



# PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

## APRIL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: April 9, 2009

TIME: 10 a.m.

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

PRESENT: Directors  
Director Goodings, Chair  
Director Hadland  
Director Lantz  
Director Hiebert  
Director Jarvis  
Director White  
Director Bernier, 11:20 am  
Director Clark  
Director Caton

Alternate Directors  
Alternate Director Johnson  
Alternate Director Christensen  
Alternate Laverne Norris

Absent  
Director Anderson  
Director Ackerman  
Director Saugstad

### 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  
Suzanne Garrett, Corporate Services Coordinator  
Barb Coburn, Secretary, Recorder

### Others

Christine Rumleskie, Moose FM  
Matthew Bains, Northeast News  
J. Mauracher, CJDC TV News  
Greg Amos, Dawson Creek Daily News  
Betty Ponto, Alternate Director, District of Taylor  
A. Jamr, Dawson Creek  
Ian Marchuk, Dawson Creek, 11:10 a.m.

### D-1 Spectra Energy (10:05 am)

Rodney Lock, Team Leader, Lands and Community Relations  
Dave Isaak, Director Midstream Operations

### D-2 Alliance Pipeline (11:00 am)

Rebecca Sullivan  
Trevor Loberg, Team Leader, Grande Prairie  
Harold Kraft, VP, Engineering and Construction  
Irvin Wai, Community and Corridor Representative, Grande Prairie

### D-3 BC Assessment Authority (2:00 pm)

Scott Sitter, Deputy Assessor

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

- 2) Vary the Agenda RD/09/04/01  
MOVED by Director Caton, SECONDED by Director Hiebert,  
that the agenda be varied to hear the Spectra Energy presentation at this time.  
CARRIED.

DELEGATIONS:

- 3) D-1 Mr. Rodney Locke, Team Leader, Lands and Community Relations and Mr. Dave Isaak,  
Spectra Energy Midstream Operations attended the meeting to present an update regarding Spectra  
Energy's operations in the region.

Rodney Lock, Team  
Leader, Grande Prairie  
Dave Isaak, Director  
Midstream Operations

Re: Update on  
Operations in the Region

The PowerPoint presentation explained the exploration and extraction process; the asset footprint left by the company; where they are operating in the region; the lessons learned through the February 20, 2009 incident involving the unexpected and high pressure release of raw gas that occurred at a pipeline inspection gauge (PIG) launching site and the importance of safety, reliability, integrity, public awareness and emergency response plans. They also briefly reviewed the Fort Nelson carbon capture and storage feasibility project.

They described how they invest in local communities through taxes and that employees volunteer at local events or create their own projects such as providing meals at the local Salvation Army Churches. When the employees develop a project, they can then apply to management for grants to assist with the operation of projects. Spectra Energy has ten gas processing plants, six compressor stations and approximately 1649 kilometers of pipeline in the region. They have a satellite office in Charlie Lake which employs two local residents; a total of 637 employees in the region. They contributed \$21 million in taxation in 2008 and are planning expansions to the plants in the Peace River Arch Area.

The Chair thanked the delegation for their presentation. The delegation left the meeting at 10:43 a.m.

DIRECTORS NOTICE OF NEW BUSINESS:

- Director Hadland Update on the North Peace Official Community Plan  
*Recognition and Reconciliation Act*  
Director Lantz Conservation Officer vehicles  
Charlie Lake Caves  
Charcoal from Waste Wood  
Director Hiebert SemCAMS Invitation

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

- 4) Adoption of Agenda RD/09/04/02  
MOVED by Alternate Director Norris, SECONDED by Director Hadland,  
that the Peace River Regional District agenda for the April 9, 2009 meeting, including  
Director's new business and additional items for the agenda, be adopted as amended:

CALL TO ORDER:

DIRECTORS' NOTICE OF NEW BUSINESS:

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Adoption of Agenda -  
continued

RD/09/04/02 continued:

MINUTES:

M-1 Regional Board Meeting Minutes of March 26, 2009.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

DELEGATIONS:

- D-1 Spectra Energy  
Rodney Locke, Team Leader, Lands & Community Relations  
Dave Isaak, Director Midstream Operations  
Re: Updated on Operations in the Region
- D-2 Alliance Pipeline  
Trevor Loberg, Team Leader, Grande Prairie  
Harold Kraft, VP Engineering & Construction  
Re: Update: Alliance's Taylor Compressor Station
- D-3 BC Assessment Authority  
Scott Sitter, Deputy Assessor  
Re: Petroleum Property Assessments

PETITIONS:

CORRESPONDENCE:

- C-1 March 20, 2009 letter from Bradley Evers, Land Management and Leasing Officer, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada regarding the Proposed Addition to Reserve, Blueberry River First Nation.
- C-2 March 20, 2009 notice from Sharon Gaetz, Chair, Union of BC Municipalities Resolutions Committee regarding the 2009 Resolutions Process.
- C-3 March 25, 2009 notice from Al Richmond, Electoral Area Representative, Union of BC Municipalities regarding the June 26, 2009 Electoral Area Directors Meeting.
- C-4 March 26, 2009 Executive Release of Highlights of the UBCM Executive Meeting held March 12-13, 2009.
- C-5 March 26, 2009 letter from Corinne Atwood, Executive Director BC Bottle Depot Association regarding the Used Beverage Container and Electronics Stewardship Programs and the volunteer milk container return program.
- C-6 March 27, 2009 letter from Alex Ferguson, Commissioner, BC Oil and Gas Commission regarding the extension of the delegation agreement between the Agricultural Land Commission and the Oil and Gas Commission.
- C-7 March 25, 2009 letter from Thomas Barnes, CEO and General Council, Municipal Insurance Association of BC regarding 2008 MIABC Dividends.

REPORTS:

- R1 March 12, 2009 report from Faye Salisbury, Corporate Officer regarding BC Activity Coordinator's Association Conference - September 24 - 26, 2009 Dawson Creek, BC.
- R-2 March 28, 2009 report from Ron Storie, Manager of Community Services regarding Emergency Management BC (EMBC) funds and application for Sukunka River Erosion Project.
- R-3 March 28, 2009 report from Ron Storie, Manager of Community Services regarding Emergency Management BC funds (EMBC) and application for Rolla Dyke Erosion Project.
- R-4 March 30, 2009 report from Ron Storie, Manager of Community Services regarding the Enabling Accessibility Fund Project: Wheelchair Access to Dawson Creek PRRD Office.
- R-5 March 20, 2009 report from Karen Goodings, Chair - Electoral Area Directors' Committee regarding recommendations from the March 19, 2009 meeting.
- R-6 March 30, 2009 report from Director White regarding attendance at the Municipal Finance Authority of BC AGM on March 25-26, 2009.
- R-7 April 2, 2009 report from Faye Salisbury, regarding a change of date and location for the Committee of the Whole Planning Workshop.

BY-LAWS:

- B-1 Zoning Amendment By-law No. 1845, 2009 (Wieler)
    - a) March 18, 2009 report from Tim Donegan, Land Use Planner;
    - b) "Peace River Regional District Zoning Amendment By-law No.1845, 2009".
- CONSIDERATION OF THIRD READING AND ADOPTION

Adoption of Agenda -  
continued

RD/09/04/02 continued:

- B-2 OCP and Zoning Amendment By-laws No. 1849 and 1850, 2009 (Hawryluk)  
a) March 30, 2009 report from Jodi MacLean, Land Use Planner;  
b) "Dawson Creek Official Community Plan Amendment By-law No. 1849, 2009"; and  
c) "Peace River Regional District Zoning Amendment By-law No. 1850, 2009".  
d) Public Hearing Meeting Minutes of April 7, 2009.

CONSIDERATION OF THIRD READING

DIARY:

NEW BUSINESS:

NB-1 Update on the North Peace Official Community Plan

NB-2 Recognition Act

NB-3 Conservation Officer

NB-4 Charlie Lake Caves

NB-5 Charcoal from Waste Wood

NB-6 SemCAMS Invitation

APPOINTMENTS:

CONSENT CALENDAR: (to be distributed at the meeting for information)

MA-1 Emergency Executive Committee Meeting Minutes of January 15, 2009

MA-2 Emergency Executive Committee Meeting Minutes of March 12, 2009

MA-3 Electoral Area Directors' Committee Meeting Minutes of March 19, 2009.

MA-4 Rural Budgets Administration Committee Meeting Minutes of March 19, 2009.

CA-1 March 20, 2009 letter from The Honourable Kevin Krueger, Minister of Community Development regarding investments the ministry is making in the region.

CA-2 March 2009 Board Meeting Highlights newsletter from the Municipal Insurance Association of BC

RA-1 April 7, 2009 update report regarding BC Hydro 2009/2010 Revenue Requirements Application

NOTICE OF MOTION: (for the next meeting)

MEDIA QUESTIONS: (on agenda items and business discussed at the meeting)

ADJOURNMENT:

CARRIED.

MINUTES:

5) M-1  
Regional Board  
Meeting Minutes of  
March 26, 2009

RD/09/04/03

MOVED by Director Caton, SECONDED by Director Hiebert,  
that the Regional Board Meeting Minutes of March 26, 2009 be adopted as amended on  
page 8, item 26, R-9, Resolution RD/09/03/20 (26):

- a) change the word "*utilizing*" to "*installing*" so the line reads: "...area by installing a  
tower located on Bullhead Mountain: and"  
b) change the word "whey" to "when" so the line reads: "...to discuss broadband  
communication when they come".

CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE:

6) C-1  
Indian and Northern  
Affairs Canada  
Re: Proposed Addition  
to Reserve, Blueberry  
River First Nation

RD/09/04/04

MOVED by Director Lantz, SECONDED by Director Caton,  
that staff investigate the tax implications to the Regional District of the removal of  
properties from the Regional District and the proposed addition of them to the Blueberry  
River First Nation reserve and report back to the Board.

CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE (continued):

7) C-3  
UBCM Electoral Area  
Directors Meeting

RD/09/04/05  
MOVED by Director Jarvis, SECONDED by Director Hadland,  
that any rural director wishing to attend the Union of BC Municipalities Electoral Area  
Directors Meeting scheduled for June 26, 2009 in Richmond, BC, be authorized to do so.  
CARRIED.

8) C-5  
BC Bottle Depot  
Association  
Re: Used Beverage  
Container / Electronics  
Stewardship Programs

RD/09/04/06  
MOVED by Alternate Director Christensen, SECONDED by Director Hadland,  
that a letter be forwarded to the BC Bottle Depot Association indicating the Regional  
Board's support with respect to inadequacies of the existing Product Stewardship  
Programs in the Peace region, with a copy to the Honourable Barry Penner, Minister of  
Environment.  
CARRIED.

RD/09/04/07  
MOVED by Director Lantz, SECONDED by Alternate Director Christensen,  
that staff be authorized to prepare a late resolution for submission to the North Central  
Municipal Association and the Union of British Columbia Municipalities that will address  
regional product stewardship recycling concerns; and that a copy be sent to the member  
municipalities requesting their support.  
CARRIED.

DELEGATIONS (continued):

9) D-2  
Alliance Pipeline

Trevor Loberg, Team  
Leader, Grande Prairie  
Harold Kraft, VP  
Engineering and  
Construction  
Rebecca Sullivan  
Irvin Wai

Mr. Trevor Loberg, Team Leader, Grande Prairie introduced Mr. Harold Kraft, VP  
Engineering and Construction as well as Rebecca Sullivan and Irvin Wai of Alliance  
Pipeline were in attendance to give an update on Alliance's Compressor Station. Mr.  
Loberg began with a PowerPoint presentation which displayed the length of the pipeline  
commencing in Taylor and where the various compressor stations and offices are located  
along the pipeline. During the nine months of construction, the company contributed  
more then \$1.8 million to the local economy and contributes \$1.738 million in property  
tax to various northeastern BC communities.

Re: Update: Alliance's  
Taylor Compressor  
Station

They currently have eight receipt points in northeast BC and are planning to expand into  
the Montney and Horn basins. Alliance will be working with shippers to determine  
whether pipe looping and/or compression options will be required in the future, after  
investigating the possibility of maximizing existing infrastructure and systems.

A question and answer period followed.

Chair Goodings thanked the delegation for their presentation. The delegation left the  
meeting at 11:20 a.m.

10) Recess

The meeting recessed at 11:20 a.m. for official funding announcements by the Federal  
and Provincial governments; followed by lunch.

The Honourable Jay Hill, Progressive Conservative Member of Parliament, Prince George-Peace River and The Honourable Blair Lekstrom, Member of Legislative Assembly, Peace River South and Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources delivered announcements of Federal and Provincial government funding in the boardroom of the Peace River Regional District for the seven member municipalities and the Peace River Regional District.

11) Reconvene Following lunch, the meeting reconvened at 1:20 p.m.

REPORTS:

12) R-1 RD/09/04/08  
March 12, 2009 report MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Bernier,  
from Faye Salisbury re: that the Regional Board provide a grant of \$1,000 to the British Columbia Activity  
BC Activity Coordinator's Association Conference, September 24 - 26, 2009, in Dawson Creek, BC. CARRIED.  
Coordinator's Association Conference

13) R-2 RD/09/04/09  
March 28, 2009 report MOVED by Director Caton, SECONDED by Director Alternate Norris,  
from Ron Storie re: a) that Option #3 in the Sukunka River Erosion Project, prepared by Mr. Bob Costerton  
Sukunka River Erosion Project for the construction of 580 meters of rip-rap at an estimated cost of \$680,000,  
along the Sukunka River be approved;  
b) that, subject to receiving an Emergency Management BC (EMBC) grant, the Regional District commits to paying its ten percent (10%) share, of the Sukunka River Erosion Project; and  
c) that the Regional District's share may be funded by a combination of taxation and long-term debt to be determined by the Regional Board of the day. For long-term debt, the Regional Board commits to passing a by-law, subject to any and all necessary electoral approvals, approving such borrowing within nine (9) months of the announcement for funding under the Emergency Management BC Building Canada Funding. CARRIED.

14) R-3 RD/09/04/10  
March 28, 2009 report MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Bernier,  
from Ron Storie re: a) that, subject to receiving a Emergency Management BC grant, the Regional District  
Emergency Rolla Dyke Erosion Project commits to paying its ten percent (10%) share, of the Rolla Dyke Erosion project;  
and  
b) that the Regional District's share may be funded by a combination of taxation and long-term debt to be determined by the Regional Board of the day. For long-term debt, the Regional Board commits to passing a by-law, subject to any and all necessary electoral approvals, approving such borrowing within nine (9) months of the announcement for funding under the Emergency Management BC Building Canada Funding. CARRIED.

REPORTS (continued):

15) R-4  
March 28, 2009 report  
from Ron Storie re:  
Wheel Chair Access  
Project

RD/09/04/11  
MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Alternate Christensen,  
a) that the Regional Board approve five-thousand dollars (\$5,000) from the  
Administrative consulting budget to hire a structural engineer to design a  
wheelchair access structure to the Peace River Regional District Dawson Creek office;  
and  
b) that the Regional Board authorize the submission of an application to the Enabling  
Accessibility Fund for construction of this project once designed.

CARRIED.

16) R-5  
March 20, 2009 report  
from Karen Goodings  
re: March 19, 2009  
EADC meeting  
recommendations  
Re: *Railway Safety Act*

RD/09/04/12  
MOVED by Director Caton, SECONDED by Director Hadland,  
that a meeting with the Honourable Jay Hill, Member of Parliament, Prince George–Peace  
River be arranged to discuss lobbying the Federal Government for the reinstatement of  
sections of the *Railway Safety Act* regulations governing the payment of maintenance and  
materials for fencing on private property and other matters as covered in the 2007 UBCM  
resolution.

CARRIED.

Re: Non-Farm Use  
Applications

RD/09/04/13  
MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Caton,  
that the current procedure regarding non-farm use applications for oil and gas activities  
be amended to include a mandatory requirement that applicants include the 'line list' or  
'consultation list' as part of the application process, to ensure that landowners within the  
vicinity have been adequately apprised of the proposed development.

CARRIED

Re: Regional Gas  
Distribution System

RD/09/04/14  
MOVED by Director Hadland, SECONDED by Director Caton,  
that the Regional Board investigate the possibility of the Regional District establishing a  
regional function for the ownership and provision of natural gas wells and distribution  
system throughout the Regional District.

CARRIED

Re: Heritage Fund for  
the Peace Region

RD/09/04/15  
MOVED by Director Hadland, SECONDED by Alternate Director Norris,  
that the Regional District pursue the establishment of a "Legacy Fund for the Peace  
Region" as part of the energy strategy, utilizing gas, natural gas, coal and oil that are  
produced within the region.

CARRIED

Re: Clearview School  
Gymnasium  
Expansion

RD/09/04/16  
MOVED by Director Jarvis, SECONDED by Director Hadland,  
that Director Goodings be authorized to meet with the Board of Trustees, School District  
No. 60 to discuss the Clearview School gymnasium expansion and that staff be requested  
to arrange the meeting.

CARRIED.

REPORTS (continued):

17) R-7 RD/09/04/17  
April 2, 2009 report MOVED by Director Lantz, SECONDED by Alternate Director Johnson,  
from Faye Salisbury re: that the April 29, 2009 Committee of the Whole - Planning Workshop be rescheduled to  
Committee of the Whole Thursday, April 30, 2009 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Dawson Creek Regional District  
Planning Workshop office.  
CARRIED.

BY-LAWS:

18) B-1 RD/09/04/18  
Zoning Amendment By- MOVED by Director Caton, SECONDED by Director Hadland,  
law No. 1845, 2009 that "Peace River Regional District Zoning Amendment By-law No. 1845, 2009" be given  
(Weiler) third reading.  
CARRIED.

RD/09/04/19  
MOVED by Director Caton, SECONDED by Director Hadland,  
that "Peace River Regional District Zoning Amendment By-law No. 1845, 2009" be  
adopted.  
CARRIED.

19) B-2 RD/09/04/20  
OCP and Zoning MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Bernier,  
Amendment By-law's that "Dawson Creek Official Community Plan Amendment By-law No. 1849, 2009" be  
No. 1849 and 1850, given third reading.  
2009 (Hawryluk) CARRIED.

RD/09/04/21  
MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Bernier,  
that "Peace River Regional District Zoning Amendment By-law No. 1850, 2009" be given  
third reading.  
CARRIED.

DIARY

20) Regional Diary/ RD/09/04/22  
Agenda Preparation MOVED by Director Caton, SECONDED by Director Hiebert,  
Schedule/ Schedule of that the April 9, 2009 Regional Diary/ Agenda Preparation Schedule/ Schedule of Events  
Events be received.  
CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS:

21) NB-1 The Directors were advised that a meeting with the advisory groups has been set for May,  
NP OCP 2009.



DELEGATIONS (continued):

22) D-3  
BC Assessment Authority  
(1:55 pm)

Mr. Scott Sitter, Deputy Assessor was in attendance to explain the assessment process for petroleum properties. He briefly described the assessment process for all nine classifications: residential, utilities, supportive housing, major industry, light industry, business and other, managed forest land, recreational/non-profit and farm.

Scott Sitter, Deputy  
Assessor

Re: Petroleum Property  
Assessments

He then explained the assessment process for petroleum properties. Land on which wellsites and facilities are located is assessed at market value while pipeline rights-of-way values are set by commissioner's rates. Improvements such as buildings, towers, stacks, foundations, pipelines, solar panels, larger tanks, berms, etc. are assessed by either the legislated cost manuals or by commissioner's rates.

He also explained that staff now monitors the Oil and Gas Commission website to determine when new rights-of-way have been issued in order to assess the property as soon as the pipeline is in the ground as registration of rights-of-way can take up to two years. He further explained that camps are assessed depending on whether they are commercial, where anyone can stay; or residential, exclusively for a particular company, which is a much lower rate similar to the hotel or motel rate. There are a few missed pipelines but those are mostly very old ones. With the new process for capturing new activity as it occurs, all petroleum developments are now on the assessment roll.

Chair Goodings thanked Mr. Sitter for his presentation. Mr. Sitter left the meeting at 2:40 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS (continued):

23) NB-2  
*Recognition and  
Reconciliation Act*  
Discussion Paper

Director Hadland requested that each director be provided with a copy of the *Recognition and Reconciliation Act* Discussion Paper prepared by the Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation.

24) NB-3  
Conservation Officer  
Vehicles

The Board was advised that all Conservation Officer vehicles are now locked up in compounds when not in use which is causing delays for the officers to respond to complaints.

25) NB-4  
Charlie Lake Caves

RD/09/04/23  
MOVED by Director Lantz, SECONDED by Director Hadland,  
that staff be requested to prepare a report on the feasibility of developing the Charlie Lake caves as a tourist attraction through a partnership with the Federal and Provincial governments, the City of Fort St. John and the Regional District.

CARRIED.

Staff was requested to contact the landowner first to ascertain if he/they are willing to allow the public onto their property.

26) NB-5  
Charcoal from Waste  
Wood

The information from Ms. Barbara Moritz regarding the development of charcoal from waste wood was referred to staff to investigate.

NEW BUSINESS (continued):

27) NB-6 RD/09/04/24  
SemCAMS Invitation MOVED by Director Caton, SECONDED by Director Lantz,  
that Director Hiebert be authorized to attend the SemCAMS proposed Red Willow Project  
Assess Management Open House scheduled for April 20, 2009 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at  
the Best Western Dawson Creek Inn.

CARRIED.

28) Consent Calendar RD/09/04/25  
MOVED by Director Bernier, SECONDED by Director Lantz,  
that the April 9 2009 Consent Calendar be received.

CARRIED.

29) Adjournment RD/09/04/26  
MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Lantz,  
that the meeting adjourn.

CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 2:55 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 April 9, 2009 in the Regional District Office Boardroom, Dawson Creek, BC.

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Fred Banham, Chief Administrative Officer