 1st, 2007 approved by Director Hiebert, Electoral Area 'D'
 - October 3rd cheque issued
 - grant approval to be ratified.

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ADOPTION OF AGENDA: continued

CORRESPONDENCE: continued

- C-2 Proposed 2008 budget and September 28, 2007 letter from Andy Ackerman, Board Chair, Fort St. John Public Library requesting an increase in annual contributions to the Fort St. John Library by \$7,000 each from Electoral Area 'B' & Electoral Area 'C' for the 2008 budget year to assist in offsetting increasing costs.
- C-3 October 3, 2007 letter from Area 'C' residents (specifically residents on 91st and 93rd streets, 120th, 121st, and 122nd avenues north of Fort St. John) requesting assistance in having road way and intersection lighting provided in their neighbourhood.
- C-4 September 17, 2007 Fair Share Electrical Extension Grant application for \$4,000 from Helen Penner
- October 25, 2007 approved by Director Goodings, Electoral Area 'B'
 - October 30th cheque issued
 - grant approval to be ratified.

REPORTS:

- R-1 Financial Report – September 2007
1) Grants-in-Aid;
2) Fair Share Money Market Fund;
3) BC Rail; and
4) Reserve Balances.
- Hand-out R-2 Financial Report – October 2007
1) Grants-in-Aid;
2) Fair Share Money Market Fund;
3) BC Rail; and
4) Reserve Balances
- Hand-out R-3 November 8, 2007 report from Ron Storie regarding Volunteer Banquet Travel Expenses.

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NEW BUSINESS:

- NB-1 Director Goodings - Mediation Arbitration Board Review and Meetings.
- NB-2 Director Hiebert - Purchase of the Dawson Creek Post Office by the City of Dawson Creek for a Cultural Centre.
- NB-3 Faye Salisbury – Committee Meeting Dates

CARRIED.

MINUTES:

- 2) M-1
September 20, 2007
RBAC Meeting Minutes
- MOVED by Director Goodings, SECONDED by Director Hiebert, that the Rural Budgets Administration Committee Meeting Minutes of September 20, 2007 be adopted.

CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- 3) C-1
Fair Share Electrical
Extension Grant
application from Krystall
Kuenzl.
- MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Houley, that the Rural Budgets Administration Committee ratify Director Hiebert's approval of a \$4,000 Electoral Area 'D' Fair Share Electrical Extension Grant for Krystall Keunzl.

CARRIED.

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CORRESPONDENCE: continued

4) C-2
September 20, 2007
letter from FSJ Public
Library requesting an
increase to annual
funding.

MOVED by Director Goodings, SECONDED by Director Hiebert,
that the Rural Budgets Administration Committee approve a \$2,800 increase to
Electoral Area B's annual Fair Share contribution, in 2008, for a total of \$30,800 to
the Fort St. John Public Library.

CARRIED.

MOVED by Director Houley, SECONDED by Director Hiebert,
that the Rural Budgets Administration Committee approve a \$7,000 increase to
Electoral Area C's annual Fair Share contribution, in 2008, for a total of \$35,000 to
the Fort St. John Public Library.

CARRIED.

5) C-3
October 3, 2007 letter
from Area C residents re:
funding for lighting on
streets north of FSJ.

MOVED by Director Houley, SECONDED by Director Goodings,
that a letter be forwarded to the interested party of Area 'C' residents noting that
options for assisting in funding to have road way and intersection lighting provided
in the neighbourhood north of Fort St. John are being explored and that a report will
be forthcoming.

CARRIED.

6) C-4
Fair Share Electrical
Extension Grant
application from Helen
Penner.

MOVED by Director Goodings, SECONDED by Director Hiebert,
that the Rural Budgets Administration Committee ratify Director Goodings' approval
of a \$4,000 Electoral Area 'B' Fair Share Electrical Extension Grant for Helen
Penner.

CARRIED.

REPORTS:

Ron Storie joined the meeting.

7) R-3 (Hand-out)
November 8, 2007 report
from Ron Storie re:
Volunteer Banquet
Travel Expenses

MOVED by Director Goodings, SECONDED by Director Hiebert,
that the Rural Budgets Administration Committee table the recommendation to
consider funding participant's travel expenses (to and from their home location) to
each annual volunteer banquet until feedback regarding these expenses is
collected from volunteers at the spring Grant-in-Aid meetings.

CARRIED.

Ron Storie left the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

8) NB-1

MOVED by Director Houley, SECONDED by Director Goodings,
that the Rural Budgets Administration Committee approve payment from the
Legislative Electoral Area – Miscellaneous, Custodians of the Peace Country
Society 2007 Budget, for Jim Hope-Ross's expenses to attend the Mediation
Arbitration Board Reviews and Meetings November 21 and 22, 2007.

CARRIED.

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9) NB-2

Purchase of the Dawson Creek Post Office by the City of Dawson Creek for a Cultural Centre.

Discussion ensued with the following points being made:

- The City of Dawson Creek purchased the old Dawson Creek post office building to use it as a Cultural Centre.
- The Village of Pouce Coupe and Electoral Areas 'D' and 'E' were approached by the City of Dawson Creek to start another South Peace Capital Funding Pool Trust (using Fair Share funds) similar to the one that just ended where funds went toward the repair of the Dawson Creek Curling Rink and the development of a Leisure Pool Complex in Dawson Creek.
- The new Funding Pool Trust would go toward the development of the Cultural Centre in the old Dawson Creek Post Office building.
- Directors felt that because they were not included in the decision making process to utilize the Post Office building for a cultural centre, and because they were only approached after the fact, that they did not wish to contribute any funding to the initiative.

10) NB-3

EADC & RBAC Meeting Dates

A brief discussion regarding a pre-determined meeting day for the Electoral Area Directors' and Rural Budgets Administration Committees took place with the following decisions being made:

- There will not be an Electoral Area Directors' Committee and Rural Budgets Administration Committee Meeting in December.
- The next meeting will be scheduled for January 17, 2008.
- The Electoral Area Directors' Committee and Rural Budgets Administration Committee meetings will continue to be held on the third Thursday of every month with the understanding that the recommendations and minutes from the two Committees (unless time sensitive) will have a time delay before getting to the next Board Agenda.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Tim Caton, Meeting Chair

Diana Mitchell, Recording Secretary

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Consent

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November 2, 2007

Ms. Karen Goodings, Chair
and Members of the Board
Peace River Regional District
Box 810
Dawson Creek, BC V1G 4H8

Dear Ms. Goodings and Board Members:

Thank you for signing the British Columbia Climate Action Charter. By signing the Charter, you are working with the Province of British Columbia to ensure that all levels of government lead the way in becoming carbon neutral in their operations. This commitment will assist in achieving our larger provincial objective: to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 33 per cent by 2020.

Later this Fall, the Province will introduce the first phase of its provincial climate action plan. The plan will lay out strategies that we have identified to this point and will help us achieve our emission reductions targets. Responsibility will be shared across all sectors. Meeting our targets will be a challenge, but we believe that by working collaboratively with local communities, the challenge can be met.

Again, thank you for demonstrating your leadership by signing the Charter.

Sincerely,

Gordon Campbell
Gordon Campbell
Premier

Ida Chong
Ida Chong, FCGA
Minister

Enclosure



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THE BRITISH COLUMBIA CLIMATE ACTION CHARTER
 BETWEEN
THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA (THE PROVINCE)
 AND
THE UNION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA MUNICIPALITIES (UBCM)
 AND
SIGNATORY LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

(THE PARTIES)

- (1) The Parties share the common understanding that:**
- (a) Scientific consensus has developed that increasing emissions of human caused greenhouse gases (GHG), including carbon dioxide, methane and other GHG emissions, that are released into the atmosphere are affecting the Earth's climate;
 - (b) the evidence of global warming is unequivocal and the effects of climate change are evident across British Columbia;
 - (c) reducing GHG emissions will generate environmental and health benefits for individuals, families, and communities;
 - (d) climate change and reducing GHG emissions are issues of importance to British Columbians;
 - (e) governments urgently need to implement effective measures to reduce GHG emissions and anticipate and prepare for climate change impacts;
 - (f) protecting the environment can be done in ways that promote economic prosperity; and
 - (g) it is important to take action and to work together to share best practices, to reduce GHG emissions and address the impacts of climate change.
- (2) The Parties acknowledge that each has an important role in addressing climate change and that:**
- (a) The Province has taken action on climate change, including commitments made in the 2007 Speech from the Throne, the BC Energy Plan, and the Western Climate Initiative on climate change;
 - (b) Local Governments have taken action on climate change, including planning livable, sustainable communities, encouraging green developments and transit oriented developments, and implementing innovative infrastructure technologies including landfill gas recapture and production of clean energy; and

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- (c) these actions create the foundation for the Parties to be leaders in affecting climate change.

(3) This Charter acknowledges that:

- (a) The interrelationship between each Order of Government's respective jurisdictions and accountabilities with respect to communities, and activities related to and within communities, creates both a need and an opportunity to work collaboratively on climate change initiatives;
- (b) both Orders of Government have recognized a need for action, both see that the circumstances represent a Climate for Change in British Columbia, and both are responding; and
- (c) the actions of each of the Parties towards climate change will be more successful if undertaken jointly with other Parties.

(4) The Parties share the common goals of:

- (a) Fostering co-operative inter-governmental relations;
- (b) aiming to reduce GHG emissions, including both their own and those created by others;
- (c) removing legislative, regulatory, policy, or other barriers to taking action on climate change;
- (d) implementing programs, policies, or legislative actions, within their respective jurisdictions, that facilitate reduced GHG emissions, where appropriate;
- (e) encouraging communities that are complete and compact and socially responsive; and
- (f) encouraging infrastructure and a built environment that supports the economic and social needs of the community while minimizing its environmental impact.

(5) In order to contribute to reducing GHG emissions:

- (a) Signatory Local Governments agree to develop strategies and take actions to achieve the following goals:
 - (i) being carbon neutral in respect of their operations by 2012, recognizing that solid waste facilities regulated under *the Environmental Management Act* are not included in operations for the purposes of this Charter.
 - (ii) measuring and reporting on their community's GHG emissions profile; and
 - (iii) creating complete, compact, more energy efficient rural and urban communities (e.g. foster a built environment that supports a reduction in car dependency and

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energy use, establish policies and processes that support fast tracking of green development projects, adopt zoning practices that encourage land use patterns that increase density and reduce sprawl.)

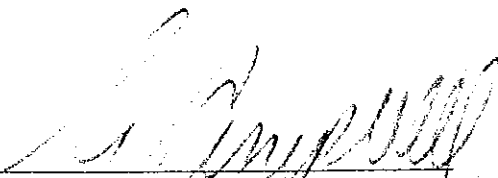
(b) The Province and the UBCM will support local governments in pursuing these goals, including developing options and actions for local governments to be carbon neutral in respect of their operations by 2012.

- (6) **The Parties agree that this commitment to working together towards reducing GHG emissions will be implemented through establishing a Joint Provincial-UBCM Green Communities Committee and Green Communities Working Groups that support that Committee, with the following purposes:**
- (a) To develop a range of actions that can affect climate change, including initiatives such as: assessment, taxation, zoning or other regulatory reforms or incentives to encourage land use patterns that promote increased density, smaller lot sizes, encourage mixed uses and reduced GHG emissions; development of GHG reduction targets and strategies, alternative transportation opportunities, policies and processes that support fast-tracking of green development projects, community gardens and urban forestry; and integrated transportation and land use planning;
 - (b) to build local government capacity to plan and implement climate change initiatives;
 - (c) to support local government in taking actions on becoming carbon neutral in respect of their operations by 2012, including developing a common approach to determine carbon neutrality for the purposes of this Charter, identifying carbon neutral strategies and actions appropriate for the range of communities in British Columbia and becoming reporting entities under the Climate Registry; and,
 - (d) to share information and explore additional opportunities to support climate change activities, through enhanced collaboration amongst the Parties, and through encouraging and promoting climate change initiatives of individuals and businesses within communities.
- (7) Once a common approach to carbon neutrality is developed under section (6)(c), Signatory Local Governments will implement their commitment in 5 (a) (i).
- (8) To recognize and support the GHG emission reduction initiatives and the climate change goals outlined in this Charter, Signatory Local Governments are invited by the other Parties to include a statement of their initiatives and commitments as an appendix to this Charter.
- (9) This Charter is not intended to be legally binding or impose legal obligations on any Party and will have no legal effect.


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SIGNED on behalf of the PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA by:



The Honourable Gordon Campbell
Premier of British Columbia

Date: September 26, 2007


The Honourable Ida Chung Minister
of Community Service and Minister
Responsible for Senior's and
Women's Issues

Date: September 26, 2007

SIGNED on behalf of the UNION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA MUNICIPALITIES by:

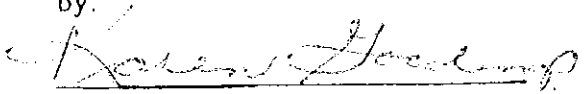

Councillor Brenda Binnie and
President of the Union of British
Columbia Municipalities

Date: September 26, 2007

SIGNED on behalf of the SIGNATORY LOCAL GOVERNMENT:

PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT
(NAME OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT)

by:


Mayor/Chair

Date: September 13, 2007

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Appendix
GHG reduction initiatives or commitments of Signatory Local Government

Note: Local Governments that choose to become Signatories may also choose to provide a statement of their individual commitments in a customized addendum to the main body of the Charter. Below is a sample version of the proposed addendum

SAMPLE

Addendum to
The British Columbia Climate Change Action Charter

For

[Name of Local Government]

is committed to

1. Implementing existing plans

Local Governments could list here plans they have developed and are in the process of implementing; for example:

- Community energy plan
- Greenhouse gas emissions inventory
- Official Community Plan – Smart Growth
- Community Action on Energy Efficiency Initiative (CAEE)
- Partners for Climate Protection, Federation of Canadian Municipalities
- District Energy System
- Eco-Industrial Project
- Transit Oriented Development Plan
- Landfill Gas Utilization

2. Continue to pursue activities

Local Governments could list here recent projects they have implemented; for example:

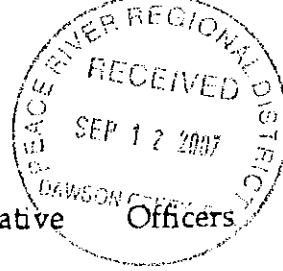
- Bio-diesel fleet vehicle conversion
- E3 Fleet Program
- Greenhouse Gas Reduction Strategy
- Carbon Neutral Municipal Operations
- Organics Recovery
- Recycling and waste management plan

- Greenhouse gas local action plan
- Energy Efficient Municipal Operations
- Employee car-pooling
- Air quality planning

3. Preparing new plans, bylaws, policies, etc.

Local Governments could list here plans, bylaws, policies they are committed to develop; for example:

- Plan for being carbon neutral in respect of their operations by 2012
- Anti-idling bylaw
- Green Buildings BC for Local Governments
- Smart Growth Development Checklist
- Green Building Program – Built Green and LEED standards
- Micro-generation projects (hydro, wind power, etc)
- Sustainable Community Servicing Plan
- Green Roof Policy
- Greywater recycling policy and standards
- Pedestrian and transit friendly community design
- Local Purchasing Policy
- Streamlined Green Building Application Process



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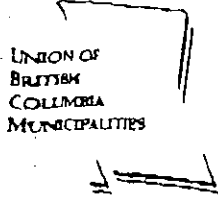
TO: Chief Administrative Officers and Corporate Administrators

FROM: Richard Taylor, Executive Director

DATE: September 11, 2007

RE: THE BRITISH COLUMBIA CLIMATE ACTION CHARTER

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PRESIDENT
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On September 6th, 2007, UBCM President Brenda Binnie sent a faxed memo to all Councils and Boards, with CAOs and CAs carbon copied, on the British Columbia Action Charter. The memo included an overview of the actions that led to the drafting of the Charter as well as a copy of The BC Climate Action Charter for consideration. In the memo, President Binnie requested that local governments inform the UBCM office of their intention to "sign on" to the Charter.

Please note that a Council or Board resolution is required for sign-on to the Charter.

UBCM is interested in knowing whether the Climate Action Charter is being considered by your Board or Council *prior to the UBCM Convention*. This information will assist us in developing the format for the Climate Action Charter panel at Convention, as we envision involving Mayors and Chairs that will be signaling their Council's or Board's acceptance of the Charter.

Please inform the UBCM office of your intention to submit a resolution for "signing on" to the Charter, and the dates on which the resolution will be considered. This information can be sent via email to Jared Wright, Senior Policy Analyst, at jwright@citynet.bc.ca, or by phone at 604-270-8226 (ext.113).

Thank you in advance for your assistance and co-operation on this matter.

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November 9, 2007

Chair Goodings and Board
Peace River Regional District
1981 Alaska Avenue
Dawson Creek, BC V1G 4H8



Dear Chair Goodings and Board

**RE: COMMUNITY WILDFIRE PROTECTION PLANNING
FINAL REPORT APPROVAL**

I am pleased to advise you that we have received your "Community Wildfire Protection Plan and the review process has now been completed.

We are pleased to advise that your CWPP meets the technical standards of the program and was well prepared. A cheque for \$ 10,000.00, representing the full amount of the approved grant will be forwarded under separate cover.

For information on pilot project or operational fuel management funding please visit our web site at www.civicnet.bc.ca Go to "Programs and Services", "Local Government Program Services" and select "Wildfire Prevention." We wish you every success in the next phases of your community wildfire protection activities.

Sincerely,

Sue Clark
Program Officer

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Peace River Regional District

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Monthly Building Permit Report for the month of November 2007

Current Month		
BUILDING INSPECTION AREA	Number of Permits	Value of Permits
Chetwynd vicinity (Portion of Electoral Area 'E') No permits issued		
Dawson Creek vicinity (Area 'D' & portion of Area 'E') S/F Dwelling Garage	1 1	\$258,000 \$ 42,000
Fort St. John vicinity (Areas 'B', 'C' and portion of Area 'E') S/F Dwelling Shop / Garage Manufactured home foundations	9 8 3	\$1,540,210 \$ 469,200 \$ 34,400
Monthly Total	24	\$2,343,410

		Year to Date		
		West Peace	South Peace	North Peace
S/F Dwelling	# of permits	12	11	44
	Value	\$2,037,145	\$2,321,470	\$9,116,886
Manufactured Home	# of permits		12	48
	Value		\$227,500	\$605,139
Garage/shop	# of permits	5	8	45
	Value	\$ 210,900	\$236,700	\$3,993,780
Commercial	# of permits		1	15
	Value		\$700,000	\$6,502,228
Industrial / Utility	# of permits			1
	Value			\$ 10,000
Institutional	# of permits			
	Value			
Total Number of Building Permits				195
Year to Date Total				\$25,382,038

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