



## PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

### AUGUST BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: August 11, 2011

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

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

PRESENT: Directors  
Director Goodings  
Director Clark  
Director Jarvis  
Director White  
Director Anderson  
Director Lantz  
Director Ackerman  
Director Bernier  
Director Caton

Alternate Directors  
Alternate Director Houley  
Alternate Director Norris

Absent  
Director Hadland  
Director Saugstad  
Director Hiebert

#### Staff

Fred Banham, Chief Administrative Officer  
Shannon Anderson, Deputy CAO  
Bruce Simard, General Manager of Development Services  
Christina Wards, Assistant Treasurer  
Elaine Armagost, Invasive Plant Program Manager  
Ken Kalirai, Assistant Manager of Development Services  
Sheila DeCosta, Secretary Legislative Services - Recorder

#### Others

Joel Warm, Sharplink Communications  
Jill Earl, Northeast News  
Kate Hutchinson, Astral Media. CJDC  
Matthew Bains, Mile O City News  
Dustin Bodnaryk, Tourism, Dawson Creek

#### D-1 Re: Non Farm Use Application 101/2011

Kory Pearson, representing Chad and Rebecca Lenz

#### D-2 Alaska Highway Community

April Moi, Community Development, NBC Tourism Association  
Darryl Johnson, Vice President

#### D-3 Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure

The Honourable Blair Lekstrom

Prior to the start of the meeting, Chair Goodings was pleased to present Shannon Anderson, General Manager of Environmental Services / Deputy CAO, and Fred Tan, Systems Technician, with the Peace River Regional District ten year service award.

Fred Banham, CAO welcomed and introduced Ken Kalirai, as the new Assistant Manager of Development Services, and Elaine Armagost, as the new Invasive Plant Program Manager, for the Peace River Regional District.

- 1) Call to Order                      The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

DIRECTORS NOTICE OF NEW BUSINESS:

Director Lantz                      Dinosaur Lake  
Fred Banham, CAO                New GIS Data Product

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

- 2) Adoption of Agenda      RD/11/08/01  
MOVED by Director Lantz, SECONDED by Director Ackerman,  
that the Peace River Regional District agenda for the August 11, 2011 meeting,  
including Director's new business and 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 July 28, 2011.
  5. Business Arising from the Minutes
  6. Delegations
- 10:15 a.m. D-1 Chad and Rebecca Lenz  
Re: Non-farm Use Application 101/2011  
Kory Pearson, representing Mr. and Mrs. Lenz
- 10:30 a.m. D-2 Alaska Highway Community  
Re: Budget and Funding Request  
April Moi, Community Development NBC Tourism Association
- 11:30 a.m. D-3 The Honourable Blair Lekstrom, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure  
Re: Dust Control
7. Petitions
  8. Correspondence
- C-1 Notice of Regional District CAO/CEO Meeting on March 23, 2011 in Victoria, BC. June 30, 2011 Mayor Findlater District of West Kelowna letter to Premier Clark re: Wildfire Mitigation.
- C-2 Letters re: Surveyor of Taxes Collection Fee
- a) July 25, 2011 Minister of Finance
  - b) July 20, 2011 Squamish Lillooet Regional District
  - c) June 6, 2011 Regional District of Bulkley Nechako.
- C-3 January 12, 2011 UBCM Member Release – 2010 UBCM Administered Funding Programs.
- C-4 August 4, 2011 - UBCM Executive Release - July 21 - 22 Executive Meeting Highlights.
- 9 Reports
- R-1 Non-farm Use Application 101/2011 (Lenz)
- R-2 Faye Salisbury Corporate Officer re: Recommendations from Electoral Area Director's Committee (See MA-1)
- R-3 Faye Salisbury Corporate Officer re: Appointing an Alternate to NCDC
- R-4 Fred Banham, CAO re: Heritage Service By-law Progress Update
- R-5 Development Variance Permit 112/2011 (Rausse)
- Handout: Written comments received August 10, 2011, from Ross Grant.
- R-6 Fred Banham, CAO re: Proposed Municipal Auditor General for BC (See C-3)
- R-7 Fred Banham CAO re: City of Fort St. John Boundary Extension Update
- R-8 Shannon Anderson, General Manager of Environmental Services re: Solid Waste Services Contract Extension

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Adoption of Agenda -  
continued

RD/11/08/01 continued:

11. By-laws
  - B-1 Zoning Amendment By-law No. 1955, 2011 (Fowler)
    - a) August 2, 2011 report from Jodi MacLean, South Peace Land Use Planner; and
    - b) "Peace River Regional District Zoning Amendment By-law No. 1955, 2011."  
CONSIDERATION OF FIRST AND SECOND READINGS AND AUTHORIZATION OF PUBLIC NOTIFICATION
11. Diary
  - a) Regional Diary
  - b) Agenda Preparations Schedule
  - c) Schedule of Events
12. New Business
  - NB-1 Dinosaur Lake
  - NB-2 New GIS Data Product
13. Appointments
14. Consent Calendar
  - MA-1 Electoral Area Directors' Committee Meeting of July 21, 2011
  - MA-2 Rural Budget Administration Committee Meeting of July 21, 2011
  - CA-1 Ministry of Environment re: Weed Control Act
  - CA-2 Gas Tax/Public Transit Management Services re: Gas Tax Agreement Community Works Fund Payment
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  
July 28, 2011

RD/11/08/02  
MOVED by Director Ackerman, SECONDED by Director Jarvis,  
that the Regional Board Meeting Minutes of July 28, 2011 be adopted.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS:

4) D-1  
Kory Pearson  
representing Chad and  
Rebecca Lenz  
Re: R-1 Non-farm Use  
Application 101/2011

Under the authorization of Chad and Rebecca Lenz, Kory Pearson appealed to the board to reconsider its decision to refuse ALR Non-farm Use Application 101/2011 and allow the existing abandoned home-site on Section 16, Township 83, Range 25, W6M to be utilized for a small portable office and truck parking. He provided details of the current status of the property, and gave pictures which he felt would back up his favourable point of view toward the application.

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

- whether or not other sites outside the ALR were available;
- the landowner living elsewhere, does not meet the criteria for having a home based business on the property;
- the amount of land required;
- the close proximity to power lines, corrals and a sewer system; and
- the availability of a shale base for parking; and
- the Class 3 soil not being conducive to growing crops other than pastureland.

RD/11/08/03  
MOVED by Director Caton, SECONDED by Director Clark,  
that the presentation by Kory Pearson regarding Non-farm Use Application 101/2011  
(Chad and Rebecca Lenz) be received.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS:

D-1 continued                      The Chair advised Mr. Pearson that the Board would be making its decision later in the meeting when dealing with item R-1 in the agenda.

5) D-2  
Alaska Highway  
Community Society                      The Chair welcomed April Moi, Community Development, NBC Tourism Association and Darryl Johnson, Vice President of the Alaska Highway Community Society to the meeting. The delegates updated the board on the current status and revised budget of the project, to substantiate their request for multi-year funding support from the regional district. The goal of the society is to obtain National Historic Site designation of the Alaska Highway in time for the seventy-fifth anniversary celebrations in 2017.

April Moi, Community  
Development, NBC  
Tourism Association  
Darryl Johnson, Vice  
President                      Ms. Moi spoke of connecting with other project partners, such as the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure which has committed to providing 100 thousand dollars over the next three years. Northern Rockies Regional Municipality has recently committed 10 thousand dollars and is willing to assist and provide contacts, once the project is underway. First Nations will be involved by collecting stories and collectables relating to the construction and impacts of the highway. Ms. Moi stated the project is time sensitive because of the need to go through all the different levels of government bodies. The society is proposing to start the surveying process in September and dialogue with First Nations and communities to identify boundaries.

The Alaska Highway Community respectfully requested that the Peace River Regional District contribute a total of \$538,060, based on the following time frame:

Year 1: September 2011 – March 2012	\$181,090
Year 2: April 2012 – March 2013:	\$155,274
Year 3: April 2013 – March 2014:	\$201,696
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>\$538,060</u>

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

- whether or not, staff should provide a report;
- what Alaska and the Yukon Territories involvement is;
- the differences as they relate to the Alaskan scenic by-ways projects;
- professional consultants involvement; and
- April Moi, as the point person, would be responsible for directing the program through Northern BC Tourism and the Alaska Highway Community Board.

The Chair thanked Ms. Moi and Mr. Johnson for their update, and informed them that an update report regarding the regional district Heritage Service By-law would be discussed later in the meeting.

RD/11/08/04

MOVED by Director Caton, SECONDED by Director Clark,  
that the presentation by April Moi, Community Development, NBC Tourism Association  
Darryl Johnson, Vice President, Alaska Highway Community Society be received.

CARRIED

6) Recess                      The meeting recessed for coffee at 10:50 a.m.

7) Reconvene                      The meeting reconvened at 11 a.m.

REPORTS:

8) R-1  
ALR Non-farm Use  
Application 101/2011  
(Lenz)

RD/11/08/05  
MOVED by Director Goodings, SECONDED by Director Ackerman,  
that the Regional Board refuse authorization for ALR Non-farm Use Application  
101/2011, as submitted, for Chad and Rebecca Lenz to utilize the existing abandoned  
home-site on Section 16, Township 83, Range 25, W6M, for a small portable office and  
truck parking, to proceed to the Agricultural Land Commission

NAYS 5:

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS: - continued

9) D-3  
Minister of  
Transportation and  
Infrastructure  
Blair Lekstrom

The Honourable Blair Lekstrom, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure thanked  
the Board for the invitation to attend today's meeting. He spoke of the challenges that  
the recent flood events have placed on his ministry, and was pleased to report that  
even though roads, pipelines and rail lines, particularly in the Pine Pass, received  
significant damage, crews have been working tirelessly to get traffic flowing as quickly  
as possible. He expected the Pine Pass would be restored to its two lane capacity by  
late fall.

Minister Lekstrom went on to highlight the Ministry's plans for improving the road  
network in the northern part of the province as follows:

- approximately 85 million dollars will be spent on road and bridge improvements  
in the Peace District this year, with over 2 million dollars going toward dust  
suppression on rural roads;
- upgrading rural area roads to withstand industrial traffic;
- multi-year project plan to four lane the highway from the Alberta border through  
to Fort St. John, starting at the problem points first to better meet the needs of  
travellers and residents;
- installation of outhouses at the Kiskatinaw rest area to commence next week;
- future plans to install / improve rest areas at the Hudson's Hope to Fort St.  
John Halfway Lookout, Fort Nelson, Sundance Lake and one between Dawson  
Creek and Tumbler Ridge, as well as between Tumbler Ridge and Chetwynd.

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

- process for identifying problem dust areas;
- BC Rail rights-of-way still fall under the Ministry's purview;
- flooding damages resulting from inadequate culverts, particularly rail line  
culverts;
- Highway 29 Bridge causing water to back up;
- compliments to highways maintenance crews for flood restoration work;
- sale of BC Rail Lands as it relates to sidings, taxes and responsibilities;
- wheelchair accessibility standard for washroom facilities;
- four laneing plans for Pouce Coupe, being a long way off (7-10 years) and  
won't be done without consultation with the community first to see what their  
wishes are; and
- the large amount of traffic on the north Taylor Hill exhibiting patience with the  
road construction going on.

DELEGATIONS: continued

D-3 - continued  
Minister of  
Transportation and  
Infrastructure  
Blair Lekstrom

Minister Lekstrom closed his presentation by extending his compliments to the local highways maintenance crews for doing a great job of restoration, following the flood damage throughout the area.

RD/11/08/06  
MOVED by Director Caton, SECONDED by Director Clark,  
that the presentation by the Honourable Blair Lekstrom, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure be received. CARRIED

Chair Goodings thanked Mr. Lekstrom for coming to the meeting and invited him to join the directors for lunch.

10) Recess for Luncheon

The meeting recessed for luncheon at 12 noon.

11) Reconvene

The meeting reconvened at 1:03 p.m.

REPORTS: continued

12) R-2  
Faye Salisbury, CO  
- Recommendations  
from Electoral Area  
Director's Committee

RD/11/08/07  
MOVED by Director Caton, SECONDED by Director Anderson,  
that the Electoral Area Directors be to authorized to meet with the ministers of Finance, Agriculture, and Community, Sport and Cultural Development (ministry responsible for BC Assessment) to discuss assessment of farm land and classification of farmers, in January 2012. CARRIED

#1 Meetings with Ministers

RD/11/08/08  
MOVED by Director Ackerman, SECONDED by Alternate Director Houley,  
that staff be requested to investigate what regulations have been put in place for wind turbines on private land in other regions, with the intent to possibly include similar regulations in the Peace River Regional District official community plans and by-laws. CARRIED

#3 Autonomy for Regional Districts

RD/11/08/09  
MOVED by Director Caton, SECONDED by Director White,  
that the Electoral Area Directors be authorized to arrange a separate meeting with the Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development , on the same date in January as the first meetings, to discuss the autonomy and equality of electoral areas. CARRIED

13) R-3  
Faye Salisbury, CO  
- Appointing an  
Alternate to NCDC

RD/11/08/10  
MOVED by Director Lantz, SECONDED by Director Anderson,  
that Director Goodings be appointed as alternate to the Northwest Corridor Development Corporation (NCDC) CARRIED

REPORTS: continued

- 14) R-4  
Fred Banham, CAO  
- Heritage Service By-law  
Progress Update
- RD/11/08/11  
MOVED by Director Ackerman, SECONDED by Alternate Director Norris,  
that the Regional Board continue to seek creation of a Heritage Service over time (by  
obtaining regional agreement and confirmation of full Board participation) – in the  
meantime, defer all work associated with the Alaska Highway historic designation report  
until such time as the Regional District has successfully implemented a Heritage  
Service function and established a Heritage Plan and Heritage Registry.
- NAYS 5: Directors Caton, Bernier, Jarvis, Goodings, Anderson
- CARRIED
- 15) R-5  
DVP Application  
112/2011 (Rausse)
- Bruce Simard, General Manager of Development Services advised the Board that,  
subsequent to the printing of the agenda, the proponent has requested that DVP  
Application 112/2011 be withdrawn from the August 11, 2011 meeting.
- 16) R-6  
Fred Banham, CAO  
- Proposed Municipal  
Auditor General for BC
- RD/11/08/12  
MOVED by Director Lantz, SECONDED by Director Caton,  
that the Regional Board forward a response along with a blank survey to the  
Honourable Ida Chong, Minister Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural  
Development, stating that the Regional Board unanimously, does not support the  
creation of the office of a Municipal Auditor General; with copies to Premier Clark,  
UBCM, NCLGA, North and South Peace MLA's.
- CARRIED
- 17) R-7  
Fred Banham CAO  
- City of Fort St. John  
Boundary Extension  
Update
- RD/11/08/13  
MOVED by Director Caton, SECONDED by Director Lantz,  
that the Regional Board forward all of the correspondence which is included in the  
August 4, 2011 report from Fred Banham, CAO (Item R-7) regarding the proposed  
extension of the City of Fort St. John boundaries, to the City of Fort St. John.
- CARRIED

REPORTS: continued

18) R-8  
 Shannon Anderson,  
 GM of Environmental  
 Services  
 - Solid Waste Services  
 Contract Extension

RD/11/08/14  
 MOVED by Director Caton, SECONDED by Director Lantz,  
 that the Regional Board authorize an extension to the Solid Waste Service contracts, as  
 identified in the table below for a term of one year, to include all existing terms and  
 conditions:

Contract/Contractor	Expiration date	Mitigation
DC Transfer Station Site Attendant/Supply and Hauling of Roll-off Bins Hazco Environmental	January 1, 2012	Extend contract 1 year
Part I – Tumbler Ridge / Hudson’s Hope Rural Waste Hauling Excel Transportation Inc.	November 1, 2011	Re-tender
Part II and III – North and South Peace Rural Waste Hauling Graydon Contracting Ltd.	November 1, 2011	Extend contract 1 year
Rose Prairie Landfill Site Attendant / Cover and Compaction and Mile 62.5 Transfer Station Attendant Graydon Contracting Ltd.	November 1, 2013	No action
Kelly Lake Transfer Station Kelly Lake First Nations (Claire Gauthier)	November 1, 2011	Extend contract 1 year
Moberly Lake Transfer Station Rob Henry	August 15, 2011	Extend contract 1 year
Alaska Highway Collection Waste Management of Canada	November 1, 2010	Extend contract 1 year

CARRIED

BY-LAWS:

19) B-1  
 Zoning Amendment  
 By-law No. 1955, 2011  
 (Fowler)

RD/11/08/15  
 MOVED by Director Caton, SECONDED by Alternate Director Norris,  
 a) that “Peace River Regional District Zoning Amendment By-law No. 1955, 2011” to  
 rezone Lot 1, Plan 16025, District Lot 2206, PRD, from R-4 (Residential 4) to R-3  
 (Residential 3) in Peace River Regional District Zoning By-law No. 1343, 2001, be  
 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

NEW BUSINESS:

20) NB-1  
 Dinosaur Lake

Director Lantz stated he observed a great deal of debris on Dinosaur Lake and  
 wondered if Regional District staff could look at what could be done to remedy the  
 situation as he felt it could potentially damage the shoreline.

Chair Goodings informed him that Dinosaur Lake is under BC Hydro’s jurisdiction.  
 Director Anderson offered to bring the subject to the attention of BC Hydro when she  
 meets with them next week.



NEW BUSINESS: continued

21) NB-2  
New GIS Software

Bruce Simard, General Manager of Development Services, provided a demonstration of the new Peace River Regional District GIS portal which is expected to be launched in the coming week. He demonstrated the search capabilities where reports, pictures and legal information regarding rural properties can be obtained and downloaded, while the privacy of landowners is still being protected. Fred Banham said this data base has already proven itself to be invaluable during the recent flooding events and explained that Google Earth is using our detailed photos as they include good information. Right now, the data relates only to the rural areas of the regional district, but as the program evolves, Mr. Simard is hoping that the portal can also host municipal information.

22) Adjournment

RD/11/08/16  
MOVED by Director Lantz, SECONDED by Director Bernier,  
that the meeting adjourn.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 2:20 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 August 11, 2011 in the Regional District Office Board Room, Dawson Creek, B.C.

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Faye Salisbury, Corporate Officer