



# PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

## SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: September 20, 2012

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

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

PRESENT:

Directors

Director Goodings, Chair  
Director Caisley  
Director Christensen  
Director Hiebert  
Director Schembri  
Director Jarvis  
Director Fynn  
Director Ackerman  
Director Anderson  
Director Nichols

Alternate Directors

Alternate Director Houley  
Alternate Director Kenny

Absent

Director Hadland  
Director Bernier

Staff

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

D-1 Advocates for Alternative Energy Sources

Rick Koechl  
Mike Kroecher

D-2 Rolla Tradition School

Joanne Dueck, Principal  
Amy Crandall, Student  
Billie Fitch, Student  
Hollis Mattson, Student  
Mya Erickson, Student  
Myles Handsor, Student  
Janice Hansen

Donna Chmelyk, Teacher  
Rachell MacLennan, Student  
Skyler Fitch, Student  
Annie Friesen, Student  
Eilish Daly, Student  
Rio Fitch, Parent

Others

Katelin Dean, Alaska Highway News  
Jill Earl, Northeast News  
Karen Mason-Bennett, N.E.A.T.  
Gary Wager, Dawson Creek

Kimberly Wylie, Charlie Lake  
Kirby Kohler, CJDC News  
Kayla Boyd, N.E.A.T.

- 1) Call to Order                    The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:12 a.m.

DIRECTORS NOTICE OF NEW BUSINESS:

- 2) NB-1                                RD/12/09/01 (20)  
Director Goodings                MOVED by Director Jarvis, SECONDED by Director Ackerman,  
- Dedication Page in             that a page of the September 20, 2012 minutes be dedicated to the memory of the late  
Minutes                                Robert (Bob) Trail, who served as Peace River Regional District Director for the City of  
   Dawson Creek from 1987 to 1993.

CARRIED

- 3) NB-2                                Fred Banham, CAO announced that Faye Salisbury, Corporate Officer has submitted  
Fred Banham, CAO                her notice of planned retirement, effective June 28, 2013.  
- Announcement of Staff  
Retirement                        Chair Goodings congratulated Mrs. Salisbury on her decision, stating that her service  
   and extensive knowledge of the history and operation of the Regional District over the  
   past thirty-five years will be missed.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

- 4) Adoption of Agenda            RD/12/09/02 (20)  
   MOVED by Director Nichols, SECONDED by Director Caisley,  
   that the Peace River Regional District agenda for the September 20, 2012 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 September 6, 2012.  
   5. Business Arising from the Minutes  
   6. Delegations  
   10:30 a.m. D-1 Advocates for Alternative Energy Sources  
   Re: Financial Case Against Site C  
   Rick Koechl  
   Mike Kroecher  
   11 a.m. D-2 Rolla Traditional School  
   Re: Rolla Traditional School's Recycling Video  
   Teachers: Donna Chmelyk, Andrea Tarkington  
   Students: Amy Crandall// Rachell MacLennan / Billie Fitch / Skyler Fitch  
   Hollis Mattson / Annie Friesen / Mya Erickson / Eilish Daly  
   7. Petitions  
   8. Correspondence  
   C-1 September 2012 - In the Corridor - Northwest Corridor Development Corporation.  
   C-2 August 31, 2012 - Northwest Corridor Development Corporation - Membership Invoice  
   and Work Plan.  
   *Handout:*  
   NCDC – Get the Facts - received September 19, 2012.  
   C-3 September 11, 2012 – Mayor Ackerman, City of Fort St. John – response to Electoral  
   Area 'C' Director's August 16, 2012 letter - Walking Trail Closure.

Adoption of Agenda -  
continued

RD/12/09/02 (20)

9. Reports
  - R-1 September 12, 2012 - Bruce Simard, GM of Development Services - Regional Agricultural Plan Award.
  - R-2 ALR Subdivision Application 158, 2012 (Joseph Bell).  
*Postponed from the September 6, 2012 meeting*
10. By-laws
  - B-1 Zoning Amendment By-laws No. 2026, 2027, 2028 and 2029, 2012 (Worker Camps in Agricultural Zones)
    - a) September 13, 2012 report from Bruce Simard, GM of Development Services; and
    - b) "Peace River Regional District Zoning Amendment By-law No. 2026, 2012";
    - c) "Peace River Regional District Zoning Amendment By-law No. 2027, 2012";
    - d) "Peace River Regional District Zoning Amendment By-law No. 2028, 2012"; and
    - e) "Peace River Regional District Zoning Amendment By-law No. 2029, 2012";

*Handouts:*

    - Response referral in opposition from the City of Dawson Creek;
    - September 18, 2012 letter of opposition from the City of Fort St. John; and
    - September 18, 2012 letter of conditional approval from Tumbler Ridge RCMP

CONSIDERATION OF THIRD READINGS AND ADOPTION
  - B-2 Zoning Amendment By-law No. 2030, 2012
    - a) September 13, 2012 report from Ken Kalirai, Assistant Manager of Development Services; and
    - b) "Peace River Regional District Zoning Amendment By-law No. 2030, 2012."

CONSIDERATION OF THIRD READING AND ADOPTION

*Late Item:*

  - B-3 Zoning Amendment By-law No. 2025, 2012 (Steve's Sand and Gravel)
    - a) September 14, 2012 report from Bruce Simard, General Manager of Development Services; and
    - b) "Peace River Regional District Zoning Amendment By-law No. 2025, 2012"

*Handout:*

    - September 18, 2012 comments from the City of Fort St. John.

CONSIDERATION OF THIRD READING
11. Diary
  - a) Regional Diary
  - b) Strategic Plan
  - c) Agenda Preparations Schedule
  - d) Schedule of Events
12. New Business
  - NB-1 Dedication Page in Minutes
  - NB-2 Announcement of Staff Retirement
13. Appointments
14. Consent Calendar
  - CA-1 September 4, 2012 - Provincial Agricultural Land Commission - Work Camps and Agri-Tourism.
15. Notice of Motion (for the next meeting):
16. Media Questions (on agenda items and business discussed at the meeting)
17. Adjournment

CARRIED

MINUTES:

5) M-1  
Regional Board  
Meeting Minutes of  
September 6, 2012

RD/12/09/03 (20)

MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Fynn,  
that the Regional Board Meeting Minutes of September 6, 2012 be adopted.

CARRIED

6) Business Arising

None

THIS PAGE IS DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY OF



*Robert (Bob) Trail*

*1929 – 2012*

Peace River Regional District  
Director - City of Dawson Creek

*1987 to 1993*

CORRESPONDENCE:

- 7) C-2 RD/12/09/04 (20)  
August 31, 2012 - MOVED by Alternate Director Houley, SECONDED by Director Ackerman,  
NCDC - Membership that the Regional Board  
Invoice and Work Plan a) not renew its membership in the Northwest Corridor Development Corporation for  
and Handout: 2012 - 2013; and  
NCDC – *Get the Facts* b) forward a letter to Dan Dibbelt, Executive Director, NCDC, advising him of the  
Board's decision.

CARRIED

The Chair expressed appreciation to all the directors who have attended NCDC meetings in the past.

REPORTS:

- 8) R-1 RD/12/09/05  
Bruce Simard, GM of MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Alternate Director Kenny,  
Development Services that the Regional Board authorize entering into an agreement with Don Cameron  
- Regional Agricultural Associates for preparation of a Regional Agricultural Plan for the amount of \$95,000.00  
Plan Award (excluding taxes).

CARRIED

- 9) R-2 RD/12/09/06 (20)  
ALR Subdivision MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Christensen,  
Application 158, 2012 that the Regional Board support ALR Subdivision Application No. 158/2012 for Joseph  
(Joseph Bell) Bell to subdivide a 5 ha (12 acre) lot out of the North 1/2, Section 14, Township 85,  
Range 17, W6M, PRD; and authorize the application to proceed to the Agricultural Land  
Commission as the proposal meets requirements of home-site severance under the  
*Agricultural Land Commission Act* and is substantially consistent with the Rural Official  
Community Plan.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS:

- 10) D-1 The Chair welcomed Mr. Rich Koechl and Mr. Mike Kroecher to the meeting. The  
Advocates for delegates explained that within the past month, the province has redefined natural gas  
Alternative Energy - as being a clean energy source, similar to wind power, solar, etc., as long as the reason  
Financial Case Against for its use is to produce electricity for Liquefied Natural Gas or LNG production. This  
Site C change in status now opens up opportunity for the use of alternative energy sourced  
projects, similar to what the Shepard Energy Centre is currently constructing in Calgary,  
Alberta. The delegates have been in contact with Enmax Corporation, a wholly owned  
subsidiary of the City of Calgary who operates the centre, to gather data on the costs  
and efficiency to compare with those of the proposed Site C project. According to their  
calculations, they said that the capital cost for Site C will be 5.7 times greater than the  
natural gas fired facility. An independent audit has confirmed the projected cost of the  
Shepard Energy Centre to be 1.3 billion dollars, while an unverified projection by BC  
Hydro on the Site C Hydroelectric project is 7.9 billion dollars.

Rich Koechl  
Mike Kroecher

- RD/12/09/07  
MOVED by Director Caisley, SECONDED by Director Nichols,  
that permission be granted to extend the D-1 delegation time.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS: continued

D-1 continued

The delegation presented other comparable information such as:

- Construction time line: Natural Gas Powered facility – 3 years / Site C – up to 10 years;
- Footprint: Natural Gas Powered facility – 60 acres / Site C – up to 25,000 acres;
- Loss of productive, arable agricultural lands – Natural Gas Powered facility – 50 acres / Site C – up to 13,000 acres;
- Energy efficiency of facility – Natural Gas Powered facility – 92% / Site C 52%;
- Yearly Energy Production – Natural Gas Powered facility 6500 giga-watt hours / Site C 5100 giga-watt hours
- Project Location – Natural Gas Powered facility – anywhere power is required / Site C – lower Peace Valley (requiring hundreds of kilometers of additional transmission lines)
- Cost of borrowing (estimated at 5% interest rate) – Natural Gas Powered facility - \$45,000,000 per year on \$1.3 billion capital cost / Site C \$400,000,000 on \$7.9 billion capital cost

A question and answer period ensued.

The gentlemen closed by saying that it is the 11<sup>th</sup> hour and an earnest discussion regarding cost comparisons between a hydro or natural gas option needs to take place amongst our politicians. It was suggested that the Board consider a resolution for advancing these discussions to higher levels of government.

The Chair thanked the delegation for their presentation.

11) Recess

The meeting recessed at 11:00 a.m.

12) Reconvene

The meeting reconvened at 11:05 a.m.

13) D-2  
Rolla Traditional  
School re: School's  
Recycling Video

Principal  
Joanne Dueck

Teacher  
Donna Chmelyk

Students

The Chair welcomed Rolla Traditional School Principal Joanne Dueck; Teacher Donna Chmelyk; and students to the meeting. Joanne Dueck stated that the students have been on a year-long journey studying the communities recycling practices. Their studies and results of their community survey have culminated in the production of an inspirational video on how the lack of recycling affects future generations. "Rolla Recycling" was produced as a team effort by parents, teachers and students of the school to reflect their efforts and interest in the environment through reduction and recycling. Student, Billie Fitch introduced the classmates who would be making individual statements. She also introduced her filmmaker father Rio Fitch, who supplied the expertise for the production. Following the students' statements, the five minute film was shown to the Directors. It is also available for viewing though YouTube - *Recycling by the students of Rolla Traditional School*.

The audience spontaneously applauded as the film ended and Chair Goodings complemented the school for doing such an excellent job, and suggested they take the film further to inspire more people to recycle.

D-2 - Continued  
Rolla Traditional  
School re: School's  
Recycling Video

Subsequent to the showing of the film, the students went on to provide the results of the following survey they distributed to sixty-seven households in their community

1. Does your household currently recycle? Answer: 76% Yes
2. If there were recycling bins in Rolla, similar to the ones at Walmart or Dave's No Frills in Dawson Creek, would you use them? Answer: 87% Yes
3. If the bins were available would the volume of material that your household recycles increase or stay the same? Answer: 67% Yes

The students closed by asking the Board if it would be possible for the Peace River Regional District to install re-cycling bins in the community of Rolla. After the students thanked the Directors for their time, their principal expressed her appreciation for allowing the students to observe the government process during the Board meeting.

14) Recess

The meeting recessed at 11:23 a.m.

15) Reconvene

The meeting reconvened at 11:32 a.m.

BY-LAWS:

16) B-1  
Zoning Amendment  
By-laws No. 2026,  
2027, 2028 and 2029,  
2012 (Worker Camps  
in Agricultural Zones)

RD/12/09/08 (20)

MOVED by Director Ackerman, SECONDED by Director Christensen,  
that the Regional Board refuse third reading of the following by-laws:

- "Peace River Regional District Zoning Amendment By-law No. 2026, 2012"
- "Peace River Regional District Zoning Amendment By-law No. 2027, 2012"
- "Peace River Regional District Zoning Amendment By-law No. 2028, 2012";  
and
- "Peace River Regional District Zoning Amendment By-law No. 2029, 2012".

and Handouts (3)

NAYS: 5

CARRIED

Director Ackerman excused herself from the meeting at 11:47 a.m.

17) B-2  
Zoning Amendment  
By-law No. 2030, 2012  
(Enes)

RD/12/09/09 (20)

MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Anderson,

- a) that "Peace River Regional District Zoning Amendment By-law No. 2030, 2012 be given third reading; and
- b) that "Peace River Regional District Zoning Amendment By-law No. 2030, 2012 be adopted.

CARRIED

18) B-3  
Zoning Amendment  
By-law No. 2025, 2012  
(Steve's Sand and  
Gravel)

RD/12/09/10 (20)

MOVED by Alternate Director Houley, SECONDED by Director Hiebert,  
that "Peace River Regional District Zoning Amendment By-law No. 2025, 2012" be given third reading.

NAYS 1: Director Christensen

CARRIED

and Handout:

City of Fort St. John  
Response - Opposition

DIARY

19) Regional Diary/  
Agenda Preparation  
Schedule/ Schedule of  
Events RD/12/09/11 (20)  
MOVED by Director Anderson, SECONDED by Director Hiebert,  
that the Strategic Plan Operational Strategies section be updated to include the  
Clearview Gymnasium Vote.

CARRIED

MEDIA QUESTIONS:

20) Question #1 Jill Earl, Northeast News Reporter asked "What is the Board doing about the  
delegations' requests?"

Delegations' Requests:

D-1 – Advocates for  
Alternative Energy RD/12/10/12 (20)  
MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Christensen,  
that the information presented to the Board by the Advocates for Alternative Energy  
regarding the Financial Case Against Site C (Delegation D-1) be referred to staff for a  
report to the Board.

CARRIED

D-2 – Rolla Traditional  
School Fred Banham, CAO replied that Shannon Anderson, General Manager of  
Environmental Services will be gathering the information from the Rolla Traditional  
School students to take to a Solid Waste Committee meeting, for discussion and report  
of recommendations to the Board.

21) Question #2 Jill Earl, Northeast News Reporter asked "Does the Peace River Regional District have  
an official position regarding Site C?"

Official Board Position  
regarding Site C The Chair stated that the Board's position from 1981 remains, until a decision is made  
to change it.

22) Adjournment RD/12/10/13 (20)  
MOVED by Director Schembri, SECONDED by Director Fynn,  
that the meeting adjourn.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 12:08 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 September 20, 2012 in the Regional District Office Board Room, Dawson Creek, B.C.

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Faye Salisbury, Corporate Officer