



# PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

## FEBRUARY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: February 11, 2010

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: Regional District Office Board Room, Dawson Creek, BC

PRESENT: Directors  
Director Goodings, Chair  
Director Lantz  
Director Bernier  
Director Jarvis  
Director White  
Director Caton  
Director Anderson  
Director Ackerman  
Director Clark  
Director Hiebert (afternoon)

Alternate Directors  
Alternate Director Houley  
Alternate Director Moody (morning)  
Alternate Director Norris

Absent  
Director Hadland  
Director Saugstad  
Director Hiebert (morning)

### Staff

Fred Banham, Chief Administrative Officer  
Kim Frech, Chief Financial Officer  
Shannon Anderson, General Manager of Environmental Services  
Bruce Simard, General Manager of Development Services  
Debbie Kunz, Assistant Manager of Development Services  
Sheila DeCosta, Secretary – Legislative Services, Recorder

### Others

Christine Rumleskie, Moose FM  
Matthew Bains, Northeast News  
Betty Ponto, District of Taylor  
Sandra Hoffmann, Peace Valley Environment Association  
Patsy Nagel, Landry Womens' Institute  
Jane Parsons, Landry Womens' Institute  
Larry Wade, Fort St. John

### D-1 Northern Rockies Alaska Highway Tourism Association

Bud Powell, President  
Dustin Bodnaryk, NRAHTA, Tourism Dawson Creek

### D-2 Site C Discussion

Mr. Richard Neufeld

### D-3 Secure Energy Services

Corey Higham, Business Development

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

DIRECTORS NOTICE OF NEW BUSINESS:

Director Lantz                      Air Canada  
   Site C / Fair Share

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

2) Adoption of Agenda

RD/10/02/01

MOVED by Director Caton, SECONDED by Director Clark,  
that the Peace River Regional District agenda for the February 11, 2010 meeting,  
including Director's new business and additional handout items for the agenda, be  
adopted as amended:

1. Call to Order
2. Directors' Notice of New Business  
Director Lantz - Air Canada  
Director Lantz - Site C / Fair Share
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Minutes  
M-1 Regional District Meeting Minutes of January 28, 2010.
5. Business Arising from the Minutes
6. Delegations

10:15 a.m. D-1 Northern Rockies Alaska Highway Tourism Association  
Bud Powell, President  
April Moi, Community Development Representative, NBCTA  
Re: Association Changes and Request for Representation from the PRRD

11:45 a.m. D-2 Mr. Richard Neufeld  
Re: Discussion - Site C

1:30 p.m. D-3 Secure Energy Services  
a) January 20, 2010 request letter from Corey Higham, Business Development; and  
b) Proposed Heritage Secure Landfill, Tupper, BC presentation.

7. Petitions
8. Correspondence  
C-1 January 20, 2010 North Central Local Government Association - Resolution Submission  
Deadline  
C-2 January 22, 2010 North Central Local Government Association - Call for Nominations for  
2010 -11 Executive.  
C-3 January 8, 2010 Step Up N Ride Society request for funding.  
C-4 Notification of the Pacific Northwest Economic Region 20th Annual Summit.  
C-5 January 29, 2010 - Minister of Community and Rural Development - Elections Task Force.  
C-6 February 5, 2010 UBCM Executive Release - Highlights of January 21-22 Meeting.

9. Reports  
R-1 January 27, 2010 - Faye Salisbury, Corporate Officer - Jam at the Dam Music Festival  
Society request for sponsorship.  
R-2 February 2, 2010 - Fred Banham, CAO - Compensation for Landowner Representative -  
Farmers' Advocate Management Committee.  
R-3 February 11, 2010 - Fred Banham, CAO - Support for the Nomination of Landowner  
Representative - Farmers' Advocate Management Committee.

*Handout:*

- \* R-3 Supplemental Report from Fred Banham, CAO regarding the nomination of Judy Madden as  
the Landowner Representative to the Farmers' Advocate Management Committee.
- R-4 February 2, 2010 - Faye Salisbury, Corporate Officer - Location Changes for Scheduled  
Board Meetings.
- R-5 February 4, 2010 - Faye Salisbury, Corporate Officer - South Peace Seniors Access  
Services Society Request for Funding.

*Handouts:*

- \* R-6 February 11, 2010 – Chair Goodings regarding Responses to the Regulations Pertaining  
to the *Oil and Gas Activities Act*.

Adoption of Agenda -  
continued

RD/10/02/01 - continued

9. Reports - continued

*Handouts: - continued*

\* R-7 February 11, 2010 – Bruce Simard, GM of Development Services regarding the Response from Saulteau First Nations on the Public Hearing for OCP and Zoning Amendment By-laws No. 1875, 2010 and 1876, 2010.

\* R-8 February 11, 2010 – Ron Storie, Manager of Community Services regarding the Public Information Meeting resulting from a November 2009 gas release in rural South Pouce Coupe.

10. By-Laws

B-1 North Peace Fringe Area OCP By-law No. 1870, 2009

a) February 1, 2010 report from Debbie Kunz, Assistant Manager of Development Services; and

b) "North Peace Fringe Area Official Community Plan By-law No. 1870, 2009";  
CONSIDERATION OF SECOND READING AS AMENDED, AND AUTHORIZATION FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS

B-2 NP Economic Development Commission Amendment By-law No.1884, 2010

a) January 25, 2010 report from Faye Salisbury, Corporate Officer; and;

b) "North Peace Economic Development Commission Amendment By-law No. 1884, 2010".

CONSIDERATION OF FIRST THREE READINGS AND ADOPTION

B-3 Kelly Lake Sewage Service Area Amendment By-law No. 1885, 2010

a) January 25, 2010 report from Shannon Anderson, General Manager of Environmental Services; and

b) "Kelly Lake Sewage Service Area Establishment Amendment By-law No. 1885, 2010  
CONSIDERATION OF FIRST THREE READINGS AND ADOPTION

B-4 Zoning Amendment By-law No. 1877, 2010 (Davis)

a) February 2, 2010 report from Owen Bloor; Land Use Planner; and

b) "Peace River Regional District Zoning Amendment By-law No. 1877, 2010".

*Handout:*

\* c) February 9, 2010 letter of opposition from Muriel (Fenton) Powell.  
CONSIDERATION OF THIRD READING AND ADOPTION

11. Diary

a) Regional Diary

b) Agenda Preparation Schedule

c) Schedule of Events

12. New Business

13. Appointments

14. Consent Calendar

MA-1 Climate Change Task Group Meeting Notes of January 20, 2010.

MA-2 Charlie Lake / Grandhaven Fire Protection Society Fire Committee Meeting Minutes of January 11, 2010.

MA-3 South Peace Fringe Area OCP - Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of January 19, 2010.

MA-4 Moberly Lake Fire Department Budget Meeting Notes of January 25, 2010.

CA-1 January 19, 2010 - Regional Manager, Environmental Stewardship and Parks and Protected Areas, Peace Region regarding 2010 Invasive Plant Program Partnership.

CA-2 January 25, 2010 - Local Government Program Services regarding Operational Fuel Management - Moberly Lake.

CA-3 January 14, 2010 - North Central Local Government Association regarding the Measuring Up the North Initiative.

CA-4 January 2010 - UNBC Newsletter.

15. Notice of Motion

16. Media Questions

17. Adjournment

MINUTES:

3) M-1  
Regional Board  
Meeting Minutes of  
January 28, 2010

RD/10/02/02  
MOVED by Director Lantz, SECONDED by Director Bernier,  
that the Regional Board Meeting Minutes of January 28, 2010 be adopted with the  
following amendment on page 8, item 19) resolution RD/10/01/24 (28)  
- correct the name of the seconder from Nicholson to Nichols.

CARRIED.

BUSINESS ARISING:

None

DELEGATIONS:

4) D-1  
NRAHTA  
Bud Powell, President  
Dustin Bodnaryk,  
Tourism Dawson Creek

Mr. Bud Powell, President, Northern Rockies Alaska Highway Tourism Association (NRAHTA) introduced Dustin Bodnaryk, Tourism Dawson Creek. Mr. Powell provided an update on the changes which have occurred to the association, which will lead to a newly structured board of directors representing the thirteen groups NRAHTA has signed a memorandum of understanding with. Part of that change is the association's desire to have two electoral area directors from the Regional District sit on the new NRAHTA board. The board will meet quarterly, with the first meeting to take place in March 2010.

Mr. Bodnaryk provided a brief update on what Northern BC Tourism is doing in regards to the potential heritage designation of the Alaska Highway. Ms. Kathleen O'Neill is compiling a complete inventory of what signage is along the whole highway. She will be presenting her findings to the regional board in March along with an update of the how the process is evolving. She will also be reporting on three other tourism related projects.

A question and answer period ensued with the following points discussed:

- the new board would develop its priorities prior to formally requesting any funding from the Regional District;
- BC Tourism is providing administrative support;
- municipalities would only be approached for funding on special projects; and
- the new rural representatives would replace the existing representatives from the Regional District.

RD/10/02/03

MOVED by Director Lantz, SECONDED by Alternate Director Norris,  
that the request from Northern Rockies Alaska Highway Tourism Association for the  
appointment of two rural directors to sit on the Northern Rockies Alaska Highway Tourism  
Association Board for a two year term, be referred to the next meeting of the Electoral  
Area Directors Committee.

CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE:

5) C-2 RD/10/02/04  
NCLGA - Call for MOVED by Director Bernier, SECONDED by Alternate Director Norris,  
Nominations for 2010 - that the Regional Board nominate Fort St. John Councillor, Bruce Christensen, as Regional  
11 Executive Representative, to the 2010 - 2011 Executive of the North Central Local Government  
Management Association.

CARRIED.

6) C-3 RD/10/02/05  
Step Up N Ride Society MOVED by Director Caton, SECONDED by Director Ackerman,  
request for funding that the Regional Board refer the January 8, 2010 request for funding, from the Step Up  
N Ride Society, to the next meeting of the Rural Budgets Administration Committee.

CARRIED.

7) C-4 RD/10/02/06  
PNWER 20<sup>th</sup> Annual MOVED by Director Ackerman, SECONDED by Director Caton,  
Summit in Calgary AB that Director Caton be authorized to attend the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Pacific Northwest Economic  
Summit which is scheduled to be held July 16 -20, 2010 in Calgary, Alberta.

CARRIED.

8) C-5 Minister of RD/10/02/07  
Community and Rural MOVED by Director Lantz, SECONDED by Director Bernier,  
Development that the Regional Board set aside extra time at the February 25<sup>th</sup> meeting to have a  
re: Elections Task Force round table discussion regarding possible submission of written comments to the Local  
Government Elections Task Force.

CARRIED.

9) C-6 RD/10/02/08  
UBCM Executive Release MOVED by Director Caton, SECONDED by Director Bernie,  
re: Highlights of that staff be requested to work with the Electoral Area Directors' Committee to develop a  
January 21-22 meeting resolution for submission to the Union of BC Municipalities regarding allowing agriculture  
sector utilization of forested fee simple sequestered lands for carbon credit accrual.

CARRIED.

REPORTS:

10) R-1 RD/10/02/09  
January 27, 2010 MOVED by Director Bernier, SECONDED by Director Anderson,  
- Faye Salisbury that the Regional Board provide a \$400 grant to the Jam at the Dam Music Festival  
re: Jam at the Dam Society for the 6<sup>th</sup> annual Hudson's Hope Music Festival scheduled for July 3 and 4,  
request for sponsorship 2010; with funding coming from Grants to Community Organizations - Annual Events.

CARRIED.

REPORTS: continued

11) R-2  
February 2, 2010  
- Fred Banham  
re: Compensation for  
Landowner  
Representative - FAMC

RD/10/02/10

MOVED by Director Caton, SECONDED by Director Ackerman,

- a) that the Regional Board recognizes the valuable input of the Landowner Representative to the Farmers' Advocate Management Committee and authorizes both the reimbursement of travel expenses as per the Peace River Regional District (PRRD) travel Policy and the Landowner Representative's time to attend/participate in Management Committee meetings at a rate to be negotiated with the appointed Landowner Representative; and
- b) that these costs be supported by the Regional District over and above the funding agreement between the PRRD and the Province from a budget not to exceed \$20,000.

CARRIED.

12) R-3  
February 11, 2010  
- Fred Banham  
re: Support for the  
Nomination of  
Landowner Rep - FAMC  
and Supplemental  
Report

RD/10/02/11

MOVED by Director Anderson, SECONDED by Director Ackerman,

that the Regional Board supports the nomination of Judy Madden as the Landowner Representative to the Farmers' Advocate Management Committee.

CARRIED.

13) R-4  
February 2, 2010  
- Faye Salisbury  
re: Location Changes  
for Scheduled Board  
Meetings

RD/10/02/12

MOVED by Director Caton, SECONDED by Director Jarvis,

- a) that the location of the April 8, 2010 board meeting be changed from Dawson Creek to Chetwynd, to accommodate Regional Directors' attendance at the Peace River Municipalities Association meeting being hosted by the District of Chetwynd; and
- b) that the July 8, 2010 regional board meeting be held in the Tupper / Tomslake area and the September 23, 2010 regional board meeting be held in Buick.

CARRIED.

14) R-5  
February 4, 2010  
- Faye Salisbury  
re: South Peace Seniors  
Access Services Society  
Request for Funding

RD/10/02/13

MOVED by Director Ackerman, SECONDED by Director Bernier,

that the Regional Board authorize the Chief Financial Officer to allocate \$8,000 in the 2010 budget, Grants to Community Organizations to assist the South Peace Seniors Access Services Society with the printing and distribution of a "South Peace Health Guide".

CARRIED.

REPORTS: continued

- 15) R-6  
Handout:  
February 11, 2010  
- Chair Goodings  
re: Responses to the  
Regulations Pertaining  
to the *OGAA*
- RD/10/02/14  
MOVED by Director Bernier, SECONDED by Alternate Director Norris,  
a) that the February 11, 2010 letter, from Chair Goodings to Mr. Paul Jeakins, Deputy  
Commissioner, Regulatory Affairs and Stewardship Division, BC Oil and Gas  
Commission regarding Responses to the regulations pertaining to the Oil and Gas  
Activities Act, be amended as follows:  
- change all references to the *Oil and Gas Commissions Act (OGCA)* to the *Oil  
and Gas Activities Act (OGAA)*; and  
- in the last sentence of the second paragraph, change the word "to" to "with"  
so the line reads "...nor agree with their statements"; and  
b) that the Regional Board ratify the amended February 11, 2010 letter from Chair  
Goodings to Mr. Paul Jeakins, Deputy Commissioner, Regulatory Affairs and  
Stewardship Division, BC Oil and Gas Commission regarding Responses to the  
regulations pertaining to the Oil and Gas Activities Act.
- CARRIED.
- 16) R-7  
Handout:  
February 11, 2010  
- Bruce Simard,  
re: Response from  
Saulteau First Nations  
on the Public Hearing  
for OCP and Zoning  
Amendment By-laws No.  
1875, 2010 and 1876,  
2010.
- RD/10/02/15  
MOVED by Director Caton, SECONDED by Director Bernier,  
that the Regional Board postpone the Public Hearing for OCP Amendment By-law No.  
1875, 2010 and Zoning Amendment By-law No. 1876, 2010 until after a meeting with  
the Saulteau First Nations to hear their concerns about the proposal.
- RD/10/02/16  
MOVED by Director Ackerman, SECONDED by Director Caton,  
that resolution RD/10/02/15 be amended by adding that the regional board will allow  
this particular postponement in the spirit of being a good neighbour.
- The Chair called the question on the amending motion  
NAYS: 10
- Motion to Amend
- DEFEATED.
- The Chair called the question on the original motion which reads as follows:  
RD/10/02/15  
MOVED by Director Caton, SECONDED by Director Bernier,  
that the Regional Board postpone the Public Hearing for OCP Amendment By-law No.  
1875, 2010 and Zoning Amendment By-law No. 1876, 2010 until after a meeting with  
the Saulteau First Nations to hear their concerns about the proposal.  
NAYS: 7
- Original Motion
- DEFEATED.
- RD/10/02/17  
MOVED by Director Lantz, SECONDED by Alternate Director Houley,  
that the Regional Board proceed with the scheduled Public Hearing for OCP and Zoning  
Amendment By-laws No. 1875, 2010 and 1876, 2010, on February 12, 2010.
- CARRIED.

REPORTS: continued

17) R-8

Handout:

February 11, 2010

- Ron Storie

re: Public Information

Meeting resulting from a

November 2009 gas

release in rural South

Pouce Coupe.

RD/10/02/18

MOVED by Director Ackerman, SECONDED by Director Bernier,  
that the Regional Board recommend:

- 1) to the Ministry of Energy Mines and Petroleum Resources (MEMPR) / Oil and Gas Commission (OGC) that a coordinated standardized public education using BCERMS protocol be established;
- 2) that MEMPR accept responsibility and take the lead role in researching and educating local physicians about health hazards around gas exposure; and
- 3) that the Peace River Regional District explore offering that their 911 call answer service be broadened, in the Peace Region, to include call transfers to the OGC for gas related incidents; i.e., Dial 911- Response Police-Ambulance- Fire- OGC.

CARRIED.

DELEGATIONS: continued

18) D-2

Mr. Richard Neufeld

re: Discussion - Site C

Mr. Richard Neufeld, as a resident of the Charlie Lake area has a keen interest in developments pertaining to the proposed Site C project. He was particularly interested in what actions the Regional District has undertaken to date, in the event the project is approved by the province.

He has been attending municipal council meetings as well, in an effort to encourage representatives of the regions' municipalities and rural areas to spend time together to formulate a plan on legacy negotiations in order to speak collectively, with one voice, on detailed aspects of the project. He stated that it would take some serious thought to determine the benefits that could be realized for the region; whether or not one is in favour of the project. He stressed that time is of the essence for these discussions to occur, as once a decision is made by the province the process could proceed quickly.

A discussion period ensued with the following points brought forward:

- the City of Fort St. John will bring the results of its discussion to the Regional District;
- the District of Hudson's Hope, formally not in favour of Site C, is still dealing with outstanding issues regarding the WAC Bennett Dam;
- there was a suggestion that a regional task force be formed;
- designated time needs to be set aside for these discussions;
- former legacy models need to be examined; and
- the motion made at Peace River Municipalities Association regarding forwarding input to the Regional District needs to be re-visited.

The Chair thanked Mr. Neufeld for encouraging everyone present to focus and formulate a cohesive plan.

19) Recess

The meeting recessed for luncheon at 12:05 p.m.

20) Reconvene

The meeting reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

Director Hiebert arrived in the meeting and Alternate Director Moody left the meeting.



BY-LAWS:

- 21) B-1  
North Peace Fringe  
Area OCP By-law No.  
2870, 2009
- RD/10/02/19  
MOVED by Alternate Director Houley, SECONDED by Director Hiebert,  
a) that "North Peace Fringe Area Official Community Plan By-law No. 1870, 2009" as amended, pursuant to recommendations in the Development Services Report dated February 2, 2010, be given second reading;  
b) that authority be given for to go to public hearings on March 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Charlie Lake Community Hall and the Baldonnel School respectively;  
and  
c) that the holding of the public hearings be directed to Director Hadland.
- CARRIED.
- 22) B-2  
North Peace Economic  
Development  
Commission  
Amendment By-law No.  
1884, 2010
- RD/10/02/20  
MOVED by Director Ackerman, SECONDED by Director Lantz,  
that "North Peace Economic Development Commission Amendment By-law No. 1884, 2010" be given first three readings.
- CARRIED.
- RD/10/02/21  
MOVED by Director Caton, SECONDED by Director Ackerman,  
that permission be granted to adopt "North Peace Economic Development Commission Amendment By-law No. 1884, 2010".
- CARRIED.
- RD/10/02/22  
MOVED by Director Lantz, SECONDED by Director Ackerman,  
that "North Peace Economic Development Commission Amendment By-law No. 1884, 2010" be adopted.
- CARRIED.
- 23) B-3  
Kelly Lake Sewage  
Service Area  
Amendment By-law No.  
1885, 2010
- RD/10/02/23  
MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Caton,  
that "Kelly Lake Sewage Service Area Amendment By-law No. 1885, 2010" be given first three readings.
- CARRIED.
- RD/10/02/24  
MOVED by Alternate Director Houley, SECONDED by Director Lantz,  
that permission be granted to adopt "Kelly Lake Sewage Service Area Amendment By-law No. 1885, 2010".
- CARRIED.
- RD/10/02/25  
MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Caton,  
that "Kelly Lake Sewage Service Area Amendment By-law No. 1885, 2010" be adopted.
- CARRIED.

BY-LAWS: continued

24) B-4  
Zoning Amendment By-law No. 1877, 2010 (Davis) and Handout: Letter of Opposition

RD/10/02/26

MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Caton, that "Peace River Regional District Zoning Amendment By-law No. 1877, 2010" be given third reading.

CARRIED.

RD/10/02/27

MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Caton, that "Peace River Regional District Zoning Amendment By-law No. 1877, 2010" be adopted.

CARRIED.

DIARY:

25) Regional Diary/ Agenda Preparation Schedule/ Schedule of Events

RD/10/02/28

MOVED by Director White, SECONDED by Director Norris, that the date of the Tumbler Ridge Grizfest be changed to the August long weekend.

CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS:

26) NB-1  
Air Canada

RD/10/02/29

MOVED by Director Lantz, SECONDED by Director Bernier, that the Regional Board forward a letter to Mr. Calvin Rovinescu, President & CEO Air Canada regarding recent price increases and limitations put on its flight pass program for customers in northeastern British Columbia.

CARRIED.

DELEGATIONS: continued

27) D-3  
Secure Energy Services  
Corey Higham - Business Development re: Heritage Secure Landfill, Tupper BC - power point presentation

Mr. Corey Higham who is responsible for Business Development for Secure Energy Services provided details of the company's proposal to construct and operate a secure landfill on 87 hectares of crown land, south of Tupper at the intersection of Highway 52. Work toward the project began over three years ago, and has advanced to where the Environmental Assessment Application for this site is expected to be submitted in two weeks. The complete (Item D-3) power point presentation is available for viewing with-in the February 11, 2010 agenda on the Peace River Regional District's website.

<http://www.peaceriverrd.bc.ca/board/agendas/2010/2010-03-8752454562/AGENDA.html>

A question and answer period ensued with the following points discussed:

- the company will manage the construction and will tender the civil construction portion to BC companies and consultants;
- the history and development of the high density polyethylene liner;
- the effect on the timeline of the EA application in relation to the staff reductions at the Ministry of Energy and Mines;
- the material removed from the cell can be used to cap, close the site, or taken as clean fill back to the customers site;
- the advantages / disadvantages of soil remediation versus soil disposal.

In closing, Mr. Higham advised the directors that the company's application for re-zoning would be coming to the regional district at a later date.

NEW BUSINESS: continued

28) NB-2  
Site C / Fair Share

Director Lantz provided an update on the City of Fort St. John's Council discussions relating to the following two issues:

- 1 - Regional - getting some type of legacy; and
- 2 - Local - the impact of construction on the city.

He stated that the City of Fort St. John will be engaging the services of a consultant to examine issues and develop a strategy. He would like the Regional District to participate.

RD/10/02/30

MOVED by Director Lantz, SECONDED by Director Bernier,  
that staff be requested to compile a historical report on resolutions the Peace River  
Regional District has made in regard to Site C.

CARRIED.

29) Adjournment

RD/10/02/31

MOVED by Alternate Director Norris, SECONDED by Director Bernier,  
that the meeting adjourn.

CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

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Sheila DeCosta, Recording Secretary

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Karen Goodings, Chair

CERTIFIED a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Regional Board of the Peace River Regional District from a meeting held on February 11, 2010 in the Regional District Office Board Room, Dawson Creek, BC.

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Faye Salisbury, Corporate Officer