



PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

OCTOBER SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: October 10, 2012

TIME: 7 p.m.

PLACE: Lower Level Meeting Room, Peace River Regional District Office, Dawson Creek, BC

PRESENT: Directors
Director Goodings, Chair
Director Hadland
Director Hiebert
Director Jarvis
Director Caisley
Director Schembri
Director Christensen
Director Fynn

Alternate Directors
Alternate Director Kenny

Absent
Director Anderson
Director Bernier
Director Ackerman
Director Nichols

Staff

Fred Banham, Chief Administrative Officer
Shannon Anderson, Deputy CAO
Ken Kalirai, Assistant Manager of Development Services
Sheila DeCosta, Secretary – Legislative Services, Recorder

Agricultural Land Commission

Richard Bullock, Chair
Gordon Gillette, Vice Chair, Internal Panel Commissioner
Brian Underhill, Executive Director
Martin Collins, Regional Planner
Jim Collins, North Panel Commissioner
Christine Elsaesser, Legal Advisor

Others

MLA Peace River North, Pat Pimm	MLA Peace River South, Blair Lekstrom
Norma Walker	Terry Walker
Wes Mauer	Sandy Mayer
Shane Patterson	Colleen Patterson
Judy Madden	Mike McConnell
Garnet Berge	Wes Dyck
Sherry Dyck	B.Foster
Mary Miller	John Miller
Frank Breault	Barb Masee
Brian Masee	Anne Clayton
Elvin Gowman	Paul Gevatkoff
Jill Earl, NE News	Trent Linberg
Ivan Carlson	Walter Fritsche
Heather Hansen	

- 1) Call to Order The Chair called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. She welcomed the representatives from the Agricultural Land Commission(ALC) and went on to explain the procedure for speaking at board meetings to members in the gallery.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

- 2) Adoption of Agenda SRD/12/10/01
MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Fynn,
that the Peace River Regional District agenda for the October 10, 2012 special meeting, including additional handout items for the agenda, be adopted as amended:

1. Call to Order
2. Adoption of Agenda
3. Discussion with representatives from the Agricultural Land Commission regarding the possibility of a Delegation Agreement with the Peace River Regional District.
Background:
 - a) September 21, 2012 confirmation from Brian Underhill, Executive Director, Provincial Agricultural Land Commission of the Commission's availability to meet on October 10, 2012.
 - b) April 20, 2012 request from the Peace River Regional District to meet to discuss the possibility of a delegation agreement between the ALC and the PRRD.
 - c) March 3, 2012 letter from Pat Pimm NP MLA and Blair Lekstrom SP MLA regarding consensus agreements derived from a meeting with stakeholders.
 - d) Page 7 of the April 12, 2012 Regional Board meeting minutes – record of the North and South Peace MLA's presentation.Handouts:
 - a) August 23, 2012 Message from the Chair, Provincial Agricultural Land Commission;
 - b) Delegation Agreements under the Agricultural Land Commission Act¹
 - c) Christine Elsaesser, October 1, 2012 Speaking Notes
4. Adjournment

CARRIED

DISCUSSION:

Chair Goodings introduced Richard Bullock, Chair of the Agricultural Land Commission and turned the floor over to him.

Mr. Bullock said the purpose of the meeting is to provide information on what a delegation agreement is and what it isn't and the kind of responsibilities that need to be assumed should the Regional District commit to shared decision making process with the ALC.

He introduced Christine Elsaesser, Legal Advisor who elaborated on statutory decision making and the rule of law and went on to explain the legal context of delegation agreements. The speaking notes and handouts are attached to and form part of these minutes.

ALC Executive Director Brian Underhill presented a snapshot of some of the Commission's experience with delegation agreements since they were enabled within the 1994 legislation. Moving forward, changes are going to be incorporated according to the Auditor General's review and recommendations in order to lead to more consistent decision making and strengthen the over-site of the decisions made by delegated authorities.

Mr. Bullock summarized the information presented in this first meeting with the Peace River Regional District Board and recommended that the next step be for the Regional Board to meet on their own to assimilate the information provided tonight to make an informed decision on whether or not they wish to proceed on pursuing a shared decision making process with the ALC. The Agricultural Land Commission would be willing to provide ongoing support and education toward having a Delegation Agreement with the Peace River Regional District, should that be the desire of the Board.

ADJOURNMENT:

3) Adjournment

SRD/12/10/02

MOVED by Director Jarvis, SECONDED by Director Fynn,
that the meeting adjourn.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 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 October 10, 2012 in the Lower Level Meeting Room, Peace River Regional District Office, Dawson Creek, B.C.

Fred Banham, Chief Administrative Officer