



# PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

## JULY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: July 22, 2010

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: Regional District Office Boardroom, Dawson Creek, BC

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

Alternate Directors  
Alternate Director Bolin  
Alternate Director Johnson

Absent  
Director Anderson  
Director Ackerman

### Staff

Fred Banham, Chief Administrative Officer  
Faye Salisbury, Corporate Officer  
Shannon Anderson, General Manager of Environmental Services  
Kim Frech, Chief Financial Officer  
Bruce Simard, General Manager of Development Services  
Trish Morgan, Manager of Community Services  
Barb Coburn, Recording Secretary

### Others

#### D-1 - Northern BC Tourism Association

Anthony Everett, CEO  
Bud Powell, Director  
April Moi, Community Development, Northeast

#### D-2 - Peace Environmental and Safety Trustees Society

Lois Hill  
Brian Derfler

#### D-3 - Invasive Plants

Dennis Meier, Invasive Plant Contractor  
David Ralph, Weed Technologist, Ministry of Agriculture and Lands

#### D-4 - Minister Introductions

Honourable Bill Bennett, Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources  
Pat Pimm, MLA Peace River North

Others (continued)

Matthew Bains, Northeast News  
Dan Pierce, Vancouver, Ramshackle Films  
Julian Pinder, Toronto, Deliberate Films  
Allen Watson, Swan Lake  
Carl Crantz, Dawson Creek  
Julie Crantz, Dawson Creek  
Kurt Johanson, Tupper, BC  
Marlene Klein, Tomslake  
Hubert Bourbeau, Hythe, AB  
Diane Bourbeau, Hythe, AB  
Darryl Kroeker, Tomslake  
Walt Borodula, Tomslake  
Colleen Borodula, Tomslake  
Dwight Stevens, Tomslake  
Mary Fossum, Tomslake  
Brian Fossum, Tomslake  
Dick Katerberg, Fort St. John  
Frank Gabriel, Tupper  
Agnes Gabriel, Tupper  
Donna McLeod, Dawson Creek  
Irene Merrick, Pouce Coupe  
Corey Higham, Secure Energy, Sexsmith, AB  
Don Steinke, Secure Energy, Sexsmith, AB  
Gina Goad, Tomslake  
Donald Goad, Tomslake  
Anna Zakle, York University  
Loretta Vause, Dawson Creek  
Ken Vause, Dawson Creek  
Betty Ponto, District of Taylor

- 1) Call to Order            The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

DIRECTORS NOTICE OF NEW BUSINESS:

CAO                            Notice of Closed Meeting  
Director Clark            Village of Pouce Coupe Presentation  
Director Goodings        Solid Waste Meetings in Pink Mountain, Wonowon and Upper Halfway  
Director Hadland         Permission to attend meetings regarding water rates

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

- 2) Adoption of Agenda    RD/10/07/01 (22)  
                                      MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Saugstad,  
                                      that the Peace River Regional District agenda for the July 22, 2010 meeting, including  
                                      Director's new business and additional items for the agenda, be adopted as amended:

2) Adoption of Agenda - RD/10/07/01 (22) continued:  
continued

1. Call to Order
2. Directors' Notice of New Business
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Minutes

M -1 Regional District Board Meeting Minutes of July 8, 2010.

5. Business Arising from the Minutes
6. Delegations

10:00 a.m. D-1 Northern BC Tourism Association

Anthony Everett, CEO

Bud Powell, Director

April Moi, Community Development, Northeast

Re: Update on status and activities in the region

11:00 a.m. D-2 Peace Environment and Safety Trustees Society

Lois Hill

Brian Derfler

Ken John

Re: Project undertaken with West Coast Environmental Law

11:30 a.m. D-3 Dennis Meier, Invasive Plant Contractor

Re: 2009 Annual Report;

David Ralph, Ministry of Agriculture and Lands, Weed Technologist

Re: Provincial Initiatives and Programs

1:00 p.m. D-4 The Honourable Bill Bennett, Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources

Pat Pimm, MLA Peace River North

Re: Introduction and Discussion

7. Petitions

8. Correspondence

C-1 June 29, 2010 - 2010 Canada Winter Games Committee - invitation to join in Bid Evaluation Tour.

C-2 July 13, 2010 - Ministry of Environment, Environmental Quality Branch - Open Burning Smoke Control Consultation Document.

C-3 July 13, 2010 - Capital Power Corporation - receipt of Environmental Assessment Certificate for the Quality Wind Project.

C-4 July 13, 2010 - Premier Campbell - meeting with Cabinet Ministers during UBCM Convention

C-5 July 9, 2010 - Council of Forest Industries - invitation to Community Dinner in Prince George

C-6 July 14, 2010 - UBMC Member Release Publication - Major Industrial Taxation Consultation Meeting.

C-7 July 12, 2010 - Mayor Lantz, City of Fort St. John - invitation to tour Enerplex during PRMA.

Handout: C-8 July 16, 2010 - The Honourable Bill Bennett - Site C / BCUC Exemption.

9. Reports

R-1 ALR Subdivision Application 83/2010 - Jordan.

R-2 ALR Exclusion Application 161/2009 - Dyer.

R-3 Temporary Industrial Use Permit Application 78/2010 - Wild Horse Oilfield Services Ltd.

R-4 Development Variance Permit Application 91/2010 - Katerberg.

10. By-laws

B-1 Zoning Amendment By-law No. 1705, 2007 (Raven)

a) July 12, 2010 report from Timothy Donegan, Land Use Planner; and

b) "Peace River Regional District Zoning Amendment By-law No. 1705, 2007".

CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION

B-2 OCP and Zoning Amendment By-law No's 1746 and 1747, 2007 (1306184 Alberta Inc., L&M Engineering Ltd.)

a) July 5, 2010 report from Timothy Donegan, Land Use Planner;

b) "North Peace Official Community Plan Amendment By-law No. 1746, 2007"; and

c) "Peace River Regional District Zoning Amendment By-law No. 1747, 2007".

CONSIDERATION OF RESCINDING FIRST AND SECOND READINGS

2) Adoption of Agenda - RD/10/07/01 (22) continued:  
continued

B-3 OCP and Zoning Amendment By-law No's 1781 and 1782, 2008 (Hall)

- a) July 12, 2010 report from Timothy Donegan, Land Use Planner;
- b) "Charlie Lake Official Community Plan Amendment By-law No. 1781, 2008"; and
- c) "Peace River Regional District Zoning Amendment By-law No. 1782, 2008".

CONSIDERATION OF RESCINDING FIRST AND SECOND READINGS

B-4 Harper Imperial Subdivision Temporary Borrowing By-law No. 1888, 2010

- a) June 29, 2010 report from Kim Frech, Chief Financial Officer; and
- b) "Harper Imperial Subdivision Community Sewer System Temporary Borrowing By-law No. 1888, 2010".

CONSIDERATION OF FIRST THREE READINGS AND ADOPTION

B-5 Potential Sewer Service Proposed Amendment By-law No. 1902, 2010

- a) July 12, 2010 report from Debbie Kunz, Assistant Manager of Development Services; and

- b) "Peace River Regional District Zoning Amendment By-law No. 1902, 2010;

CONSIDERATION OF FIRST AND SECOND READING AND AUTHORIZATION FOR PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

B-6 OCP and Zoning Amendment By-law No's 1896 and 1897, 2010 (ILMP / Secure Energy Services Ltd.)

- a) May 12, 2010 report from Owen Bloor, Land Use Planner;
- b) "Dawson Creek Official Community Plan Amendment By-law No. 1896, 2010"; and
- c) "Peace River Regional District Zoning Amendment By-law No. 1897, 2010.

CONSIDERATION OF REFUSAL OF THE APPLICATION

*NOTE: Corey Higham, Secure Energy is expected to be in attendance for this item*

B-7 OCP and Zoning Amendment By-law No's 1903 and 1904, 2010 (Tuttle / EnCana Corporation)

- a) July 12, 2010 report from Owen Bloor, Land Use Planner;
- b) "Dawson Creek Official Community Plan Amendment By-law No. 1903, 2010"; and
- c) "Peace River Regional District Zoning Amendment By-law No. 1904, 2010".

CONSIDERATION OF FIRST READING AND AUTHORIZATION OF A PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

11. Diary

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

12. New Business

- NB-1 Notice of Closed Meeting
- NB-2 Accolade from Village of Pouce Coupe
- NB-3 Solid Waste Public Meetings
- NB-4 City of Fort St. John meeting re: water

13. Appointments

14. Consent Calendar

- MA-1 July 23, 2010 BC Hydro Site C Project Local Government Technical Engagement meeting

- CA-1 Ecole Frank Ross Grade 5/6 Class - Thank You for Web Foot Program Sponsorship.

- CA-2 July 5, 2010 copy of letter to Mayor Saugstad regarding a Chetwynd to Fort St. John connector road.

- CA-3 July 5, 2010 Northern Development Initiative Trust approval of Moberly Lake Golf Course Enhancements.

- CA-4 July 5, 2010 Northern Development Initiative Trust approval of Bear Mountain Recreation Facility Renovations.

- RA-1 June 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.

- 3) Vary the Agenda RD/10/07/02 (22)  
MOVED by Director Clark, SECONDED by Director Caton,  
that the agenda be varied to deal with New Business items NB-2, NB-3 and NB-4 at this  
time.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS:

- 4) NB-2 Director Clark presented the Peace River Regional District with a plaque, on behalf of the  
Accolades from Village of Village of Pouce Coupe, to express its appreciation to Director Hiebert, Electoral Area 'D'  
Pouce Coupe and the Regional District for the contributions made toward the new school, civic center,  
library and gymnasium in Pouce Coupe.

- 5) NB-3 RD/10/07/03 (22)  
Solid Waste Public MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Caton,  
Meetings that members of the Solid Waste Committee be authorized to attend public meetings at  
Pink Mountain on August 9, 2010 and at both Upper Halfway and Wonowon on August 3<sup>rd</sup>  
2010.

CARRIED

- 6) NB-4 RD/10/07/04 (22)  
City of Fort St. John MOVED by Director Caton, SECONDED by Director Hiebert,  
meetings re: water that the Regional Board:  
a) ratify Director Hadland's attendance at the June 12 and July 16, 2010 public  
meetings regarding water rates for Electoral Area 'C' residents;  
b) authorize Director Hadland to attend the July 22, 2010 public meeting regarding  
water rates for Electoral Area 'C' residents; and  
c) authorize Director Hadland to attend as a delegation at the City of Fort St. John  
council meeting on August 23, 2010 regarding water rate issues.

CARRIED

MINUTES:

- 7) M-1 Mr. Shannon Anderson, General Manager of Environmental Services requested an  
Regional Board amendment to resolution number RD/10/07/16 regarding the Harper Imperial Subdivision  
Meeting Minutes of July 8 sewer servicing contract as the new harmonized sales tax (HST) that was implemented  
2010 July 1, 2010 was not taken into consideration.

RD/10/07/05 (22)  
MOVED by Director Caton, SECONDED by Alternate Director Johnson,  
that the Regional Board Meeting Minutes of July 8, 2010 be adopted with the following  
amendment to Page 7, Item 13) resolution RD/10/07/16:  
- change the amount from "\$1,457,741.25 including GST", to read ". . . the amount of  
\$1,388,328 plus all applicable taxes."

CARRIED.

- 8) Vary Agenda RD/10/07/06 (22)  
MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Alternate Director Bolin,  
that the agenda be varied to deal with item B-6 at this time.

CARRIED.

BY-LAWS:

- 9) B-6 RD/10/07/07 (22)  
OCP and Zoning MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director White,  
Amendment By-law No's that the Regional Board refuse Zoning Amendment Application No. 065/2010 for  
1896 and 1897, 2010 Integrated Land Management Bureau / Secure Energy Services to amend the Dawson  
(ILMP / Secure Energy Creek Rural Area OCP by re-designating a portion of the Part Northeast ¼ Section 35,  
Services Ltd.) and portions of Southwest and Northwest ¼ Section 36, Township 27, W6M from  
Agriculture - Rural Resource to Industrial and to rezone Part Northeast ¼ Section 35, and  
portions of Southwest and Northwest ¼ Section 36, Township 27, W6M from A-2 (Large  
Agricultural Holdings) to I-4 (Oil and Gas Production Zone) to accommodate proposed  
development of a "Secure Landfill"; as it is inconsistent with the official community plan  
and zoning and substantial opposition was expressed at the Public Information meeting  
held on July 7, 2010.

CARRIED.

NAYS 4: Directors Saugstad, Lantz, Bernier and Alternate Director Johnson

CORRESPONDENCE:

- 10) C-4 RD/10/07/08 (22)  
July 13, 2010 - Premier MOVED by Director Bernier, SECONDED by Director Saugstad,  
Campbell - meeting with that meetings be arranged at UBCM with the following ministers:  
Cabinet Ministers during  
UBCM Convention
  - Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources - introduction;
  - Minister of Environment - industrial landfill issues (siting, long term care and responsibility); and managing water for fracking;
  - Minister of Tourism, Culture and the Arts – Kinuseo Falls access road improvement;
  - Agricultural Land Commission - delegation agreement on multi-well pads, managing water for fracking;
  - Minister of Agriculture and Lands – should there be an Agricultural Land Reserve;
  - Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure - roads;
  - Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General - RCMP policing contracts - local government consultation.

CARRIED

- 11) Vary the Agenda RD/10/07/09 (22)  
MOVED by Director Hadland, SECONDED by Director Caton,  
that the agenda be varied to deal with R-4 at this time.

CARRIED

REPORTS: continued

- 12) R-4 RD/10/07/10 (22)  
DVP Application 91/2010 MOVED by Director Hadland, SECONDED by Director Caton,  
(Katerberg) that the Regional Board authorize issuance of Development Variance Permit No. 91/2010  
to Dirk and Brenda Katerberg to increase the maximum accessory building floor area by  
22.7 m<sup>2</sup> (244 ft<sup>2</sup>) from the permitted 100 m<sup>2</sup> (1076 ft<sup>2</sup>) to 122.6 m<sup>2</sup> (1320 ft<sup>2</sup>), in order to  
build a 78 m<sup>2</sup> (840 ft<sup>2</sup>) shop for personal use.

CARRIED

- 13) Recess The meeting recessed at 9:55 a.m.

14) Reconvene  
DELEGATIONS The meeting reconvened at 10:02 a.m.

15) D-1  
Northern BC Tourism  
Association Mr. Bud Powell, Director, Northern BC Tourism Association explained to the Board that funding for the Northern BC Tourism Association has changed. In the past, three percent of the eight percent hotel tax that was collected was allocated to the tourism industry. That is no longer the case; therefore, they appreciate all the support they have received. They are currently working with annual allotments of funds rather than the previous method of a three-year budget.

Mr. Anthony Everett, CEO, Northern BC Tourism Association stated that there are now figures available that indicate that 1.1 billion of the 13.8 billion tourism dollars spent annually in the province is generated from the portion of the province that is covered by the Northern BC Tourism Association. Tourism has now been proven as a viable industry in the north. It is now the Association's goal to market the various valuable sites throughout the north that will continue to draw the tourists to this area. He urged the Board to continue with the support and assistance it gives to the Association.

A discussion ensued regarding the various spots of interest in the Region and the need for improvements to both the locations and the road accesses in order to ensure tourists have a good experience that they will share with friends and relatives. It is also important to keep the lines of communication open with the appropriate ministries to remind them of the importance of tourism in this area.

The Chair thanked the delegates for the update and expressed appreciation for their efforts.

CORRESPONDENCE (continued):

16) C-5  
Council of Forest  
Industries Community  
Dinner Invitation RD/10/07/11 (22)  
MOVED by Director Caton, SECONDED by Director Hadland,  
that Director Goodings or her designate be authorized to attend the Council of Forest  
Industries Community Dinner scheduled September 16, 2010 in Prince George, BC.  
CARRIED.

17) C-7  
July 12, 2010 - Mayor  
Lantz, City of Fort St.  
John - invitation to the  
PRMA meeting RD/10/07/12 (22)  
MOVED by Director Caton, SECONDED by Alternate Director Bolin,  
that the electoral area directors be authorized to attend the Peace River Municipalities  
Association meeting scheduled for September 2, 2010 at 4:30 p.m. in Fort St. John, BC.  
CARRIED.

REPORTS:

18) R-1  
ALR Subdivision  
Application 83/2010  
- Jordan RD/10/07/13 (22)  
MOVED by Director Hadland, SECONDED by Director Hiebert,  
that the Regional Board postpone ALR Subdivision Application 83/2010 for Timothy and  
Britany Jordan to a later date and request the owner to amend the application to an  
Exclusion from the ALR Application in accordance with Section 15.9 of the North Peace  
Fringe Area Official Community Plan.

CARRIED.

REPORTS (continued):

19) R-2 RD/10/07/14 (22)  
ALR Exclusion Application MOVED by Director Hadland, SECONDED by Alternate Director Bolin,  
161/2010 (Dyer) that the Regional Board support ALR Exclusion Application No. 161/2009 for Bill and  
Amber Dyer to exclude Lot 2, Plan 31270, Section 24, Township 84, Range 20, W6M,  
PRD from the ALR in order to subdivide a 4 ha (10 ac) portion of the property for  
residential use, and to allow for future residential subdivision; and authorize the  
application to proceed to the Agricultural Land Commission on the basis that it conforms to  
the "North Peace Fringe Area Official Community Plan By-law No. 1870, 2009."

CARRIED.

20) R-3 RD/10/07/15 (22)  
TIU Permit Application MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Caton,  
78/2010 (Wild Horse that the Regional Board refer the Temporary Industrial Use Permit Application  
Oilfield Services Ltd.) No. 078/2010 to a future meeting until such time as a response is received from the  
Agricultural Land Commission.

CARRIED.

BY-LAWS:

21) B-1 RD/10/07/16 (22)  
Zoning Amendment By- MOVED by Alternate Director Bolin, SECONDED by Director Hadland,  
law No. 1705, 2007 that "Peace River Regional District Zoning Amendment By-law No. 1705, 2007" be  
(Raven) adopted.

CARRIED.

22) B-2 RD/10/07/17 (22)  
OCP and Zoning MOVED by Director Hadland, SECONDED by Alternate Director Bolin,  
Amendment By-law No's that first and second readings of "North Peace Official Community Plan Amendment By-  
1746 and 1747, 2007 law No. 1746, 2007" be rescinded on the basis that the proposed amendment application  
(1306184 Alberta Inc. / does not conform to the Agricultural designation of the "North Peace Fringe Area Official  
L&M Engineering) Community Plan By-law No. 1870, 2009" or to "Peace River Regional District Zoning By-  
law No. 1343, 2001."

CARRIED.

RD/10/07/18 (22)  
MOVED by Director Hadland, SECONDED by Alternate Director Bolin,  
that first and second readings of "Peace River Regional District Zoning Amendment  
By-law No. 1747, 2007" be rescinded on the basis that the proposed amendment  
application does not conform to the Agricultural designation of the "North Peace Fringe  
Area Official Community Plan By-law No. 1870, 2009" or to "Peace River Regional District  
Zoning By-law No. 1343, 2001."

CARRIED.



BY-LAWS (continued):

23) B-3 RD/10/07/19 (22)  
OCP and Zoning MOVED by Director Hadland, SECONDED by Director Hiebert,  
Amendment By-law No's that first and second readings of "Charlie Lake Official Community Plan Amendment By-  
1781 and 1782, 2008 law No. 1781, 2008" be rescinded on the basis that the proposed amendment application  
(Hall) does not conform to the Medium Density Residential designation of the "North Peace  
Fringe Area Official Community Plan By-law No. 1870, 2009" or to the "Peace River  
Regional District Zoning By-law No. 1343, 2001."

CARRIED.

RD/10/07/20 (22)  
MOVED by Director Hadland, SECONDED by Director Hiebert,  
that first and second readings of "Peace River Regional District Zoning Amendment  
By-law No. 1782, 2008" be rescinded on the basis that the proposed amendment  
application does not conform to the Medium Density Residential designation of the "North  
Peace Fringe Area Official Community Plan By-law No. 1870, 2009" or to the "Peace River  
Regional District Zoning By-law No. 1343, 2001."

CARRIED.

24) B-4 RD/10/07/21 (22)  
Harper Imperial MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Saugstad,  
Subdivision Temporary that "Harper Imperial Subdivision Community Sewer System Temporary Borrowing By-law  
Borrowing By-law No. No. 1888, 2010" be given first three readings.  
1888, 2010

CARRIED.

RD/10/07/22 (22)  
MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Caton,  
that permission be granted to adopt "Harper Imperial Subdivision Community Sewer  
System Temporary Borrowing By-law No. 1888, 2010".

CARRIED.

RD/10/07/23 (22)  
MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Alternate Director Bolin,  
that "Harper Imperial Subdivision Community Sewer System Temporary Borrowing By-law  
No. 1888, 2010" be adopted.

CARRIED.

25) B-5 RD/10/07/24 (22)  
Potential Sewer Service MOVED by Director Saugstad, SECONDED by Director Hadland,  
Proposed Amendment a) that "Peace River Regional District Zoning Amendment By-law No. 1902, 2010" be  
By-law No. 1902, 2010 given first two readings; and  
b) that authorization be given for Public Notification of "Peace River Regional District  
Zoning Amendment By-law No. 1902, 2010" to be published in the local paper, and to  
mail out Public Notices to those households (±810) located within the four areas  
identified for future sewer services, as affected by this proposed zoning amendment  
by-law.

CARRIED.

BY-LAWS (continued):

- 26) B-7  
OCP and Zoning  
Amendment By-law No's  
1903 and 1904, 2010  
(Tuttle / EnCana Corp)
- RD/10/07/25 (22)  
MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Caton,  
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 July 12, 2010;
- b) that "Dawson Creek Official Community Plan Amendment By-law No. 1903, 2010" and "Peace River Regional District Zoning Amendment By-law No. 1904, 2010" be given first reading to amend the Dawson Creek Rural Area Official Community Plan No. 477 1986 by re-designating a portion of LS13, Section 3, Township 25, PRD from "Agriculture - Rural Resource" to "Local Commercial and Highway Commercial" and to amend the Peace River Regional District Zoning By-law No. 1343, 2001 from A-1 "Small Agricultural Holdings" to C-2 "General Commercial Zone"; and
- c) that Director Hiebert be authorized to attend a public information meeting, to be scheduled prior to second reading.

CARRIED.

- 27) Vary the Agenda
- RD/10/07/26 (22)  
MOVED by Director Clark, SECONDED by Director Caton,  
that the agenda be varied to deal with D-2 at this time.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS:

- 28) D-2  
Peace Environment and  
Safety Trustees Society
- Mrs. Lois Hill, representing Peace Environment and Safety Trustees Society expressed the Society's appreciation for the Board's support and the letter it wrote to the Oil and Gas Commission regarding safety issues in the oil and gas industry. She was advised by the ministry two weeks after gaining the Board's support that the Society should be happy with the Oil and Gas Commission report, even though it did not recognize any danger to the health of people or animals.

The Society has been approved for funding to hire a university student who is working on a project to research the shortcomings of our present natural gas development with regard to health, safety and environmental responsibility with a view to presenting the provincial government with solutions.

Funding has been approved for the retention of a lawyer from the West Coast Environment Law Centre through the Environmental Dispute Resolution Fund. The lawyer is working with the Environmental Law Centre of the Faculty of Law, University of Victoria to explore the *Health Act* and its current and future legislation regimes to identify whether the legislation needs to be changed to meet the needs of the people who live in close proximity to petroleum industry activities. The society received \$6,000 in funding; but, requires a further \$2,000 to cover incurring expenses.

The Chair thanked Mrs. Hill for the information and advised that the Regional District would be contacting the Society regarding the request for funding.

- 29) Vary the Agenda RD/10/07/27 (22)  
MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Hadland,  
that the agenda be varied to deal with D-3 at this time.  
CARRIED
- 30) D-3 Mr. Dennis Meier, Invasive Plant Contractor for the Regional District and Mr. David Ralph  
Dennis Meier, Invasive Weed Technologist, Ministry of Agriculture and Lands attended the meeting to update the  
Plant Contractor Board on current activities and progress of the invasive plant program. Mr. Meier advised  
re: 2009 Report that the single-agency and pooled-resource model for invasive plant management is  
working well. They are in the process of determining whether the landowner or occupier  
of land is responsible for the control of invasive plants on Crown lands.  
David Ralph, Weed Technologist  
Ministry of Agriculture and Lands  
re: Key Provincial Invasive Plant Initiatives  
Mr. Ralph commended Dennis Meier, the Regional District and the various ministry staff  
for the impressive success achieved with the control of invasive plants in the Peace  
region. This area is the first in BC to take an interest in the damage caused by invasive  
plants. Mr. Ralph explained that the success in the management of invasive plants is a  
direct result of the dedication of the Invasive Plant Committee. There are twenty-six  
Invasive Plant Committees across the province, with two more expected to be established  
in 2011. The province is working on revising the regulations under the *Weed Control Act*.  
This initiative, lead by the Ministry of Agriculture and Lands, is expected to be completed  
by 2011.  
RD/10/07/28 (22)  
MOVED by Director Caton, SECONDED by Director Hiebert,  
that the additional power point presentation from David Ralph, Weed Technologist,  
Ministry of Agriculture and Lands, regarding Key Provincial Invasive Plant Initiatives, be  
received.  
CARRIED
- 31) Permission for closed session RD/10/07/29 (22)  
MOVED by Director Saugstad, SECONDED by Director Bernier,  
that pursuant to Section 90(1)(g) of the *Community Charter*, permission be granted to  
resolve to a closed session for the Peace River Regional District.  
CARRIED  
The meeting resolved to the closed session at 11:55 a.m. Staff and members of the public  
left the room.
- 32) Recall to Order Following the closed session, the Chair recalled the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.
- 33) Recess The meeting recessed at 12:05 p.m. for luncheon
- 34) Reconvene The meeting reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

DELEGATIONS:

35) D-4 Chair Goodings welcomed the Honourable Bill Bennett, Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources and Pat Pimm, MLA Peace River North to the meeting.  
Honourable Bill Bennett, Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources and Pat Pimm, MLA Peace River North  
Minister Bennett stated that he has been familiarizing himself with the issues of the region since assuming his portfolio. He is a rural resident, from the Kootenay's, an area close to the Alberta border, primarily an area with a large forestry industry and some oil and gas activity. As a result he is familiar with some of the issues experienced in this riding. His main challenge is learning more about the region.

Minister Bennett noted that there have been changes at the management level within BC Hydro which should result in BC Hydro approaching issues from a new perspective. The Minister stated that he is looking forward to working cooperatively with the Board and is working toward visiting this area frequently.

A discussion period ensued.

The Chair thanked Mr. Bennett and Mr. Pimm for their attendance and commented that the Board looks forward to continued dialogue with the Minister.

36) Adjournment RD/10/07/30 (22)  
MOVED by Director Bernier, SECONDED by Director Clark,  
that the meeting adjourn.

CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

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Barb Coburn, 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 July 22, 2010 in the Regional District Office Boardroom, Dawson Creek, BC.

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Faye Salisbury, Corporate Officer