



# PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

## FEBRUARY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: February 25, 2010

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

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

PRESENT:

Directors

Director Goodings  
Director Hiebert  
Director White  
Director Hadland  
Director Anderson  
Director Clark  
Director Ackerman

Alternate Directors

Alternate Director Ponto  
Alternate Director Norris  
Alternate Director Rose  
Alternate Director Powell

Absent

Director Jarvis  
Director Caton  
Director Lantz  
Director Saugstad  
Director Bernier

Staff

Fred Banham, Chief Administrative Officer  
Faye Salisbury, Corporate Officer  
Kim Frech, Chief Financial Officer  
Bruce Simard, General Manager of Development Services  
Ron Storie, Manager of Community Services  
Sheila DeCosta, Secretary - Legislative Services, Recorder

Others

Christine Rumleskie, Moose FM  
Matthew Bains, Northeast News  
Edward Rouble  
Patricia Rouble  
August Lehmann  
Alice Girouard  
Nick Parsons

Lois Hill  
Charlene Girouard  
Mike Girouard  
Ryan Hotston  
Kevin Derfler  
Brian Derfler

D-1 – Bessborough Land Owners' Association

Bonnie Lehman, Spokesperson  
Ken John, Peace Environment and Safety Trustees  
Sandra Mertin  
Ben Brown

D-2 – BC Transmission Corporation

Brooke Dutka – Project Manager  
Lesley Wood – Senior Community Relations Specialist

Prior to the start of the meeting, Chair Goodings was pleased to present the Peace River Regional District's Five Year Service Award to Jennifer Rudyk, Finance Clerk.

Prior to calling the meeting to order, the Chair provided the time to hear of news and events which have occurred in each municipality and electoral area.

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

DIRECTORS NOTICE OF NEW BUSINESS:

None

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

- 2) Adoption of Agenda      RD/10/02/01 (25)  
MOVED by Director Ackerman, SECONDED by Alternate Director Norris,  
that the Peace River Regional District agenda for the February 25, 2010 meeting,  
including handouts for the agenda, be adopted as amended:
1. Call to Order
  2. Directors' Notice of New Business
  3. Adoption of Agenda
  4. Minutes  
M -1    Regional District Meeting Minutes of February 11, 2010.
  5. Business Arising from the Minutes
  6. Delegations  
11 a.m.    D-1    Bessborough Landowners' Association  
                    Bonny Lehmann, Spokesperson  
                    Re: Concerns regarding the location of the proposed Sunrise Secure Landfill Project
- Handouts:*
- \*D-1    February 2010 additional letter from C. Cowger.
  - \*D-1    February 25, 2010 letter from Ken John, Peace Environment and Safety Trustees
  - 2 p.m.    D-2    BC Transmission Corporation  
                    Lesley Wood, Community Relations Specialist  
                    Brooke Dutka, Project Manager  
                    Re: Proposed Transmission Project  
                    a) February 10, 2010 letter - Lesley A. Wood, Community Relations Specialist: and  
                    b) Dawson Creek - Chetwynd Area Transmission Project Presentation.
7. Petitions
  8. Correspondence  
C-1    February 3, 2010 - UBCM - President Harry Nyce - provincial response to 2009 PRRD Resolution.  
C-2    February 2, 2010 - BC Hydro - Acting President and CEO Bev Van Ruyven - Power Outages in extreme emergency situations.  
C-3    February 9, 2010 - Minister of Agriculture and Lands - Review of the ALR and its administration by the Agricultural Land Commission.  
C-4    February 11, 2010 - Minister of Energy, Mines & Petroleum Resources - Consultation Phase on Oil and Gas Activities Act regulations.  
C-5    February 15, 2010 - Chetwynd Mayor Saugstad - Invitation to Peace River Municipalities Association Meeting.  
C-6    Notice of February 23 and 24, 2010 Peace Water Workshop - received February 19, 2010.  
C-7    February 15, 2010 - Deputy Commissioner, RCMP - Position on Accountability, Oversight and Communications.

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Adoption of Agenda -  
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RD/10/02/01 (25) continued:

9. Reports
  - R-1 ALR Subdivision Application 11/2010 - Giesbrecht.
  - R-2 ALR Subdivision Application 12/2010 - Fritz.
  - R-3 ALR Exclusion Application 22/2010 - Rouble.

*Handout:*

  - February 25, 2010 email from Shauna Goertzen.
  - R-4 February 16, 2010 - Shannon Anderson, General Manager of Environmental Services - Status of Build Canada Fund Applications.
  - R-5 February 17, 2010 - Faye Salisbury, Corporate Officer - 2010 Interprovincial / Intermunicipal Annual Meeting.
  - R-6 February 18, 2010 - Fred Banham, CAO - Local Government Elections Task Force - Board Discussion.
  - R-7 February 18, 2010 - Chair Goodings - February 17, 2010 EADC Meeting Recommendations. See MA-2
  - R-8 February 18, 2010 - Bruce Simard, General Manager of Development Services - February 16, 2010 Agriculture Advisory Committee Meeting Recommendations. See MA-3
  - R-9 February 18, 2010 - Fred Banham, CAO - PRRD - Site C Discussions - Actions.
10. By-laws
  - B-1 Friesen Subdivision Specified Area Sewer User Rates By-law No. 1886, 2010
    - a) February 10, 2010 report from Shannon Anderson, General Manager of Environmental Services; and
    - b) "Friesen Subdivision Specified Area Sewer User Rates By-law No. 1886, 2010".CONSIDERATION OF FIRST THREE READINGS AND ADOPTION
  - B-2 Harper Imperial Subdivision Community Sewage System Loan Authorization By-law No. 1887, 2010
    - a) February 15, 2010 report from Kim Frech, Chief Financial Officer; and
    - b) "Harper Imperial Subdivision Community Sewage System Loan Authorization By-law No. 1887, 2010".CONSIDERATION OF FIRST THREE READINGS
  - B-3 Tomslake Fire Protection Agreement By-law No. 1883, 2010
    - a) January 25, 2010 report from Ron Storie, Manager of Community Services; and
    - b) "Tomslake Fire Protection Agreement By-law No. 1883, 2010".CONSIDERATION OF FIRST THREE READINGS AND ADOPTION
11. Diary
  - a) Regional Diary
  - b) Agenda Preparations Schedule
  - c) Schedule of Events
12. New Business  
None
13. Appointments
14. Consent Calendar
  - MA-1 Special Solid Waste Committee Meeting Minutes of January 28, 2010.
  - MA-2 Electoral Area Directors' Committee Meeting Minutes of February 17, 2010.
  - MA-3 Agriculture Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of February 16, 2010.
  - CA-1 February 2, 2010 - UBCM - Operation Fuel Management Application - One Island Lake Budget Amendment Request.
  - CA-2 February 8, 2010 - Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure - Continuance of Partnership in Pine Pass Invasive Plant Management.
  - CA-3 February 11, 2010 - Minister of Forests and Range - Invasive Plant Program.
  - RA-1 January 2010 Building Permit Report
15. Notice of Motion (for the next meeting):
16. Media Questions (on agenda items and business discussed at the meeting)
17. Adjournment

CARRIED.

MINUTES:

- 3) M-1 RD/10/02/02 (25)  
Regional Board MOVED by Alternate Director Powell, SECONDED by Alternate Director Rose,  
Meeting Minutes of that the Regional Board Meeting Minutes of February 11, 2010 be adopted.  
February 11, 2010 CARRIED.

BUSINESS ARISING:

None

CORRESPONDENCE:

- 4) C-1 RD/10/02/03 (25)  
UBCM President MOVED by Director Hadland, SECONDED by Director Clark,  
re: Provincial Response that the Regional Board forward a letter to the Honourable Colin Hansen, Minister of  
to PRRD Resolution Finance, pointing out that there are already two groups exempted from paying the  
re: Agriculture Sector carbon tax, with a copy to the Honourable John Yap, Minister of State for Climate Action,  
Carbon Tax Exemption and the Union of BC Municipalities.  
CARRIED.

- 5) Vary Agenda RD/10/02/04 (25)  
MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Alternate Director Powell,  
that the agenda be varied to deal with item R-3 at this time.  
CARRIED.

REPORTS:

- 6) R-3 RD/10/02/05 (25)  
ALR Exclusion MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Hadland,  
Application 22/1010 that the Regional Board support ALR Exclusion Application 22/2010 for Edward and  
(Rouble) Patricia Rouble to exclude ~ 6.9 ha (17 ac) from the ALR in order to subdivide one lot of  
~ 3.4 ha (8.4 ac) and one lot of ~ 3.5 ha (8.6 ac) from the west ½ of southeast ¼  
Section 20, Township 82, Range 17, PRD, to provide a residence for the owners and their  
daughter; and authorize the application as submitted, to proceed to the Agricultural  
Land Commission on the basis that it conforms to the Official Community Plan.  
CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE: continued

- 7) C-3 RD/10/02/06 (25)  
Minister of Agriculture MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Alternate Director Powell,  
and Lands that the Regional Board forward the February 9, 2010 letter from the Honourable Steve  
re: Review of ALR & Thomson, regarding the Boards' concerns about the Agricultural Land Reserve and its  
Administration by ALC administration by the Agricultural Land Commission, to the Director for the City of Dawson  
Creek, for further information.  
CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE: continued

8) C-5  
Peace River  
Municipalities  
Association Meeting  
April 8, 2010,  
Chetwynd, BC

RD/10/02/07 (25)  
MOVED by Director Ackerman, SECONDED by Alternate Director Norris,  
that the Electoral Area Directors be authorized to attend the Peace River Municipalities  
Association meeting on April 8, 2010 in Chetwynd, BC.

CARRIED.

9) C-6  
Peace Water Workshop  
February 23-24,  
Dawson Creek, BC

RD/10/02/08 (25)  
MOVED by Director Ackerman, SECONDED by Director Clark,  
that the Regional Board ratify the attendance of Directors Hiebert, Hadland and Goodings  
at the Peace Water Workshop which was held February 23 - 24, 2010 in Dawson Creek,  
B.C.

CARRIED.

10) C-7  
RCMP, Deputy  
Commissioner  
re: Accountability,  
Oversight and  
Communications

RD/10/02/09 (25)  
MOVED by Director Clark, SECONDED by Director Ackerman,  
that the Regional Board forward a response to Gary D. Bass, Deputy Commissioner -  
Pacific Region, Royal Canadian Mounted Police to reinforce the positive comments made  
in his letter regarding accountability, oversight and communications of the RCMP with  
local governments.

CARRIED.

REPORTS: continued

11) R-1  
ALR Subdivision  
Application 11/2010  
(Giesbrecht)

RD/10/02/10 (25)  
MOVED by Director Hadland, SECONDED by Alternate Director Rose,  
that the Regional Board support ALR Subdivision Application 11/2010 for Jacob and  
Martha Giesbrecht to subdivide 4 lots of ~ 2.8 ha (7 ac) totalling ~ 11.3 (28 ac) from  
District Lot 2789, PRD, except plans 27748, 31991, and PGP35166, in order to sell for  
residential use; and authorize the application to proceed to the Agricultural Land  
Commission on the basis that it conforms to the Official Community Plan.

NAYS: 1 Director Hadland

CARRIED.

12) R-2  
ALR Subdivision  
Application 12/2010  
(Fritz)

RD/10/02/11 (25)  
MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Alternate Director Rose,  
that the Regional Board support ALR Subdivision Application 12/2010 for Waldemar and  
Olga Fritz to subdivide one lot of ~ 9.3 ha (22 ac) and one lot of ~ 4.0 ha (10 ac) from  
the Northwest ¼ of District Lot 1301, PRD, except plan PGP37245, in order to provide  
residences for the owners' children; and authorize the application to proceed to the  
Agricultural Land Commission on the basis that it conforms to the Official Community Plan  
and Zoning.

NAYS: 1 Director Hadland

CARRIED.

REPORTS: continued

13) R-5  
February 17, 2010  
- Faye Salisbury  
re: 2010 Interprovincial  
Intermunicipal Annual  
Meeting

RD/10/02/12 (25)  
MOVED by Alternate Director Rose, SECONDED by Director Hadland,  
that that any director wishing to attend the annual Inter-Provincial & Inter-Municipal  
Peace Region Meeting scheduled Wednesday, March 31, 2010 in Dawson Creek, B.C. be  
authorized to do so.

CARRIED.

14) Recess  
The meeting recessed a 10:45 a.m.

15) Reconvene  
The meeting reconvened at 10:55 a.m.

DELEGATIONS:

16) D-1  
Bessborough  
Landowners'  
Association  
Bonnie Lehmann,  
Spokesperson  
and

Re: Proposed CCS  
Sunrise Secure Landfill  
Project - Bessborough

Bonnie Lehmann, spokesperson for the residents in opposition to the location of the  
proposed CCS Sunrise Secure Landfill project in Bessborough explained why they felt the  
project would be better located in an area that is not uphill and upwind of the acreage  
homes and farm residences located along Bessborough Road. She pointed out the close  
proximity of residences and introduced three neighbouring residents so they could voice  
their apprehension. She also provided Chair Goodings with ten more letters in opposition  
to the location. Ken John representing the Peace Environment and Safety Trustees  
(PEST) who came in support of the Bessborough residents, provided background  
information and referred to the Environmental Assessment Act, went on to ask that the  
Regional District write to the Minister of Environment to ask him to suspend the  
environmental assessment process until their issues can be dealt with.

A question and answer period ensued.

Handouts:  
- February 2010 letter  
C. Cowger  
- February 25, 2010 -  
Ken John, PEST

RD/10/02/13 (25)  
MOVED by Director Anderson, SECONDED by Director Clark,  
that the Regional Board receive the delegations' additional ten letters, in opposition to  
the proposed CCS Sunrise Secure Landfill project; and the copy of Section 30 (1) of the  
Environmental Assessment Act, for the Peace River Regional District file.

CARRIED.

Power point  
Presentation

RD/10/02/14 (25)  
MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Ackerman,  
that the Regional Board forward a letter to the Honourable Barry Penner, Minister of  
Environment, asking him to exercise his prerogative under Section 30 (1) (111) of the  
*Environmental Assessment Act* to suspend the environmental assessment process for the  
proposed CCS Secure Landfill project in Bessborough, pending other inquiries.

NAYS: 4

CARRIED.

RD/10/02/15 (25)  
MOVED by Director White, SECONDED by Director Ackerman,  
that staff be requested to do research on the information submitted today by Bonnie  
Lehmann, Bessborough Landowners' Association and Ken John, Peace Environment and  
Safety Trustees, and on the environmental assessment process of the proposed CCS  
Secure Landfill project in Bessborough, for report to the Board at its March 11, 2010  
meeting.

CARRIED.

REPORTS: continued

- 17) R-6  
February 18, 2010  
- Fred Banham  
re: Local Government  
Elections Task Force
- RD/10/02/16 (25)  
MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Alternate Director Powell,  
that the Regional Board discuss the topics being considered by the Premier's, Local  
Governments Elections Task Force, for submission to the task force.
- CARRIED.
- Re: The Election Cycle
- RD/10/02/17 (25)  
MOVED by Director Hadland, SECONDED by Director White,  
that the Regional Board recommend to the Elections Task Force that the election cycle  
remain at the three year term.
- CARRIED.
- Re: Campaign Finances
- RD/10/02/18 (25)  
MOVED by Director Ackerman, SECONDED by Alternate Director Rose,  
that individual directors submit their own comments, regarding campaign finances,  
including contributions / spending disclosure and limits and tax credits, to the Elections  
Task Force website.
- CARRIED.
- Re: Enforcement  
Process and Outcomes
- RD/10/02/19 (25)  
MOVED by Director Ackerman, SECONDED by Director Hadland,  
that individual directors submit their own comments, regarding enforcement processes  
and outcomes, to the Elections Task Force website.  
NAYS: 1 Director White
- CARRIED.
- Re: The Role of BC's  
Chief Electoral Officer
- RD/10/02/20 (25)  
MOVED by Director Ackerman, SECONDED by Director Hiebert,  
that the Regional Board recommend to the Elections Task Force that BC's Chief Electoral  
Officer not be involved in local government elections.
- CARRIED.
- Re: Corporate Vote
- RD/10/02/21 (25)  
MOVED by Director Hadland, SECONDED by Alternate Director Powell,  
that the Regional Board recommend to the Elections Task Force that a corporate vote be  
allowed.  
NAYS: 2 Directors White and Anderson
- CARRIED.
- Re: Candidate Eligibility
- RD/10/02/22 (25)  
MOVED by Director White, SECONDED by Director Ackerman,  
that the Regional Board recommend to the Elections Task Force that a candidate not be  
eligible to run for public office if:
1. He / She is in a legal dispute with the local government he/she is running for office  
in; and
  2. He / She is in debt (say for more than \$500) to the local government he/she is  
running for office in.
- CARRIED.
- 18) Adjourn to the Call  
of the Chair
- The meeting adjourned to the call of the Chair at 11:56 a.m.

19) Re-call to Order      The meeting was re-called to order by the Chair at 1:30 p.m.

20) Vary Agenda      That the agenda be varied in order to deal with item R-6 again.

REPORTS: continued

21) R-6      RD/10/02/23 (25)  
Re: The Election Cycle      MOVED by Director Hadland, SECONDED by Director White,  
that the Regional Board recommend to the Elections Task Force that the number of  
consecutive terms for an elected official be limited to a maximum of four.  
NAYS: 9  
DEFEATED.

22) R-7      RD/10/02/24 (25)  
February 18, 2010      MOVED by Director Hadland, SECONDED by Director Anderson,  
- Chair Goodings      that Electoral Area Directors Hiebert and Goodings be appointed to the Northern Rockies  
re: February 17, 2010      Alaska Highway Tourism Association for a two year term.  
EADC Meeting      CARRIED.  
Recommendations

23) R-8      RD/10/02/25 (25)  
February 18, 2010      MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Ackerman,  
- Bruce Simard      that the Regional District take an active role in the next review of the Agriculture Land  
re: February 16, 2010      Commission / Oil and Gas Commission Delegation Agreement.  
Agricultural Advisory      NAYS: 3  
Committee Meeting      CARRIED.  
Recommendations

Re: ALC / OGC      RD/10/02/26 (25)  
Delegation Agreement      MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Hadland,  
that when dealing with senior levels of government, industry and municipalities, that the  
value of water for quality of life be recognized for all stakeholders.  
CARRIED.  
Re: Value of Water

Re: Urban Sprawl      RD/10/02/27 (25)  
MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Ackerman,  
that the following recommendation from the February 16, 2010 Agricultural Advisory  
Committee meeting regarding Urban Sprawl, be forwarded to the South Peace Fringe  
Area OCP Committee and development services staff:  
  
*“that new residential developments on quarter sections be discouraged  
and the development of existing vacant properties in rural residential  
areas be encouraged”*  
CARRIED.

DELEGATIONS: continued

24) D-2  
BC Transmission Corporation  
  
Re: Dawson Creek - Chetwynd Area Transmission Project  
  
Brooke Dutka, Project Manager

Brooke Dutka, Project Manager and Lesley Wood, Senior Community Relations Specialist for BC Transmission Corporation provided information on the corporation's plan to build a new transmission circuit that would originate 19 km east of Chetwynd and terminate at the Dawson Creek Substation. This is planned to meet the expected higher than average load growth in the area and also provide a point of interconnection for anticipated new wind developments. The project is currently at the definition phase where alternatives are examined, studies are conducted, input from First Nations, stakeholders and the public is sought and the applications for regulatory approvals are made. Environmental Study work will occur during the summer of 2010 and construction is expected to start in the spring of 2012 with the projected in-service date planned for the fall of 2013.

Lesley Wood, Senior Community Relations Specialist

The complete power point presentation is available as item D-2 b) within the February 25, 2010 agenda on the Peace River Regional District's website.

<http://prrd.bc.ca/board/agendas/2010/2010-04-8457445592/AGENDA.html>

Power point Presentation

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

- it is not feasible to loop the Dawson Creek system to Tumbler Ridge;
- this project focused on Dawson Creek, but BCTC is also looking at the whole area;
- the possibility of using the existing line and right of way and larger poles;
- maintenance staffing is handled through BC Hydro

25) Recess

The meeting recessed for coffee at 2:15 p.m.

26) Reconvene

The meeting reconvened at 2:25 p.m.

REPORTS: continued

27) R-9  
February 18, 2010  
- Fred Banham  
re: Site C Discussions  
Actions

RD/10/02/28 (25)  
MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Anderson, that staff be requested to brain storm with municipal administrators in order to report on how the Peace River Regional District should move ahead with discussions on an Energy Legacy, taking all energy sources into consideration.

CARRIED.

BY-LAWS:

28) B-1  
Friesen Subdivision  
Sewer User Rates  
By-law No. 1886, 2010

RD/10/02/29 (25)  
MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Hadland, that "Friesen Subdivision Specified Area Sewer User Rates By-law No. 1886, 2010" be given first three readings.

CARRIED.

RD/10/02/30 (25)  
MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Ackerman, that permission be granted to adopt "Friesen Subdivision Specified Area Sewer User Rates By-law No. 1886, 2010".

CARRIED.

BY-LAWS: continued

B-1 - continued RD/10/02/31 (25)  
MOVED by Alternate Director Powell, SECONDED by Director Hiebert,  
that "Friesen Subdivision Specified Area Sewer User Rates By-law No. 1886, 2010" be  
adopted. CARRIED.

29) B-2 RD/10/02/32 (25)  
Harper Imperial MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Hadland,  
Subdivision Loan that "Harper Imperial Subdivision Community Sewage System Loan Authorization By-law  
Authorization By-law No. 1887, 2010 be given first three readings. CARRIED.  
No. 1887

30) B-3 RD/10/02/33 (25)  
Tomslake Fire MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Ackerman,  
Protection Agreement that "Tomslake Fire Protection Agreement By-law No. 1883, 2010 be given first three  
By-law No. 1883, 2010 readings. CARRIED.  
NAYS: 1 Director Hadland

RD/10/02/34 (25)  
MOVED by Director Ackerman, SECONDED by Alternate Director Norris,  
that permission be granted to adopt "Tomslake Fire Protection Agreement By-law No.  
1883, 2010. CARRIED.  
NAYS: 1 Director Hadland

RD/10/02/35 (25)  
MOVED by Director Ackerman, SECONDED by Director Anderson,  
that "Tomslake Fire Protection Agreement By-law No. 1883, 2010 be adopted. CARRIED.  
NAYS: 1 Director Hadland

30) Adjournment RD/10/02/36 (25)  
MOVED by Alternate Director Norris, SECONDED by Director Hiebert,  
that the meeting adjourn. CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 2:50 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 25, 2010 in the Regional District Office Board Room, Dawson Creek, BC.

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Faye Salisbury, Corporate Officer