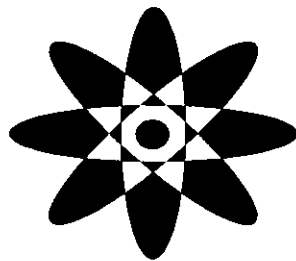


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December 12, 2008



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for the December 12, 2008 Board Meeting

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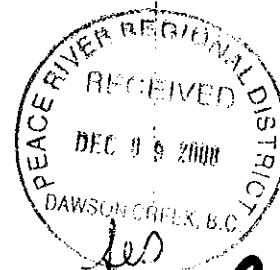
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 - a) Report received December 9, 2008 from Director Ackerman and Chair Goodings regarding the Northern Rockies Alaska Highway Tourism Association's (NRAHTA) December 5th and 6th meeting; and
 - b) December 11, 2008 report from Kim Frech, Chief Financial Officer regarding NRAHTA - Funding.

- R-4 December 9, 2008 report from Karen Goodings, 1st Vice President, North Central Municipal Association regarding Interim Director - Peace River on the North Central Municipal Association.

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Fred B
DEC 12 ADDITIONAL
ITEMS*

NRAHTA Meeting Report

To: Peace River Regional District Board
 From: Director Ackerman and Chair Goodings
 Date: Friday Dec. 5th & Saturday 6th, 2008
 Location: NLC Fort St. John



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Friday evening 7-9:30

NRAHTA members from as far away as Fort Nelson and Mackenzie were in attendance. Good attendance from other stakeholders across the region.

Anthony Everett, CEO Northern BC Tourism was present to give us an overview of NBCT. He was accompanied by Wendy Magnes, Manager of Regional & Community Marketing with BC Tourism.

Wendy spoke about the programs offered to the Regions and Communities. They understand that the industry is the one that has barriers to overcome and are willing to work with Communities to create more effective programs. By the Northeast becoming a part of the NBCT region, this will be a greater reach for TBC and will create more effective partnerships in the Northeast.

Tim Bennett, Recreation Officer, Peace Ft. Nelson District, Ministry of Tourism, Culture and the Arts was present to give an overview of the work being done on trails in our area. One of the trails that he mentioned was the Northwest Mounted Police Trail. Sounds like mostly, if not all, dealing with crown land. The draft plan is out now and available. Phone number for Tim is 784-0178 or email Tim.Bennett@Gov.Bc.Ca.

Saturday morning 8:00 – 3:30. Facilitation done by Becky Macleod.

Northern BC Tourism is responsible for an area very similar in size to the NCMA area. There are three offices with 8 employees and their costs are covered by NBCT. The travel for the employees is also covered in the agreement.

They will facilitate ideas and partnerships from all the communities in their region. The partnership aspect is extremely important. If communities wish to get a special message out they can receive support for their ideas but will have to be prepared to partner the costs.

Discussion around how NRAHTA fits into the picture. April and Tracey are now employees of NBC Tourism. The future will be what we make it. The Alaska Highway Initiative is one that is very important and those members present from Mackenzie and

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Fort Nelson certainly support a continued effort to improve the visitors impression of the highway. With NBCT there will be more co-operation shown for the circular tour aspect.

This is viewed as a two part initiative. On one side there will be the Marketing which will fall under NBCT and the other side will be Development. Under the development side we will have the Alaska Highway Community Initiative—Scenic Byways—Historic sites and any other ideas--- based on priorities.

The Alaska Highway should be considered a "community". There is a need to lobby for improved rest stops (with bathrooms) interpretive signage, protection of heritage or historic values. Much of what will be done will happen through a contract with NBCT overseeing the projects.

There will be need for a transition plan to be put into place. Governance is one issue and Lori Ackerman offered to see if their workshop on governance might be offered to the Committee. There was discussion about the need for more permanent funding to be in place and discussion around the restrictions for regional districts was made clear.

An annual meeting must be held that will likely see a name and structure change with the make up of the board much the same as the present NRAHTA board. Funding will need to be discussed prior to budget time and the time frame for that is no later than mid-February, 2009. Governance workshop/meeting will likely be the week of February 2nd - 6th.

It is recognized that a lot of work is to be done.

From that came the discussion that resulted in the following resolution

Recommendation: The Peace River Regional District Board release the fourth quarter funding in the amount of \$31,631. This will enable the NRAHTA to complete their obligations for 2008 and move ahead with a transition plan.

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Report

To: Chair and Directors of the Peace River Regional District
From: Kim Frech, Chief Financial Officer
Date: 11 December 2008
Re: NRAHTA - Funding

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At the July 24th Board meeting, a report was requested with regard to the Northern Rockies Alaska Highway Travel Association funding.

The formula for payment has been based on \$2 per capita. In 2007 the population number used was 63,263 for a total grant of \$126,526. After the adjustment for the census the population numbers were decreased and if the same formula was used for 2008 the number would have decreased to 62,476.

After a budget presentation by NRAHTA, the Board approved the same funding amount of \$126,526 for 2008 which works out to \$2.03 per capita.

Due to the uncertainty of the funding arrangements with the new amalgamation, the Board's directed that the payment to NRAHTA be based on quarters rather than paying the full grant amount. This has been implemented and as of the first week of August NRAHTA has been paid up to the end of the 3rd quarter for a total of \$94,895 of the \$126,526 annual grant approved.

This leaves \$31,631 remaining in the 2008 budget.

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Kim Frech
Department Head

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Peace River Regional District REPORT

R.4

TO: Directors
FROM: Karen Goodings, 1st Vice President NCMA
DATE: December 9, 2008
SUBJECT: Interim Director – Peace River on the North Central
Municipal Association

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Regional Board send a letter to the NCMA Executive in support of appointing Councillor Bruce Christensen of Fort St John as the 'Interim' Director - Peace River.

BACKGROUND:

Brenda Holmlund was acclaimed Director – Peace River on the NCMA Executive at the spring 2008 AGM. Brenda is ineligible to continue her duties as a Director on the NCMA Executive.

Bruce Christensen had expressed an interest in participating on the NCMA Executive last spring. He has been consulted and if asked by the NCMA Executive, Bruce would be prepared to fill the Director – Peace River vacancy until the next AGM.

The next NCMA AGM is in Dawson Creek May 6-8, 2009

Department Head



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CONSENT CALENDAR

Items to be received for information.

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CONSENT CALENDAR

for the December 12, 2008 Board Meeting

MINUTES:

MA-1 Rural Budgets Administration Committee Meeting Minutes of November 20, 2008.

CORRESPONDENCE:

CA-1 December 1, 2008 letter from the Honourable Kevin Falcon, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure regarding Highway 97 overhead crossing clearance issues.

MA-1

**PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT
RURAL BUDGETS ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

DATE: November 20, 2008
TIME:
PLACE: Peace River Regional District, Dawson Creek, BC

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

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 1:10 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

2) Adoption of Agenda MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Goodings, that the Rural Budgets Administration Committee agenda for the November 20, 2008 meeting, including handouts, be adopted.

CALL TO ORDER: - Director Houley to chair Meeting

DIRECTORS' NOTICE OF NEW BUSINESS:

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

MINUTES:

M-1 Rural Budgets Administration Committee Meeting Minutes of October 16, 2008.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

DELEGATIONS:

CORRESPONDENCE:

C-1 October 27, 2008 Fair Share Electrical Extension Grant application for \$3,290.50 from Kent Sully:

- October 31, 2008 approved by Director Goodings, Electoral Area 'B';
- November 6, 2008 cheque issued; and
- Grant approval to be ratified.

C-2 **Infrastructure Funding**

November 6, 2008 email correspondence from Karen Borden - NDI and Marc Black – Ministry of Community Development regarding "Regional Districts Eligible For Infrastructure Funding."

C-3 November 3, 2008 letter from Elaine Haugen, Tupper Community Club thanking the Regional District for funding to purchase new lots.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA: continued

2) Adoption of Agenda
(continued)

REPORTS:

R-1 Financial Report as of October 2008

- 1) Grants-in-Aid;
- 2) Fair Share Money Market Fund;
- 3) BC Rail; and
- 4) Reserve Balances.

(Handout) R-2 November 20, 2008 report from Kim Frech regarding Moberly Lake Fire Truck Water Recharge System.

ADJOURNMENT:

CARRIED.

MINUTES:

3) M-1
October 16, 2008
RBAC Meeting Minutes

MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Caton,
that the Rural Budgets Administration Committee Meeting Minutes of October 16,
2008 be adopted.

CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE:

4) C-1
Electrical Extension
Grant for Kent Sully

MOVED by Director Goodings, SECONDED by Director Hiebert,
that the Rural Budgets Administration Committee ratify Director Goodings' approval
of a \$3,290 Electoral Area 'B' Fair Share Electrical Extension Grant for Kent Sully.

CARRIED.

5) C-2
November 6, 2008
correspondence from
NDI and Ministry of
Community
Development re:
Infrastructure Funding

MOVED by Director Goodings, SECONDED by Director Caton,
that the Rural Budgets Administration Committee approve applying for infrastructure
funding for the Buick Creek Arena under the "Towns for Tomorrow" Northern
Development program.

CARRIED.

REPORTS:

6) R-1
Financial Report as of
October 2008

The Financial Report as of October 2008 was reviewed with the following points
being made:

- the \$1,000 in the Sub-Regional South Peace Insurance Society pot was for start
up fees – it is not needed any longer
- Kim Frech will prepare a report for the next Rural Budgets Meeting showing
options on how to record the payouts for electrical, gas and telephone grants.

MOVED by Director Houley, SECONDED by Director Hiebert,
that the Rural Budgets Administration Committee approve turning over the \$1,000
from the Sub-Regional South Peace Insurance Society pot into the main Sub-
Regional pot for next year.

CARRIED.

7) R-2 (Handout)
November 20, 2008
report from Kim Frech re:
Moberly Lake Fire Truck
Water Recharge System

MOVED by Director Caton, SECONDED by Director Hiebert,
that, due to increased costs, the Rural Budgets Administration Committee approve
the Electoral Area 'E' Fair Share Grant toward the Moberly Lake Fire Truck Water
Recharge System Project be increased by a maximum of \$60,000.

CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

CARRIED.

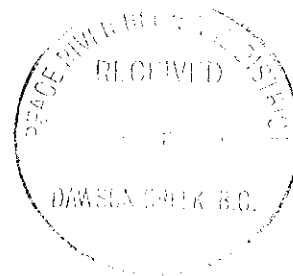
The meeting adjourned at 1:40 pm

Larry Houley, Meeting Chair

Diana Mitchell, Recording Secretary

Comment

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Karen Goodings, Chair
Peace River Regional District
PO Box 810
Dawson Creek BC V1G 4H8

Reference: 169697

Dear Chair Goodings:

Re: Highway 97

Thank you for your letter of July 25, 2008, expressing your concerns about the effective movement of industrial traffic along Highway 97 in northeastern British Columbia. Please accept my apologies for the lateness of my reply.

Safety is my ministry's top priority and we work closely with industrial stakeholders to ensure that our transportation infrastructure continues to meet the changing needs of industry. As such, ministry staff are currently working with representatives from the oil and gas industries to bring our bridges up to a standard that will accommodate their transportation requirements.

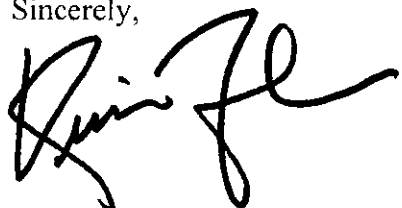
In my correspondence with the Mayor of Chetwynd, Evan Saugstad, I was pleased to inform him that ministry staff are partnering with the Northern Development Trust to conduct a review of potential barriers to commerce along the Highway 97 corridor between Prince George and Dawson Creek. The clearance issues you have raised will be addressed in this study, which will be completed next spring, and results will be used to guide future highway improvement initiatives associated with these overhead crossings.

If you have any further questions please feel free to contact Shanna Mason, my ministry's Regional Director, as she would be please to assist you. You can reach her by telephone at 250 565-6479 or by e-mail at Shanna.Mason@gov.bc.ca.

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Thank you again for taking the time to write.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin Falcon". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kevin" and the last name "Falcon" clearly distinguishable.

Kevin Falcon
Minister

Copy to: Blair Lekstrom
Minister of Community Development
MLA, Peace River South