



PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

MAY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: May 13, 2010

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: Regional District Office Boardroom, Dawson Creek, BC

PRESENT:

Directors

Director Goodings

Director Bernier

Director Lantz

Director White

Director Hadland

Director Caton

Director Hiebert

Director Clark

Director Saugstad

Director Jarvis

Director Anderson

Absent

Director Ackerman

Staff

Fred Banham, Chief Administrative Officer

Shannon Anderson, General Manager of Environmental Services

Kim Frech, Chief Financial Officer

Bruce Simard, General Manager of Development Services

Sheila DeCosta, Secretary - Legislative Services, Recorder

Guests

The Honourable Blair Lekstrom, Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources /
MLA Peace River South

Pat Pimm, MLA Peace River North

Others

Matthew Bains, Northeast News

David Bell, Alaska Highway News

Valerie Loiselle

Larry Peterson

Andrew Bergland, Dawson Creek Daily News

D-2 – Submissions to BC Hydro Public Hearings

Sidney Parker, Mission BC

Sandra Hoffmann

1) Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:17 a.m.

DIRECTORS NOTICE OF NEW BUSINESS:

Fred Banham, CAO advised that pursuant to Section 90 (2) b of the Community Charter, there would be a closed meeting at 1:00 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

- 2) Adoption of Agenda RD/10/05/01
MOVED by Director Caton, SECONDED by Director Hadland,
that the Peace River Regional District agenda for the May 13, 2010 meeting, including additional 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 April 22, 2010.
 5. Business Arising from the Minutes
 6. Delegations
 - 9:30 a.m. D-1 Dennis Meier, Weed Inspector
Re: Invasive Plant Control 2009 Annual Report
 - 10:30 a.m. D-2 Sidney Parker, Mission, BC
Sandra Hoffman
Re: Submissions to BC Hydro Public Hearings
 - 11:30 a.m. Guests - Fair Share Cheque Presentation
The Honourable Blair Lekstrom, Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources / MLA
Peace River South
Pat Pimm, MLA, Peace River North
 7. Petitions
 8. Correspondence
 - C-1 April 14, 2010 - Jim Standen, Director, Ministry of Environment regarding Implementation of Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment's (CCME) Canada-wide Municipal Wastewater Strategy in BC
 - C-2 April 20, 2010 - Evan Saugstad, Mayor, District of Chetwynd regarding "Energy Legacy" Peace River Trust
 - C-3 April 19, 2010 - Pat Mason, Dawson Project, Community Coordinator, Spectra Energy regarding Dawson Creek Development Program
 - C-4 April 22, 2010 - TransCanada regarding TransCanada's Groundbirch Mainline Project
 - C-5 April 27, 2010 - Blair Lekstrom, Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources regarding Northeast Energy and Mines Advisory Committee (NEEMAC)
 - C-6 April 30, 2010 UBCM regarding Electoral Area Directors Meeting
 - C-7 Bear Mountain Nordic Ski Association request for support for NDI Application
 - C-8 April 27, 2010 - Harry Nyce, President, UBCM regarding 2009 Resolutions
 - C-9 April 26, 2010 - Mayor Evan Saugstad, District of Chetwynd to BC Hydro regarding Site 'C' Dam Bridge Crossing
 - C-10 April 26, 2010 - Mayor Evan Saugstad, District of Chetwynd to Minister Lekstrom regarding Site 'C' Dam
 - C-11 UNBC regarding UNBC Prof Explores 'The Next Rural Economies'
 - C-12 May 4, 2010 - UBCM Secretariat regarding Local Government Awareness Week - Updates
 - C-13 April 19, 2010 - Ruby Mannila regarding Water Rates for the Fort St. John Airport Subdivision
 - C-14 May 5, 2010 - Peter Donkers, Investment Agriculture Foundations of BC regarding its June Board Meeting
 - C-15 May 6, 2010 - Minister Blair Lekstrom regarding EnCana Swan Well Site failure
 - C-16 UBCM Executive Release regarding Highlights of the meeting held April 22 - 23 2010

ADOPTION OF AGENDA: continued

RD/10/05/01 - continued

9. Reports

- R-1 April 20, 2010 - ALR Non-farm Use 05/2010 (Loiselle)
- R-2 April 26, 2010 - TIUP 51/2010 (Kirk)
- R-3 April 29, 2010 TCUP 52/2010 (Hickey)
- R-4 April 27 - Jeff Rahn, Manager of Solid Waste Services regarding Wildlife Carcass Disposal Sites
- R-5 May 4, 2010 - Trish Morgan, Manager of Community Services regarding Peace Valley Funding Opportunity
- R-6 April 21, 2010 - Karen Goodings, Chair EADC regarding Recommendations from the April 15, 2010 meeting
- R-7 May 4, 2010 - Bruce Simard and Shannon Anderson regarding BC's *Water Act* Modernization Process (see CA-5)
- R-8 May 3, 2010 - Shannon Anderson and Hellmut Patzelt regarding Pesticide Container Program Update
- R-9 May 6, 2010 Director Hadland
 - a) Report regarding Site 'C'
 - b) A Voice for the Peace Report PowerPoint Presentation

Additional Item Handout:

- R-10 May 12, 2010 - Fred Banham, CAO regarding Chetwynd & District Skateboard Park.

10. By-laws:

- B-1 OCP and Zoning Amendment By-law No.'s 1873 and 1874, 2009 (Waldamar and Ulrich)
 - a) May 3, 2010 report from Timothy Donegan, North Peace Land Use Planner;
 - b) "North Peace Official Community Plan By-law Amendment By-law Amendment No. 1873, 2010"; and
 - c) "Peace River Regional District Zoning Amendment By-law No. 1874, 2010"CONSIDERATION OF FIRST AND SECOND READINGS
- B-2 Zoning Amendment By-law No. 1890, 2010 (Meek)
 - a) April 26, 2010 report from Timothy Donegan, North Peace Land Use Planner; and
 - b) "Peace River Regional District Zoning Amendment By-law No. 1890, 2010"CONSIDERATION OF THIRD READING AND ADOPTION
- B-3 OCP and Zoning Amendment By-law No.'s 1893 and 1894 (Price)
 - a) April 19, 2010 report from Owen Bloor, South Peace Land Use Planner;
 - b) "Dawson Creek Official Community Plan Amendment By-law No. 1893, 2010"; and
 - c) "Peace River Regional District Zoning Amendment By-law No. 1894, 2010"CONSIDERATION OF FIRST AND SECOND READINGS
- B-4 City of Fort St. John Rural Fire Protection By-law No. 1895, 2010
 - a) April 30, 2010 report from Fred Banham, Chief Administrative Officer
 - b) "City of Fort St. John Rural Fire Protection Service Agreement By-law No. 1895, 2010"CONSIDERATION OF FIRST THREE READINGS AND ADOPTION

11. Diary

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

12. New Business

13. Appointments

14. Consent Calendar

- MA-1 Agriculture Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of April 19, 2010
- MA-2 Harper and Imperial Subdivisions Community Sewer System Public Meeting Notes
- MA-3 Electoral Area Director's Committee Meeting Minutes of April 15, 2010
- MA-4 Wildlife Mitigation Subcommittee Teleconference Meeting Notes of March 16, 2010
- MA-5 Rural Budgets Administration Committee Meeting Minutes of April 15, 2010

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ADOPTION OF AGENDA: continued

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14. Consent Calendar - continued
 - CA-1 April 14, 2010 - Karen Anderson, Mayor District of Hudson's Hope, regarding Rail Transportation in Northeastern BC
 - CA-2 April 21, 2010 - Gerry Hamblin, Project Assessment Manager, Environmental Assessment Office regarding the Environmental Assessment for CCS Sunrise Secure Landfill Project
 - CA-3 Municipal Insurance Association Board Meeting Highlights
 - CA-4 April 27, 2010 - Pat Pimm, MLA Peace River North regarding connecting road between Chetwynd and Taylor
 - CA-5 Water Act Modernization Discussion Paper
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
April 22, 2010

RD/10/05/02
MOVED by Director Caton, SECONDED by Director Hiebert,
that the Regional Board Meeting Minutes of April 22, 2010 be adopted.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING:

4) re: page 4, item 4)
Independent Land
Information Office

Director Hadland asked if a response has been received from the Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources. Chair Goodings suggested speaking to the Honourable Blair Lekstrom about the Farmers' Advocate Office, when he would be present later in the meeting.

DELEGATION:

5) D-1
Dennis Meier, re:
Invasive Plant Control
2009 Annual Report

Shannon Anderson, General Manager of Environmental Services advised that Mr. Meier was unable to attend the meeting today.

RD/10/05/03
MOVED by Director Caton, SECONDED by Director Hiebert,
that item D-1 be referred to a future meeting when Dennis Meier, Weed Contractor will be in attendance.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE:

6) C-2
April 20, 2010 - Mayor
Saugstad, District of
Chetwynd
re: "Energy Legacy"
Peace River Trust

RD/10/05/04
MOVED by Director Lantz, SECONDED by Director Hadland,
that item C-2 regarding an Energy Legacy Peace River Trust, be tabled until after the closed meeting.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE: continued

- 7) C-3
April 19, 2010
Spectra Energy
re: Dawson Creek
Development Program
- RD/10/05/05
MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Clark,
that item C-3, regarding the Spectra Energy Dawson Creek Development Program, be
referred to the May 27, 2010 meeting when Spectra Energy representatives will be in
attendance.
- CARRIED
- 8) C-4
April 22, 2010
TransCanada
re: Groundbirch
Mainline Project
- RD/10/05/06
MOVED by Director Caton, SECONDED by Director Hiebert,
that item C-4, regarding the TransCanada Groundbirch Mainline Project, be referred to
discussions with item R-6.
- CARRIED
- 9) C-6
UBCM / Electoral Area
Directors' Meeting
- RD/10/05/07
MOVED by Director Lantz, SECONDED by Director Bernier,
that any electoral area director wishing to attend the UBCM / Electoral Area Directors'
Meetings on June 15 and 16, 2010 in Richmond, BC, be authorized to do so.
- CARRIED
- 10) C-7
Bear Mountain Ski Club
Application to NDI
- RD/10/05/08
MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Hadland,
that a letter be forwarded to Northern Development Initiative Trust in support of the Bear
Mountain Nordic Ski Association's application for funding.
- CARRIED
- 11) C-8
April 27, 2010
UBCM President
re: 2009 Resolutions
- RD/10/05/09
MOVED by Director White, SECONDED by Director Saugstad,
that the May 12, 2010 handout letter from Richard McCrea and Lisa Buckley, Peace
Region Palaeontology Research Centre, regarding the provincial response to UBCM
resolution B178 be received.
- CARRIED
- Handout: May 12, 2010
letter from Richard
McCrea and Lisa
Buckley
- RD/10/05/10
MOVED by Director White, SECONDED by Director Saugstad,
that a letter similar to the May 12, 2010 letter from Richard McCrea and Lisa Buckley,
regarding the UBCM resolution for a new provincial palaeontological facility, be forwarded
under the Chair's signature, to the Honourable Steve Thompson, Minister of Agriculture
and Lands.
- CARRIED
- re: resolution B178
Palaeontological
Research Facility
- RD/10/05/11
MOVED by Director Caton, SECONDED by Director Hadland,
that a letter be forwarded directly to the Honourable Barry Penner, Minister of Environment
advising him of the Board's concerns regarding the inadequacies of the BC Product
Stewardship Recycling Program in this region.
- CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE: continued

12) C-11 RD/10/05/12
UNBC re: 'The Next MOVED by Director Caton, SECONDED by Director White,
Rural Economies' that any electoral area director wishing to attend the 'Next Rural Economies' workshop
which is scheduled for May 17, 2010 in Dawson Creek, BC, be authorized to do so.
CARRIED

13) C-13 Following discussion of item C-13 regarding the Water Rates in the Fort St. John
April 19, 2010 Subdivision, Director Lantz offered to obtain further information from the Director of Public
Ruby Manila re: Water Works for Director Hadland.
Rates - Fort St. John
Airport Subdivision Director Bernier excused himself from the meeting at 9:50 a.m. in order to attend the
opening ceremony for the North East Regional Auction Mart.

14) C-14 RD/10/05/13
May 5, 2010 MOVED by Director Saugstad, SECONDED by Director Hadland,
Investment Agriculture that any electoral area director wishing to attend the Investment Agriculture Foundation of
Foundations' June BC's June board reception at the home of Barry and Irmi Critcher on June 22, 2010, be
Reception authorized to do so.
CARRIED

REPORTS:

15) R-1 RD/10/05/14
ALR Non-farm Use MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director White,
50/2010 (Loiselle) that the Regional Board support ALR Non-farm Use Application 50/2010 for Loiselle
Investments Ltd. to pursue a Non-farm Use approval on an approximately 35 acre portion
of 62.18 ha (153.52 ac) from the Northeast ¼ Section 7, Township 78, Range 14, W6M;
and authorize the application to proceed to the Agricultural Land Commission as
submitted.
NAYS: 1 Director Hadland CARRIED

16) R-2 RD/10/05/15
Temporary Industrial MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Hadland,
Use Application that the Regional Board support issuance of Temporary Industrial Use Permit No. 51/2010,
(Kirk) to Claire Kirk for a two-year term, for the purpose of the building of a boat within a 20'x60'
temporary structure on Lot 6, Plan 11473, SW ¼ Section 27, Township 78, Range 15,
W6M, PRD.
CARRIED

REPORTS: continued

- 17) R-3 RD/10/05/16
Temporary Commercial Use Application (Hickey) MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Jarvis, that the Regional Board support issuance of Temporary Commercial Use Permit No. 52/2010, to Andrew and Jodi Hickey for a two-year term, for the purpose of the operation of a Paintball Game Business on Lot 2, Plan 25779, Part Southeast ¼ Section 25, Township 82, Range 18, W6M. CARRIED
- 18) R-4 RD/10/05/17
April 27/10 - Jeff Rahn Wildlife Carcass Disposal Sites MOVED by Director Caton, SECONDED by Director Saugstad, that staff be requested to meet with representatives of the Ministry of Environment and the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure to discuss concerns regarding management of carcass disposal pits, for report to the board. CARRIED
- 19) Recess The meeting recessed for coffee at 10:17 a.m.
- 20) Reconvene The meeting reconvened at 10:27 a.m.

DELEGATION:

- 21) D-2
Sidney Parker, re: BC Hydro Public Hearings
Mr. Sidney Parker, the former Mayor of Revelstoke, BC during the 1970's when the Revelstoke Canyon Dam was being considered, came to speak to the Board regarding the consultation process, construction and resulting impacts of the dam to the area. Although he has been out of the political spotlight for many years, he has been following and very much involved in BC Hydro consultations over the past seventeen years. He has been invited to share his experience and knowledge with various groups in this region, particularly as they relate to the proposed Site C Dam.

Mr. Parker advises people to become informed on all aspects of the proposal and make their voice heard during the consultation process, whether they are for or against Site C. He provided details on many negative impacts such as upstream dust storms, fish getting caught in backwaters, wildlife breaking through the ice, sloughing and sediment build up, yet also spoke of the positive benefits the communities received from the building of the dam. He highly recommended that alternative clean energy sources such as clean updated coal plants; geothermal, wind power, tidal wave capture, be developed which would not flood thousands of acres of some of the most beautiful and productive agricultural land in the province.

A lengthy question and answer period ensued relating to the following points:

- Revelstoke's official position was in opposition;
- nuclear plant waste is still a problem;
- unstable soil composition / erosion in this area.

In closing Mr. Parker strongly recommended that the regional district hire a lawyer, attend the BC Hydro hearings with counsel and that municipalities speak with one cohesive voice to at least make the best out of what he felt was a bad situation. He advised he would still be available in this area until May 19th.

22) Recess The meeting recessed for coffee at 10:55 a.m.

23) Reconvene The meeting reconvened at 11:00 a.m.

REPORTS: continued

24) R-5 RD/10/05/18
May 4, 2010 Trish MOVED by Director Hadland, SECONDED by Director Lantz,
Morgan re: Peace that the Regional Board authorize the application to acquire a License of Occupation for
Valley Lookout Funding the Peace Valley Lookout site located at North ½ of Southwest ¼ Section 19, Township 83,
Operation Range 19, W6M.

CARRIED

RD/10/05/19
MOVED by Director Hadland, SECONDED by Director Lantz,
that the Regional Board authorize staff to apply for funding from the BC Brownfield Renewal
Strategy to assist in the cost of conducting an environmental site assessment of the Peace
Valley Lookout.

CARRIED

Direction was given to staff to take the concerns of the Board to the May 14, 2010 meeting
with Integrated Land Management Bureau representatives, in order to ensure that
remediation does not become the responsibility of the Peace River Regional District,
should the site be deemed contaminated.

25) R-6 and C-4 RD/10/05/20
TransCanada MOVED by Director Caton, SECONDED by Director Hiebert,
Groundbirch Mainline that item C-4 be lifted from the table for discussion at this time.
Project

CARRIED

RD/10/05/21
April 21/10, Chair MOVED by Director Hadland, SECONDED by Director Hiebert,
Karen Goodings, EADC that a meeting be arranged with the Honourable Bill Bennett, Minister of Community and
Recommendations Rural Development and the Regional District Directors to discuss the issues regarding the
#1 re: BC Assessment classification / reclassification of farm land by the BC Assessment Authority.
Classifications

CARRIED

RD/10/05/22
#2 re: Notice on MOVED by Director Saugstad, SECONDED by Director Caton,
Property for that the Regional District's Development Application, Fee and Amendment Procedure
Amendments By-law No. 1558, 2005 be amended to include a requirement that amendment notices be
posted at sites for which the amendment is being requested regarding official community
plan/zoning amendments, temporary use permits and variance permits.

CARRIED

RD/10/05/23
#3 re: TransCanada MOVED by Director Caton, SECONDED by Director Hiebert,
Pipeline Sales Taps that a letter be written to TransCanada Pipelines Limited and Shell Canada Limited to
request that they jointly provide a sales tap, at their cost, at the location where the
TransCanada pipeline intersects 265 Road north of McLeod School, for future community
investment.

CARRIED

REPORTS: continued

26) R-8 RD/10/05/24
May 3, 2010, Shannon
Anderson and Hellmut
Patzelt re: Pesticide
Container Program
Update
MOVED by Director Saugstad, SECONDED by Director Hadland,
that a letter of appreciation be forwarded to Mr. Hellmut Patzelt for serving as coordinator
of the region's Pesticide Container Council since its inception in 1991.
CARRIED

Director Bernier returned to the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

27) R-9 RD/10/05/25
May 6, 2010, Director
Hadland
re: Site 'C'
MOVED by Director Hadland, SECONDED by Director White,
that item R-9 be tabled until later in the meeting when more time will be available for the
presentation.
CARRIED

28) R-10 RD/10/05/26
May 12, 2010
Fred Banham re:
Chetwynd & District
Skateboard Park
MOVED by Director Caton, SECONDED by Director Saugstad,
that the Regional Board enter into a License of Occupation with the District of Chetwynd to
allow the municipality to move forward with construction and operation of a skateboard
park on a portion of undeveloped land associated with the Chetwynd and District
Recreation facilities, Lot 3, Plan 31511.
CARRIED

BY-LAWS:

29) B-1 RD/10/05/27
OCP and Zoning
Amendment By-law
No's. 1873 and 1874,
2010 (Waldamar and
Urich)
MOVED by Director Caton, SECONDED by Director Hadland,
a) that the Regional Board has considered the requirements of Section. 879 of the *Local
Government Act*, and has provided opportunity for early and ongoing consultation with
those persons, organizations and authorities the Board considers will be affected, as
summarized in the Development Services report dated May 3, 2010;
b) that "North Peace River Official Community Plan By-law Amendment By-law
No. 1873, 2010" and "Peace River Regional District Zoning Amendment By-law
No. 1874, 2010 be given first and second readings;
c) that authority be given to go to a public hearing on June 8, 2010 at 7 p.m. at the
Wonowon Elementary School Community Hall; and
d) that the holding of the public hearing be delegated to Director Goodings.
CARRIED

30) B-2 RD/10/05/28
PRRD Zoning
Amendment By-law
No. 1890, 2010 (Meek)
MOVED by Director Hadland, SECONDED by Director Bernier,
that "Peace River Regional District Zoning Amendment By-law No. 1890, 2010" be given
third reading.
CARRIED

RD/10/05/29
MOVED by Director Hadland, SECONDED by Director Bernier,
that "Peace River Regional District Zoning Amendment By-law No. 1890, 2010" be
adopted.
CARRIED

BY-LAWS: continued

- 31) B-3 RD/10/05/30
OCP and Zoning MOVED by Director White, SECONDED by Director Bernier,
Amendment By-law a) that the Regional Board has considered the requirements of Section. 879 of the
No's. 1893 and 1894, *Local Government Act*, and has provided opportunity for early and ongoing
2010 (Price) consultation with those persons, organizations and authorities the Board considers
will be affected, as summarized in the Development Services report dated April 19,
2010";
b) that "Dawson Creek Official Community Plan By-law Amendment By-law No. 1893,
2010" and "Peace River Regional District Zoning Amendment By-law No. 1894, 2010"
be given first and second readings to amend the Dawson Creek Rural Area Official
Community Plan No. 477, 1986 by re-designating a portion of the Southeast
Section 4, Township 78, Range 16, W6M from "Agriculture - Rural - Resource" and to
amend the Peace River Regional District Zoning By-law No. 1343, 2001 to "Rural -
Residential" and to amend the Peace River Regional District Zoning By-law No. 1343,
2001 from A-2 "Large Agricultural Holdings" to R-4 "Residential 4" as it is consistent
with the recommendations of the South Peace Comprehensive Development Plan;
c) that authority be given to go to a public hearing on a date to be determined at the
Regional District office; and
d) that the holding of the public hearing be delegated to Director Hiebert.

CARRIED

- 32) B-4 RD/10/05/31
City of Fort St. John MOVED by Director Hadland, SECONDED by Director Lantz,
Rural Fire Protection that "City of Fort St. John Rural Fire Protection Services Agreement By-law No. 1895,
By-law No. 1895, 2010 2010" be given first three readings.

CARRIED

RD/10/05/32
MOVED by Director Caton, SECONDED by Director Anderson,
that permission be granted to adopt "City of Fort St. John Rural Fire Protection Services
Agreement By-law No. 1895, 2010".

CARRIED

RD/10/05/33
MOVED by Director Jarvis, SECONDED by Director Hadland,
that "City of Fort St. John Rural Fire Protection Services Agreement By-law No. 1895,
2010" be adopted.

CARRIED

DIARY

- 33) Regional Diary/ RD/10/05/34
Agenda Preparation MOVED by Director Bernier, SECONDED by Director Caton,
Schedule/ Schedule of that the May 13, 2010 Regional Diary/ Agenda Preparation Schedule/ Schedule of Events
Events be received.

CARRIED

- 34) Recess The meeting recessed at 11:30 p.m.

- 35) Reconvene The meeting reconvened at 11:40 p.m.

FAIR SHARE
PRESENTATION

36) Guests: The Honourable Blair Lekstrom, Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources / MLA Peace River South. and Pat Pimm, MLA, Peace River North came to the meeting to officially present a cheque for 2010 Fair Share funding in the amount of \$31,170,601.

The Honourable Blair Lekstrom, Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources / MLA Peace River South

Minister Lekstrom also provided an update and answered questions on the following topics:

- the Oil and Gas Industry is still very strong;
- third reading of Bill 8 has just been completed in the legislature;
- the *Oil and Gas Activities Act* is being updated by incorporating many suggestions that were brought forward and is very favourable for this region;
- the *Clean Energy Act* will go to second reading next week;
- there is a resurgence of mining opportunities across the province;
- the provincial funding is still available for the Farmers' Advocate partnership with the Peace River Regional District;
- the Northeast Energy and Mines Advisory Committee will still continue;
- Farm Assessment issues
- BCUC will remain the overseer of expenses and domestic rates.

Pat Pimm, MLA, Peace River North

Pat Pimm, MLA Peace River North gave a brief overview of his past year, and of his attendance at meetings with local councils to learn of their issues and concerns. He reported that there were positive developments occurring on many issues.

A photo opportunity of the cheque presentation was provided for the media.

37) Recess The meeting recessed for luncheon at 12:15 p.m.

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

39) Permission for closed meeting RD/10/05/35
MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Clark, that pursuant to Section 90 (2) (b) of the *Community Charter*, permission be granted to resolve to the closed session for the Peace River Regional District.

CARRIED

The meeting resolved to the closed session at 1:06 p.m. and members of the public left the room.

40) Re-call to Order Following the closed meeting, the meeting was re-called to order by the Chair at 2:00 p.m.

REPORTS: continued

41) R-9 RD/10/05/36
May 6, 2010, Director Hadland, SECONDED by Director Hiebert, that item R-9 be lifted from the table for discussion at this time.

re: Site 'C'

CARRIED

REPORTS: continued

- R-9 continued
Power point presentation
- Director Hadland elaborated on "A Voice for the Peace" power point presentation by providing historical background along with existing geotechnical information relating to the value of the river and surrounding land. The full presentation (R-9) is available for viewing within the May 13, 2010 agenda on the Peace River Regional District website.
<http://www.prrd.bc.ca/board/agendas/2010/2010-09-1987981853/AGENDA.html>
- The purpose of the presentation is to provide background information to two suggested resolutions listed in Director Hadland's report.
- Original Motion
- RD/10/05/37
MOVED by Director Hadland, SECONDED by Director Anderson, that the Regional Board request BC Hydro Power Authority (BCPHA) or the Provincial Government to provide the Peace River Regional District (PRRD) with a payment of one million dollars for each of the next three years, commencing in 2010, in order to provide the resources to thoroughly analyze the information provided in Stage 1, 11 and 111 of the proposed Peace River flooding.
- Motion to Amend
- RD/10/05/38
MOVED by Director Lantz, SECONDED by Director Clark that resolution RD/10/05/37 be amended by replacing the words: *"a payment of one million dollars for each of the next three years, commencing in 2010, in order to provide the resources to thoroughly analyze the information provided in Stage 1, 11 and 111 of the proposed Peace River flooding."* with *"funding to offset the costs associated with investigating and analyzing the impacts of the proposed Site C."*
- The Chair called the question on the amending motion CARRIED
- The Chair called the question on the motion as amended which reads as follows:
- Motion as Amended
- RD/10/05/37
MOVED by Director Hadland, SECONDED by Director Anderson, that the Regional Board request BC Hydro Power Authority (BCPHA) or the Provincial Government to provide the Peace River Regional District (PRRD) with funding to offset the costs associated with investigating and analyzing the impacts of the proposed Site C."
CARRIED
- RD/10/05/39
MOVED by Director Hadland, SECONDED by Director Anderson, that the Regional Board request the Provincial Government to refer the whole of the investigative process to the BC Utilities Commission (BCUC) for an objective review of the Stage 1, 11 and 111 reports' findings prior to any decision on the construction of the Site 'C' Dam.
- NAYS: 3 Directors Bernier, Saugstad and Hiebert CARRIED

- 42) Lift from table RD/10/05/40
MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Caton,
that item C-2 be lifted from the table for discussion at this time. CARRIED
- Item C-2
April 20, 2010 - Mayor
Saugstad, District of
Chetwynd RD/10/05/41
re: "Energy Legacy" MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Caton,
Peace River Trust that a letter be forwarded to the Peace River / Williston Reservoir Advisory Committee
asking that the Peace River Regional District be placed on their mailing list. CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS:

- 43) Permission to add RD/10/05/42
a late item of New Business MOVED by Director White, SECONDED by Director Caton,
that permission be granted to add a late item of business, regarding the Dinosaur
Discovery Gallery grand opening, at this time. CARRIED
- 44) NB-1 RD/10/05/43
Dinosaur Discovery MOVED by Director White, SECONDED by Director Caton,
Gallery Official Opening that the Chair or her designate be authorized to speak at the official opening of the
Palaeontological Research Center's Museum "Dinosaur Discovery Gallery" which is
scheduled for May 15, 2010 in Tumbler Ridge, B.C. CARRIED
- 45) Adjournment RD/10/05/44
MOVED by Director Lantz, SECONDED by Director Hiebert,
that the meeting adjourn. CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Sheila DeCosta, Recording Secretary

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 May 13, 2010 in the Regional District Office Boardroom, Dawson Creek, BC.

Faye Salisbury, Corporate Officer