



PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

MARCH BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: March 11, 2010

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: North Peace Cultural Centre Carpet Room, Fort St. John. BC

PRESENT: Directors
Director Goodings, Chair
Director Hiebert
Director Hadland
Director Clark
Director Lantz
Director Anderson
Director White
Director Jarvis
Director Bernier
Director Ackerman

Alternate Directors
Alternate Director Rose

Absent
Director Caton
Director Saugstad

Staff

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

Others

Christine Rumleskie, Moose FM
Matthew Bains, Northeast News
David Bell, Alaska Highway News
Andrew Hopkins, Astral Media
Don Irwin
Jim Little
Margaret Little
Larry Wade
Walter Stewart
Alva Stewart

D-1 Northern BC Tourism Association

Kathleen O'Neil, Outreach Coordinator, AH NHS Project
John Bass

1) Call to Order The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

DIRECTORS NOTICE OF NEW BUSINESS:

None

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

2) Adoption of Agenda

RD/10/03/01

MOVED by Director Lantz, SECONDED by Director Hiebert,
that the Peace River Regional District agenda for the March 11, 2010 meeting,
including handout items 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 25, 2010.
5. Business Arising from the Minutes
 - BA-1 Re: C-3 February 25, 2010 - Response from Director Bernier, City of Dawson Creek regarding Review of ALR lands and ALC Act.
6. Delegations
 - 11 a.m. D-1 Northern BC Tourism Association
 - Kathleen O'Neill, Outreach Coordinator, AH NHS Project
 - Re: Request for support for the nomination of the Alaska Highway as a National Historic Site and Projects Update
7. Petitions
8. Correspondence
 - C-1 February 9, 2010 - UBCM Member Release - Changes to the West Nile Virus Risk Reduction Initiative.
 - C-2 February 1, 2010 - MLA Peace River South - Hart to Alaska Highways connecting road.
 - C-3 February 24, 2010 - Minister of Environment - Cosmetic Use of Pesticides in BC.
 - C-4 February 24, 2010 - Paul Jeakins, BC Oil and Gas Commission - Oil and Gas Activities Act regulations.
 - C-5 February 19, 2010 - Bob Purdon, BC Oil and Gas Commission - December 8, 2009 Meeting of Northeast Invasive Plant Committee.
 - C-6 February 22, 2010 - Cathy Ulrich, Northern Health - response to Ombudsperson Public Report on Seniors.
 - C-7 March 2, 2010 - UBCM In The House - Provincial Budget 2010.
 - C-8 March 3, 2010 - Alva Stewart - concerns regarding Charlie Lake Fire Department
- 9 Reports
 - R-1 January 28, 2010 Bruce Simard, General Manager of Development Services - By-law Enforcement Report 179/2008 (Martin).
 - R-2 March 2, 2010 Bruce Simard, General Manager of Development Services - CCS Sunrise Secure Landfill EA and Bessborough Landowners' Association.

Handout:

 - March 9, 2010 letter from Ken John, Farmington, B.C.
 - R-3 March 3, 2010 - Fred Banham, CAO - WL Construction Ltd. Request for Access to Water.
 - R-4 March 3, 2010 - Faye Salisbury, Corporate Officer - Topics for Chair Gooding's meeting with the Minister of Finance.
 - R-5 March 3, 2010 - Farmers' Advocate Management Committee - Award of Contract for Independent Land Information & Advocacy Office.
 - R-6 ALR Non-farm Use Application 031/2010 - Field.
 - R-7 ALR Non-farm Use Application 032/2010 - Grizzco Camp Services Ltd.
 - R-8 ALR Subdivision Application 30/2010 - Boychuk.
 - R-9 ALR Subdivision Application 40/2009 - David.

Adoption of Agenda -
continued

RD/10/03/01 continued:

10. By-laws

B-1 OCP and Zoning Amendment By-law's No. 1865 and 1876, 2010
(Loiselle Investments Ltd.)

- a) February 23, 2010 report from Owen Bloor, Land Use Planner;
- b) "West Peace Official Community Plan Amendment By-law No. 1875, 2010"; and
- c) "Peace River Regional District Zoning Amendment By-law No. 1876, 2010".

CONSIDERATION OF THIRD READING.

B-2 *Annual Financial Plan By-law No. 1889, 2010

- a) March 3, 2010 report from Kim Frech, Chief Financial Officer;
- b) 2010 Financial Plan Summary;
- c) "Annual Financial Plan By-law No. 1889, 2010"; and
- d) 2010 Financial Plan Budget Package - 144 pages.

* *Directors please bring your hard copy to the meeting*

Handout:

PRRD - CLGHFPS - CLFD Relationship - Background Material

CONSIDERATION OF FIRST READING.

11. Diary

- a) Regional Diary
- b) Agenda Preparations Schedule
- c) Schedule of Events

12. New Business

13. Appointments

14. Consent Calendar

MA-1 Rural Budgets Administration Committee Meeting of February 17, 2010.

MA-2 South Peace Fringe Area Official Community Plan Advisory Committee Meeting of February 23, 2010.

MA-3 Moberly Lake and Wonowon Community Wildfire Protection Program Tender Opening Meeting Notes of February 26, 2010.

MA-4 Charlie Lake Fire Committee Meeting Minutes of February 22, 2010.

MA-5 Charlie Lake Fire Department Budget / Strategic Plan Public Information Meeting Minutes of February 22, 2010.

CA-1 February 23, 2010 - Local Government Program Services - Fuel Management Funding for Wonowon.

CA-2 February 24, 2010 - BC Agricultural Research & Development Corporation - Peace River Wildlife Mitigation Workshop Funding.

CA-3 February 26, 2010 Ducks Unlimited Canada - Wetlands for Tomorrow.

CA-4 Copy of Director Hadland's February 25, 2010 letter to the Minister of Community and Rural Development regarding farm status.

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
Regional Board
Meeting Minutes of
February 25, 2010

RD/10/03/02

MOVED by Director Clark, SECONDED by Director Bernier,
that the Regional Board Meeting Minutes of February 25, 2010 be adopted.

CARRIED.

- 4) BA-1 RD/10/03/03
re: page 4, item 7) MOVED by Director Bernier, SECONDED by Director Lantz,
C-3, Response from that the Regional Board forward the March 3, 2010 comments from Director Bernier, as
Director Bernier re: the requested background information which supports the Board's request for a review
Review of the ALR & of the Agricultural Land Reserve and the ALC Act, to the Honourable Steve Thomson,
Administration by ALC Minister of Agriculture and Lands,

CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- 5) C-8 RD/10/03/04
March 3, 2010 MOVED by Director Ackerman, SECONDED by Director Hiebert,
Alva Stewart that Chair Goodings provide a written response to Mrs. Alva Stewart regarding the
re: Concerns regarding concerns mentioned in her March 3, 2010 letter about the proposed increase to the
Charlie Lake Fire Dept. Charlie Lake Fire Department budget.

CARRIED.

REPORTS:

- 6) R-1 RD/10/03/05
By-law Enforcement MOVED by Director Hadland, SECONDED by Alternate Director Rose,
Report 179/2008 that the January 28, 2010 By-law Enforcement Report File No. 179/2008 be withdrawn
(Martin) from the agenda.

CARRIED.

- 7) R-3 RD/10/03/06
March 3, 2010 MOVED by Director Ackerman, SECONDED by Director Lantz,
- Fred Banham, CAO that staff be requested to work with the City of Fort St. John staff to discuss issues
re: WL Construction regarding requests for provision of water to properties outside the boundaries of the
Ltd. Request for City of Fort St. John, in order to develop a satisfactory sustainable solution.
Access to Water

CARRIED.

8) R-4
March 3, 2010
- Faye Salisbury, CO
re: Topics for Chair
Gooding's meeting with
the Minister of Finance

RD/10/03/07

MOVED by Director Ackerman, SECONDED by Director Bernier,
that the following topics be brought forward by Chair Goodings when she meets with
the Honourable Colin Hansen, Minister of Finance on March 15, 2010:

1. Agricultural Land Commission Act

The Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) needs funds to perform its function and
responsibilities under the *Agricultural Land Commission Act*

- There were four "pillars" when the ALC was created and they have all
been removed – one of which was an income support system for the
agriculture industry;
- Changes need to be made so that applications can be processed more
expediently.

2. Regional Hospital District

- Funding stability for Health Authorities Operating Budgets projecting
3 - 5 years out;
- Capital funding commitments, where Regional Hospital Districts are
partnering projecting 3 - 5 years out - to provide better planning.

3. Imbalance of taxation between BC and Alberta

We wish to reaffirm the need for a level playing field between BC and Alberta.

The Regional District supports the cities of Dawson Creek and Fort St. John with
the information they are bringing forward in this regard.

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R-4 continued

RD/10/03/07 - continued

4. Establishment of a Palaeontological Research Facility

The Regional District requests the Minister's support regarding the establishment
of a Palaeontological Research Facility.

Would Palaeontological endeavours qualify to apply for the newly announced
Sports and Arts funding (Arts and Culture)?

5. Roads and Infrastructure

The Regional District recognizes and appreciates the passing lanes that have
been constructed on highways in the region, and while passing lanes have
assisted in short spans of the highway the sheer volume of traffic and large
heavy loads travelling the highways on a daily basis warrants consideration of
4-laning from Fort St. John to Dawson Creek on Hwy 97S to Dawson Creek and
from Dawson Creek to the Alberta Border on Hwy 2.

CARRIED.

9) Recess

The meeting recessed at 11:05 a.m.

10) Reconvene

The meeting reconvened at 11:18 a.m.

DELEGATION:

11) D-1
Northern BC Tourism
Association

Kathleen O'Neill,
Outreach Coordinator
AH NHS Project

Kathleen O'Neill, Outreach Coordinator of the Alaska Highway National Historic Site project introduced John Bass who, along with her, provided an update on the positive progress of the initiative to seek federal designation of the Alaska Highway as a National Historic Site. The inventory of key sites along the Alaska Highway within the Peace River Regional District is expected to be completed by the end of March. Currently Northern BC Tourism Association is conducting consultations with stakeholders, which is one of the steps required in the nomination process. Parks Canada has been very supportive of this initiative.

The delegates went on to say that commemoration of the highway is expected to increase travellers' length of stay in the region and lead to improvements to the highway's historical features. Ultimately it could help to improve the quality of life for residents along the highway. They thanked the directors of the Regional Board for their vision in bringing this project about.

RD/10/03/08

MOVED by Director Lantz, SECONDED by Director Jarvis,
that the Regional Board forward a letter to Northern BC Tourism Association in support of the nomination process for the Alaska Highway to become a National Historic Site.

CARRIED.

RD/10/03/09

MOVED by Director Bernier, SECONDED by Director Anderson,
that the Alaska Highway be listed on the Peace River Regional District registry as a regional historic site.

CARRIED.

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

REPORTS: continued

- 12) R-5 RD/10/03/10
March 3, 2010 - MOVED by Director Bernier, SECONDED by Director Hadland,
Farmers' Advocate that the Regional Board, award the Independent Land Information and Advocacy Office
Management (Farmers' Advocacy Office) contract to New Harvest Media Inc. / Aspen Grove Property
Committee Services to provide Farmers' Advocacy Officer service for 18 months for a price of
re: Award of Contract \$240,000.
for Independent Land RD/10/03/11
Information & Advocacy MOVED by Alternate Director Rose, SECONDED by Director Lantz,
Office that resolution RD/10/03/10 be tabled.
NAYS: 7 DEFEATED.

Director Ackerman declared a conflict of interest and left the room at 11:51 a.m.

Since the tabling motion was defeated, the original motion still stands as follows:

RD/10/03/10
MOVED by Director Bernier, SECONDED by Director Hadland,
that the Regional Board, award the Independent Land Information and Advocacy Office
(Farmers' Advocacy Office) contract to New Harvest Media Inc. / Aspen Grove Property
Services to provide Farmers' Advocacy Officer service for 18 months for a price of
\$240,000.

A lengthy discussion period ensued.

RD/10/03/12
MOVED by Director Lantz, SECONDED by Director Hadland,
that resolution RD/10/03/10 be tabled until staff can obtain clarification on whether the
proponent plans to continue to operate its business, during the time frame of the
Independent Land Information and Advocacy Office (Farmers' Advocacy Office)
contract, should it be awarded to them.
NAYS: 1 Director Bernier CARRIED.

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

14) Reconvene The meeting reconvened at 1:05 p.m.

REPORTS: continued

- 15) R-5 RD/10/03/13
Lift from the Table MOVED by Director Anderson, SECONDED by Director Bernier,
That item R-5 be lifted from the table for discussion at this time. CARRIED.
Award of Contract for
Independent Land
Information &
Advocacy Office
Director Ackerman offered to leave the room but was advised by the CAO, that there
was no conflict of interest.

REPORTS: continued

R-5 - continued

Fred Banham, CAO reported on his discussions with Aspen Grove Property Services which took place during the lunch break.

The Chair called the question on the motion which reads as follows:

RD/10/03/10

MOVED by Director Bernier, SECONDED by Director Hadland, that the Regional Board, award the Independent Land Information and Advocacy Office (Farmers' Advocacy Office) contract to New Harvest Media Inc. / Aspen Grove Property Services to provide Farmers' Advocacy Officer service for 18 months for a price of \$240,000.

NAYS: 8

DEFEATED.

16) R-6
ALR Non-farm Use
Application 031/2010
(Field)

RD/10/03/14

MOVED by Alternate Director Rose, SECONDED by Director Hiebert, that the Regional Board authorize ALR Non-farm Use Application 031/2010 for William and Elizabeth Field to operate an approximately 200 to 250 man open camp service the oil and gas industry in the area for approximately the next 2 years depending on the economy, on the Southwest ½ Section 24, Township 79, Range 20, W6M, PRD, on the basis that it is outside of our planning area.

NAYS: 3 Directors Ackerman, White, and Lantz

CARRIED.

17) R-7
ALR Non-farm Use
Application 032/2010
(Grizzco Camp
Services Ltd.)

RD/10/03/15

MOVED by Alternate Director Rose, SECONDED by Director Hadland, that the Regional Board support ALR Non-farm Use Application 032/2010 for Grizzco Camp Services Ltd. to operate an approximately 200 to 250 man open camp serving the oil and gas industry in the area on the Northeast ¼ Section 14, Township 79, Range 20, W6M, PRD; and authorize the application to proceed to the Agricultural Land Commission based on Policy 17.8 of the Dawson Creek Rural Area OCP By-law No. 477, 1986 regarding the issuance of Temporary Industrial Use Permits.

CARRIED.

18) R-8
ALR Subdivision
Application 30/2010
(Boychuk)

RD/10/03/16

MOVED by Director Hadland, SECONDED by Director Ackerman, that the Regional Board table ALR Subdivision Application 30/2010 for James Boychuk to subdivide ~ 1.8 ha (4.5 ac) of Lot A, Plan 17032, Section 35, Township 83, Range 19, PRD, from the ALR in order to provide a residence for a family member, until completion of the North Peace Fringe Area OCP By-law No. 1870, 2009

CARRIED.

REPORTS: continued

19) R-9 RD/10/03/17
ALR Subdivision MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Hadland,
Application 40/2009 that the Regional Board support ALR Subdivision Application 40/2009 for Horst and
(David) Laurel David to subdivide the homesite from the Southwest ¼ Section 29, Township
25, PRD by way of a home-site severance; and authorize the application, as submitted,
to proceed to the Agricultural Land Commission on the basis that the proposal is
consistent with Policy 2.2. Section (i) of the Dawson Creek Rural Community Plan by-
law No. 477, 1986.

CARRIED.

20) Vary Agenda RD/10/03/18
MOVED by Director Anderson, SECONDED by Director Clark,
that the agenda be varied in order to deal with item R-5 again.

CARRIED.

21) R-5 - continued RD/10/03/19
MOVED by Director Lantz, SECONDED by Director Anderson,
Award of Contract for that staff be requested to work in conjunction with the Farmer's Advocate Management
Independent Land Committee to re-write the Terms of Reference for the Farmer's Advocate Office, taking
Information & all of the discussion held today into consideration.
Advocacy Office

CARRIED.

BY-LAWS:

22) B-1 RD/10/03/20
OCP and Zoning MOVED by Alternate Director Rose, SECONDED by Director Anderson,
Amendment By-law's that "West Peace Official Community Plan Amendment By-law No. 1875, 2010" and
No. 1875 and 1876, "Peace River Regional District Zoning Amendment By-law No. 1876, 2010" be given
2010 (Loiselle third reading.
Investments Ltd.)

CARRIED.

RD/10/03/21
23) B-2 MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Anderson,
Annual Financial Plan that "Annual Financial Plan By-law No. 1889, 2010" be given first reading.
By-law No. 1889, 2010

RD/10/03/22
Motion to Amend #1 MOVED by Director Hadland, SECONDED by Director Lantz,
- CLFP Function that "Annual Financial Plan By-law No. 1889, 2010" be amended to reduce the function
2410 Charlie Lake Fire by \$59,000.⁰⁰ which is equal to the amount budgeted by the
Charlie Lake Fire Department to hire a new full time firefighter.

The Chair called the question on the amending motion.

CARRIED.

RD/10/03/23
Motion to Amend #2 MOVED by Director Jarvis, SECONDED by Director Bernier,
- STARS Funding that "Annual Financial Plan By-law No. 1889, 2010" be amended to include a
commitment to provide \$120,000.⁰⁰ annually in the 2010, 2011 and 2012 budget years
to the Shock Trauma Air Rescue Society (STARS).

The Chair called the question on the amending motion.

CARRIED.

BY-LAWS: continued

