



# PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

## APRIL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: April 8, 2010

TIME: 1:20 p.m.

PLACE: Chetwynd and District Recreation Centre, Tamarack Hall, Chetwynd, B.C.

PRESENT: Directors  
Director Goodings, Chair  
Director Hadland  
Director Lantz  
Director Hiebert  
Director Saugstad  
Director Jarvis  
Director Caton  
Director Anderson  
Director Bernier  
Director Clark

Alternate Directors  
Alternate Director Bolin  
Alternate Director Mackay

Absent  
Director Ackerman  
Director White

### Staff

Fred Banham, Chief Administrative Officer  
Shannon Anderson, General Manager of Environmental Services  
Bruce Simard, General Manager of Development Services  
Trish Morgan, Manager of Community Services  
Sheila DeCosta, Secretary – Legislative Services, Recorder

### Others

Naomi Larsen, Chetwynd Echo  
Doug Fleming, CAO, District of Chetwynd  
Toni Fazekas, Moberly Lake Volunteer Fire Department  
Anne Clayton, Aspen Grove Property Services

### D-1 - Focus Corporation

Rick Franzen, Manager Engineering Services Northern BC  
Shannon Gadsby, Planning Assistant

1) Call to Order                      The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:20 p.m.

### DIRECTORS NOTICE OF NEW BUSINESS:

None

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

2) Adoption of Agenda RD/10/04/01

MOVED by Director Bernier, SECONDED by Director Saugstad, that the Peace River Regional District agenda for the April 8, 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 March 25, 2010.
5. Business Arising from the Minutes
6. Delegations
  - 1:30 p.m. D-1 Focus Engineering
    - Shannon Gadsby, Rick Franzen
    - a) Peace Valley Lookout Planning Feasibility Study
    - b) Power Point Presentation - April 8, 2010
7. Petitions
8. Correspondence
  - C-1 Re: Regional District Task Force
    - a) March 2, 2010 letter from Minister of Community and Rural Development to UBCM;
    - b) March 10, 2010 UBCM Member Notice;
    - c) Report of the Regional District Task Force - January 2010.
  - C-2 Notice of Local Government Leadership Forum.
  - C-3 March 19, 2010 - Mayor Lantz - Invitation to Municipal Government Day.
  - C-4 March 11, 2010 - Mayor Corrigan - Burnaby - European Trade Agreement Resolution.
  - C-5 March 22, 2010 - Spectra Energy - Bissette Pipeline Project.
  - C-6 March 22, 2010 - Spectra Energy - Dawson Creek Development Program.
  - C-7 March 25, 2010 - Save Our Northern Seniors - Ombudsperson Report on Seniors in BC.
  - C-8 March 24, 2010 - En Cana - Invitation to Municipal Outreach.
  - C-9 March 26, 2010 - UBCM - Local Government Awareness Week.
- 9 Reports
  - R-1 ALR Subdivision Application 037/2010 - Gagne.
  - R-2 ALR Subdivision Application 038/.2010 - Schmidt.  
*Handout:*
    - April 6, 2010 request for amendment from Harold and Ute Schmidt.
  - R-3 ALR Subdivision Application 41/2010 - McLellan.
  - R-4 ALR Subdivision Application 043/2010 - Stefanyk.
  - R-5 March 31, 2010 - Trish Morgan, Manager of Community Services - Peace River Lookout.  
*See D-1*
  - R-6 April 1, 2010 - Fred Banham, CAO - Independent Land Information & Advocate Office.
  - R-7 March 18, 2010 - Chair Goodings - Electoral Area Directors' Committee Meeting Recommendations. *See MA-4*
  - R-8 April 1, 2010 - Faye Salisbury, Corporate Officer - Rail Freight Service Review.  
*Handouts:*
    - April 6, 2010 draft letter from Chair Goodings to Chair Paszkowski, Transport Canada.
    - Sample letter to Chair Paszkowski, Transport Canada.
  - R-9 April 1, 2010 - Shannon Anderson, GM of Environmental Services - New Coupon Program for Waste Clean.
10. By-laws
  - B-1 Harper Imperial Subdivision Community Sewage System Loan Authorization By-law No. 1887, 2010
    - a) March 30, 2010 report from Kim Frech, Chief Financial Officer;
    - b) 2010 Financial Plan Summary; and
    - c) "Harper Imperial Subdivision Community Sewage System Loan Authorization By-law No. 1887, 2010"

CONSIDERATION OF RESCINDING THIRD READING, AMENDING AND THIRD

- Adoption of Agenda - continued
- RD/10/04/01
- READING AS AMENDED continued:
- B-2 Zoning Amendment By-law No. 1890, 2010
- a) March 22, 2010 report from Timothy Donegan, Land Use Planner; and
  - b) "Peace River Regional District Zoning Amendment By-law No. 1890, 2010."
- CONSIDERATION OF FIRST AND SECOND READING AND AUTHORIZATION OF PUBLIC NOTIFICATION
- 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 Minutes of March 18, 2010.
    - MA-2 Charlie Lake Public Hearing Minutes of March 9, 2010 re NPFA OCP By-law No. 1870, 2010.
    - MA-3 Baldonnel Public Hearing Minutes of March 10, 2010 re NPFA OCP By-law No. 1870, 2010.
    - MA-4 Electoral Area Directors' Committee Meeting Minutes of March 18, 2010.
    - CA-1 March 18, 2010 - Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources - Water Protection.
    - CA-2 March 25, 2010 - Local Government Program Services regarding Fuel Treatment Prescription Funding - Moberly Lake.
  - 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  
March 25, 2010
- RD/10/04/02
- MOVED by Director Caton, SECONDED by Director Lantz,  
that the Regional Board Meeting Minutes of March 25, 2010 be adopted.
- CARRIED.

BUSINESS ARISING:

None

CORRESPONDENCE:

- 4) C-1  
Regional District Task  
Force Report - 2010
- RD/10/04/03
- MOVED by Director Caton, SECONDED by Director Hadland,  
that the January 2010 Report of the Regional District Task Force be forwarded to the Electoral Area Directors' Committee for evaluation and report back to the Regional Board.
- CARRIED.

DELEGATIONS:

- 5) D-1  
Focus Corporation  
Rick Franzen  
Shannon Gadsby  
Peace Valley Lookout  
Feasibility Study
- At its October 22, 2009 meeting the Board awarded feasibility funding to Focus Corporation to complete a conceptual design, development plan, cost estimate and time frame for the proposal for a Peace River Lookout 3 km south from the intersection of 100<sup>th</sup> street and Highway 97 in Fort St. John.
- The lookout site is already established as a locally known viewing point for residents. The site has potential as a Regional Park which, when reclaimed and redesigned, would draw local visitors and tourists, due to its location overlooking a wide expanse of the Peace River Valley.

Rick Franzen, Manager Engineering Services Northern BC and Shannon Gadsby, Planning Assistant presented an overview of the completed feasibility study. Northern Geo Testing & Engineering Ltd. was contacted by Focus to provide a quote for Geotechnical Investigation and Slope Stability Assessment. The study is intended to guide the Peace River Regional District in its decision on whether to proceed with development of the lookout into a Regional Park.

The complete feasibility study and power point presentation are available for viewing as in the April 8, 2010 Regional Board Agenda (Item D-1) on the Peace River Regional District Website. <http://prrd.bc.ca/board/agendas/2010/2010-07-4987981524/AGENDA.html>

The delegation invited the directors to view their display panels of the conceptual design for the proposed project.

- 6) Recess  
The meeting recessed at 1:55 p.m.
- 7) Reconvene  
The meeting reconvened at 2:05 p.m.

Directors Lantz and Bernier were not present following the recess.

CORRESPONDENCE: continued

- 8) C-2  
Local Government  
Leadership Academy  
Provincial Forum
- RD/10/04/04  
MOVED by Director Saugstad, SECONDED by Director Anderson, that any electoral area director wishing to attend the Local Government Leadership Academy Provincial Forum in Vancouver, BC on June 16 - 18, 2010, be authorized to do so.
- CARRIED.
- 9) C-3  
Municipal Government  
Day
- RD/10/04/05  
MOVED by Director Caton, SECONDED by Director Hiebert, that any electoral area director wishing to attend the Municipal Government Day in Fort St. John, BC on March 19, 2010, be authorized to do so.
- CARRIED.
- Directors Lantz and Bernier returned to the meeting at 2:08 p.m.

CORRESPONDENCE: continued

Director Saugstad declared a conflict of interest regarding Items C-5 and C-6 and left the room at 2:08 p.m.

10) C-5  
March 22, 2010  
Spectra Energy  
re: Bisette Pipeline  
Project

RD/10/04/06  
MOVED by Director Bernier, SECONDED by Director Caton,  
that Director Hiebert be authorized to attend the Spectra Energy Open Houses  
scheduled for April 13-15, 2010 regarding the Bisette Pipeline project.

CARRIED.

11) C-6  
March 22, 2010  
Spectra Energy  
re: Dawson Creek  
Development Program

RD/10/04/07  
MOVED by Director Bernier, SECONDED by Director Caton,  
that any director wishing to attend the Spectra Energy open houses scheduled for April  
13 to--15, 2010 regarding the Dawson Creek Development Program be authorized to  
do so.

CARRIED.

Director Saugstad returned to the meeting at 2:13 p.m.

12) C-7  
March 25, 2010  
Save Our Northern  
Seniors (SONS)  
re: Ombudsperson  
Report on Seniors in  
BC

RD/10/04/08  
MOVED by Director Lantz, SECONDED by Director Hadland,  
that the Regional Board forward letters to the following, regarding Save Our Northern  
Seniors' comments regarding the "Getting it Right for Seniors in BC" Ombudsperson  
Public Report #46:  
a) The Honourable Kevin Falcon, Minister of Health Services and The Honourable Ida  
Chong, Minister of Healthy Living and Sport, - in recognition of the  
recommendations the province is implementing and to encourage them to  
undertake more recommendations from the report when it becomes feasible to do  
so; and  
b) Jean Leahy and Margaret Little of Save Our Northern Seniors (SONS)- in  
appreciation of their comments on the report and to suggest that in the future they  
prioritize their list according to what they determine to be most important.

CARRIED.

13) C-8  
EnCana Municipal  
Outreach

RD/10/04/09  
MOVED by Director Saugstad, SECONDED by Alternate Director Bolin,  
that any electoral area director wishing to attend the Encana Municipal Outreach in  
Pouce Coupe, BC on April 27, 2010 be authorized to do so.

CARRIED.

REPORTS:

14) R-1  
ALR Subdivision  
Application 037/2010  
- Gagne

RD/10/04/10  
MOVED by Director Caton, SECONDED by Director Clark,  
that the Regional Board support ALR Subdivision Application 037/2010 for Victor and  
Sherlee Gagne to subdivide 2 x 4.5 acre lots from the parent parcel of District Lot 913,  
PRD; and authorize the application, as submitted, to proceed to the Agricultural Land  
Commission as the proposed use is consistent with surrounding land uses.

CARRIED.

REPORTS: continued

15) R-2  
ALR Subdivision  
Application 038/2010  
- Schmidt  
and  
handout

RD/10/04/11  
MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Alternate Director Bolin,  
that the Regional Board support ALR Subdivision 038/2010, as amended, for Harold  
and Ute Schmidt to subdivide a 9 ha lot from the Southeast ¼ of Section 19, Township  
79, Range 15, W6M including existing home-site; and authorize the application to  
provide residence for self to proceed to the Agricultural Land Commission, as the  
proposal appears to meet the requirements for a subdivision under Section 946 of the  
*Local Government Act*.

NAYS: 1 Director Hadland

CARRIED.

16) R-3  
ALR Subdivision  
Application 41/2010  
- McLellan

RD/10/04/12  
MOVED by Director Hadland, SECONDED by Director Anderson,  
that ALR Subdivision Application 41/2010 for Donna McLellan to subdivide ~2 ha (5 ac)  
of the Northwest ¼ of Section 27, Township 84, Range 20, PRD, from the ALR in order  
to provide a residence for the owner, be tabled until completion of the North Peace  
Fringe Area OCP By-law No. 1870, 2009.

NAYS: 7

DEFEATED.

RD/10/04/13  
MOVED by Director Hadland, SECONDED by Alternate Director Bolin,  
that the Regional Board support ALR Subdivision Application 41/2010 for Donna  
McLellan to subdivide ~2 ha (5 ac) of the Northwest ¼ of Section 27, Township 84,  
Range 20, PRD, from the ALR in order to provide a residence for the owner; and  
authorize the application to proceed to the Agricultural Land Commission on the basis  
that it conforms to the Official Community Plan.

CARRIED.

17) R-4  
ALR Subdivision  
Application 043/2010  
- Stefanyk

RD/10/04/14  
MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Caton,  
that the Regional Board support ALR Subdivision Application 043/2010 for Philip  
Stefanyk to subdivide a 7 acre lot (the south 1875 feet of the east 600 feet) from the  
parent parcel of the Southeast ¼ Section 6, Township 78, Range 15, W6M to provide a  
residence for the applicant's son; and authorize the application to proceed to the  
Agricultural Land Commission as the proposal appears to meet the requirements for a  
subdivision under Section 946 of the *Local Government Act*.

CARRIED.

REPORTS: continued

18) R-5 RD/10/04/15  
March 31, 2010 MOVED by Director Lantz, SECONDED by Director Bernier,  
re: Peace River that the Regional Board authorize the Peace Valley Lookout project to proceed with  
Lookout phased development starting in 2011, to be funded from the Regional Parks Function.

RD/10/04/16  
MOVED by Director Caton, SECONDED by Director Hadland,  
that resolution RD/10/04/15 be amended by removing references in the background  
report that relate to site remediation, as that should be decided on after geotechnical  
and environmental studies have been completed.

Motion to Amend The Chair called the question on the amending motion. DEFEATED.

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

Original Motion RD/10/04/15  
MOVED by Director Lantz, SECONDED by Director Bernier,  
that the Regional Board authorize the Peace Valley Lookout project to proceed with  
phased development starting in 2011, to be funded from the Regional Parks Function.

NAYS: 3 Directors Goodings, Saugstad and Anderson CARRIED.

19) R-6 RD/10/04/17  
April 1, 2010 MOVED by Director Saugstad, SECONDED by Director Hadland,  
- Fred Banham that the Regional Board forward a letter to the Honourable Blair Lekstrom, Minister of  
re: Independent Land Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources and the Honourable Pat Bell, Minister of  
Information & Advocate Agriculture and Lands;  
Office a) stating the Board of the Peace River Regional District supports the existing  
Memorandum of Understanding relating to the Northeast BC Rural Residents  
Independent Land Information and Advocacy Office; and  
b) request that the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources fund the  
"Farmers' Advocate" Office for 2010/2011; and  
c) advise that the Peace River Regional District will participate in 50/50 funding  
pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding.

CARRIED.

20) Recess The meeting recessed at 3:25 p.m.

21) Reconvene The meeting reconvened at 3:35 p.m.

22) R-7 RD/10/04/18  
March 18, 2010 - Chair MOVED by Director Caton, SECONDED by Alternate Director Bolin,  
Goodings - EADC that the Regional Board forward a letter, similar to Director Hadland's letter of  
Recommendations February 25, 2010 regarding the classification / reclassification of farm land by the BC  
Assessment Authority to the Honourable Bill Bennett, Minister of Community and Rural  
Development.

CARRIED.

REPORTS: continued

- 23) R-8 RD/10/04/19  
April 1, 2010 MOVED by Director Bernier, SECONDED by Director Hadland,  
- Faye Salisbury a) that the Regional Board authorize the letter from Chair Goodings regarding the rail  
re: Rail Freight Service freight service review to be forwarded to Mr. Walter Paszkowski, Chair Transport  
Review Canada; with copies to be sent to:  
- Jay Hill, MP Prince George – Peace River;  
Handouts (2) - Shirley Bond, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure;  
- Draft letter from - Pat Bell, Minister of Forests and Range,  
Chair Goodings - Blair Lekstrom, Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources / MLA Peace  
- Sample letter to River South; and  
forward - Pat Pimm, MLA Peace River North; and  
b) that a sample of the letter be forwarded to all the attendees who were at the March  
31<sup>st</sup> Interprovincial / Intermunicipal meeting in Dawson Creek, so they may send a  
similar letter in support, if they so wish.

CARRIED.

- 24) R-9 RD/10/04/20  
April 1, 2010 MOVED by Director Caton, SECONDED by Director Lantz,  
- Shannon Anderson that staff be requested to investigate the Yellowhead Road and Bridge (YBR) and  
re: New Coupon Ministry of Environment policies that relate to ungulate carcass disposal sites, for report  
Program for Waste to the Board.  
Clean

CARRIED.

BY-LAWS:

- 25) B-1 RD/10/04/21  
Harper Imperial MOVED by Director Saugstad, SECONDED by Director Hiebert,  
Subdivision Sewage a) that third reading of "Harper Imperial Community Sewage System Loan  
By-law No. 1887, 2010 Authorization By-law No. 1887, 2010" be rescinded;  
b) that "Harper Imperial Community Sewage System Loan Authorization By-law No.  
1887, 2010" be amended by replacing the amount of \$700,000 with \$671,434  
wherever it appears in the by-law; and  
c) that "Harper Imperial Community Sewage System Loan Authorization By-law No.  
1887, 2010" be given third reading as amended.

CARRIED.

- 26) B-2 RD/10/04/22  
Zoning Amendment MOVED by Director Saugstad, SECONDED by Director Hadland,  
By-law 1890, 2010 a) that "Peace River Regional District Zoning Amendment By-law No. 1890, 2010 be  
(Meek) given first and second readings; and  
b) that the Regional Board waive the holding of a public hearing pursuant to Section  
890(4) of the *Local Government Act*, and authorize performance of public  
notification pursuant to Section 893 of the *Local Government Act*.

CARRIED.

DIARY

27) Regional Diary/  
Agenda Preparation  
Schedule/ Schedule of  
Events RD/10/04/23  
MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Clark,  
that the April 8, 2010 Regional Diary/ Agenda Preparation Schedule/ Schedule of  
Events be received. CARRIED.

28) Adjournment RD/10/04/24  
MOVED by Director Jarvis, SECONDED by Director Hiebert,  
that the meeting adjourn. CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 4:05 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 April 8, 2010 in the Chetwynd and District Recreation Centre, Tamarack Hall, Chetwynd, B.C.

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Faye Salisbury, Corporate Officer