



PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

APRIL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: April 23, 2009

TIME: 10 a.m.

PLACE: Carpet Room, North Peace Cultural Centre, Fort St. John, BC

PRESENT: Directors
Director Goodings, Chair
Director Hadland
Director Lantz
Director Jarvis
Director Clark
Director Caton
Director Ackerman
Director Bernier

Alternate Directors
Alternate Director Nichols
Alternate Director Moody
Alternate Director McKay
Alternate Director Johnson

Absent
Director Hiebert
Director Saugstad
Director White
Director Anderson

Staff

Fred Banham, Chief Administrative Officer
Faye Salisbury, Corporate Officer
Bruce Simard, General Manager of Development Services
Barb Coburn, Secretary, Recorder

Others

Tessa Holloway, Alaska Highway News
Christine Rumleskie, Moose FM
Matthew Bains, Northeast News
Chris Curt, CJDC TV News
Greg Amos, Dawson Creek Daily News
Joseph Teiber, Grandhaven
Laurel Hadland, Area 'C' constituent
Gary Loiselle
Todd Tripp, Managing Director, NP Airport Service

D-1 BC Single Transferable Vote (STV) Campaign

Sandra Hoffman, Regional Organizer
Wilf Chelle

D-2 District of Taylor

Bill Rapanos, Consultant

D-3 AltaGas

Marc Boucher, Manager, Projects
Adrienne Hartley, Team Leader, Communications and Community

- 1) Call to Order The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

DIRECTORS NOTICE OF NEW BUSINESS:

- Director Caton Fort St. John Landfill conditions
Northeast Regional Advisory Committee (NERAC) Alternate appointments

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

- 2) Adoption of Agenda RD/09/04/01 (23)
MOVED by Director Bernier, SECONDED by Director Hadland,
that the Peace River Regional District agenda for the April 23, 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:

MINUTES:

M-1 Regional Board Meeting Minutes of April 9, 2009.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

NB-1 Fort St. John Landfill conditions.

NB-2 Northeast Regional Advisory Committee alternate appointments

DELEGATIONS:

D-1 BC Single Transferable Vote (STV) Campaign

Sandra Hoffman, Regional Organizer

Wilf Chelle

Re: Electoral Reform for May 12 Referendum

D-2 District of Taylor

Bill Rapanos, Consultant

Re: General Development Plan for Peace Island Park

D-3 AltaGas

Marc Boucher, Manager, Projects

Adrienne Hartley, Team Leader, Communications and Community

Re: Update on Bear Mountain Wind Park

PETITIONS:

CORRESPONDENCE:

C-1 March 19, 2009 letter from Robert Hobson, President, Union of British Columbia Municipalities regarding Access Awareness Day, Saturday, June 6, 2009.

C-2 April 6, 2009 letter from Robert Hobson, President, Union of British Columbia Municipalities regarding Election Readiness Strategy.

C-3 April 9, 2009 News Release from Jake Jacobs, Public Affairs Officer, Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources regarding the Energy Plan Report on Progress.

C-4 April 14, 2009 invitation from Charles Jago, Chair Northern Health regarding NCMA Annual General Meeting in Dawson Creek, BC from May 6 to 8, 2009.

C-5 April 15, 2009 email from Judy Kucharuk, Footprint Management Systems Inc. regarding thanking the Regional District support for the Northern Women's Symposium.

C-6 April 23, 2009 announcement from ConocoPhillips regarding a Community Update, on Wednesday, April 29, 2009 at McLeod Community Hall/School.

REPORTS:

R-1 April 8, 2009 ALR Subdivision Application Report 38/2009 (Thompson) from Tim Donegan, Land Use Planner.

R-2 April 6, 2009 ALR Subdivision Application Report 39/2009 (Beattie) from Jodi MacLean, Land Use Planner.

R-3 April 7, 2009 ALR Subdivision Application Report 40/2009 (Beattie) from Jodi MacLean, Land Use Planner.

R-4 April 8, 2009 ALR Non-farm Use Report 41/2009 (Loiselle Investments Ltd.) from Jodi MacLean, South Peace Land Use Planner.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA (continued):

2) Adoption of Agenda RD/09/04/01 (23)continued:
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REPORTS (continued):

- R-5 April 15, 2009 report from Shannon Anderson, General Manager of Environmental Services regarding Clairmont / Grandhaven Subdivision - Build Canada Application.
- R-6 April 16, 2009 report from Faye Salisbury, Corporate Officer regarding Failure to File Disclosure Statement.
- R-7 April 16, 2009 report from Shannon Anderson, General Manager of Environmental Services regarding Inadequacies of the BC Product Stewardship Recycling Program.
- R-8 April 16, 2009 report from Shannon Anderson, General Manager of Environmental Services regarding the 2009 Spring Clean-up Campaign.
- R-9 April 14, 2009 report from Fred Banham, Chief Administrative Officer regarding the 2009 First Quarter CAO's Report.

BY-LAWS:

B-1 Remuneration and Expense By-law No. 1851, 2009

- a) April 7, 2009 Report from Kim Frech, Chief Financial Officer; and
- b) "Remuneration and Expense By-law No. 1851, 2009".

CONSIDERATION OF FIRST THREE READINGS AND ADOPTION.

B-2 Zoning Amendment By-law No. 1852, 2009 (North Peace Regional Airport)

- a) April 8, 2009 Report from Fred Banham, Chief Administrative Officer; and
- b) "Peace River Regional District Zoning Amendment By-law No. 1852, 2009".

CONSIDERATION OF FIRST AND SECOND READINGS AND AUTHORIZATION OF PUBLIC HEARING.

DIARY:

NEW BUSINESS:

- NB-1 Fort St. John Landfill conditions
- NB-2 Northeast Regional Advisory Committee Alternate appointments

APPOINTMENTS:

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

- MA-1 Fort St. John Airport Subdivision regarding Water and Sewer rates Public Information Meeting Notes.
- MA-2 Emergency Executive Committee Meeting Minutes of April 16, 2009
- MA-3 Electoral Area Directors' Committee Meeting Minutes of April 16, 2009
- MA-4 Rural Budgets Administration Committee Meeting Minutes of April 16, 2009
- CA-1 April 8, 2009 letter from The Honourable Blair Lekstrom, Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources regarding minimum setback distance between oil and gas activity and public places.
- CA-2 Letter from the Honourable Ron Cantelon, Minister of Agriculture and Lands, received April 20, 2009, regarding a grant for the noxious weed and invasive plant program.
- RA-1 March 2009 Monthly Building Permit Report.

NOTICE OF MOTION: (for the next meeting)

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

ADJOURNMENT:

CARRIED.

MINUTES:

3) M-1
Regional Board
Meeting Minutes of
April 9, 2009

RD/09/04/02 (23)
MOVED by Alternate Director Moody, SECONDED by Director Caton,
that the Regional Board Meeting Minutes of April 9, 2009 be adopted.

CARRIED.

REPORTS:

4) Vary Agenda

RD/09/04/03 (23)

MOVED by Alternate Director Moody, SECONDED by Director Caton,
that the Agenda be varied to deal with Item R-4 at this time.

CARRIED.

5) R-4

ALR Subdivision
Application 41/2009
(Loiselle Investments
Ltd.)

RD/09/04/04 (23)

MOVED by Alternate Director Moody, SECONDED by Director Ackerman,
that Mr. Gary Loiselle be granted permission to speak from the gallery regarding his
application.

CARRIED.

Mr. Loiselle explained that the application is now for a fifty-plus megawatt wind park. He is anxious to get the process started as it will take some time to complete all the assessments and wind testing that is required prior to beginning the actual construction of the park. He further advised that an assessment review would be required, either provincial or federal, depending on the end result of the wind testing, the amount of power that the testing will indicate can be generated and the next call for power. He stated that he has investors interested in the project but they would like some assurances that the project can proceed.

RD/09/04/05 (23)

MOVED by Director Bernier, SECONDED by Alternate Director Moody,
that the Regional Board support Agricultural Land Reserve Non-farm Use Application
No. 41/2009 for Loiselle Investments Ltd. to construct and operate a wind farm over
Sections 28 and 29, Township 77, Range 15, W6M, PRD and authorize the application to
proceed to the Agricultural Land Commission on the basis that it is consistent with the
Official Community Plan.

RD/09/04/06 (23)

MOVED by Director Caton, SECONDED by Director Ackerman,
that the motion be amended by adding to the end of the motion the following:
'and on the understanding that the project will trigger an Environmental Assessment
Review'.

The Chair called the question on the amending motion.

CARRIED.

The Chair called the question on the motion as amended as follows:

that the Regional Board support Agricultural Land Reserve Non-farm Use Application
No. 41/2009 for Loiselle Investments Ltd. to construct and operate a wind farm over
Sections 28 and 29, Township 77, Range 15, W6M, PRD and authorize the application to
proceed to the Agricultural Land Commission on the basis that it is consistent with the
Official Community Plan and on the understanding that the project will trigger an
Environmental Assessment Review.

CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- 6) C-4
Northern Health - NCMA
AGM
- RD/09/04/07 (23)
MOVED by Director Lantz, SECONDED by Director Hadland,
a) that staff arrange a meeting with Northern Health during the North Central Municipal Association Convention in Dawson Creek, BC on May 6 to 8, 2009 to discuss the following subjects:
i) dental services;
ii) cardiac care services;
iii) palliative care; and
iv) an update on the Fort St. John hospital; and
b) that any Director who wishes to attend the meeting with Northern Health is authorized to do so.

CARRIED.

- 7) C-5
Northern Women's
Symposium
- RD/09/04/08 (23)
MOVED by Director Bernier, SECONDED by Director Jarvis,
that the Chair or her designate be authorized to attend the Northern Women's Symposium in Taylor, BC on May 5, 2009 is authorized to do so.

CARRIED.

- 8) C-6
ConocoPhillips
Community Update
- RD/09/04/09 (23)
MOVED by Director Bernier, SECONDED by Director Ackerman,
that any Director wishing to attend the Community Update hosted by ConocoPhillips at the McLeod Community Hall/School on April 29, 2009 be authorized to do so.

CARRIED.

REPORTS:

- 9) R-1
ALR Subdivision
Application 38/2009
(Thompson)
- RD/09/04/10 (23)
MOVED by Director Caton, SECONDED by Director Ackerman,
that the Regional Board support Agricultural Land Reserve Subdivision Application No. 38/2009 for Marion Thompson to subdivide about 4 hectares (10 acres) from the northwest quarter of Section 24, Township 84, Range 17, W6M, PRD, except Parcel A in order to provide a residence for the owner's family and authorize the application to proceed to the Agricultural Land Commission on the basis that it conforms to the Official Community Plan.

CARRIED.

- 10) Recess
The meeting recessed at 10:54 a.m.

- 11) Reconvene
The meeting reconvened at 11:02 p.m.

DELEGATIONS:

- 12) D-1
BC-STV Campaign
Sandra Hoffman and
Wilf Chelle
Re: Electoral Reform
- Ms. Sandra Hoffman and Mr. Wilf Chelle attended the meeting to give an informal presentation regarding the BC Single Transferable Vote (STV) and the upcoming referendum on electoral reform. Ms. Hoffman and Mr. Chelle are volunteers with Fair Voting BC and were providing information about the proportional type of electoral reform as recommended by the Citizens' Assembly.

DELEGATIONS (continued):

- 12) D-1 (continued) A group of a wide range of people from varied backgrounds were put together to review the various means of voting around the world. As a result of their research, the group concentrated on the single transferrable vote system as it was deemed to be the most proportionally fair means of electing candidates and was preferred by both the residents and the elected officials that were interviewed.

Ms. Hoffman demonstrated how the vote works and why it was considered a fair manner by which to vote. Mr. Chelle further explained that this system of voting allowed all votes to be counted as the elector had the opportunity to rank all or none of the candidates rather than being restricted to choosing a single candidate or party. Each eligible resident has the option to vote for only one candidate or to rank some or all of the candidates on a ballot, depending on the elector's preference. The candidate is then chosen in accordance to the popular vote, which would give smaller parties or independent candidates a better chance at being elected to represent the people. Mr. Chelle noted that the last time this question was presented to British Columbians it was approved by a fifty-eight point six percent (58.6%) vote; however, the government of the day required that the vote pass by a sixty percent (60%) margin.

The delegates advised that there is more information and further explanations on the BC Single Transferrable Vote website at www.stv.ca.

The Chair thanked the delegation after a brief question and answer period. The delegation left the meeting at 11:39 a.m.

REPORTS (continued):

- 13) R-2 RD/09/04/11 (23)
ALR Subdivision MOVED by Alternate Director Moody, SECONDED by Director Clark,
Application 39/2009 that the Regional Board refuse to authorize Agricultural Land Reserve Subdivision
(Beattie) Application No. 39/2009 for Arnold Beattie to subdivide about 63 hectares (155 acres)
from the northeast quarter of Section 24, Township 78, Range 14, W6M, PRD, except
Parcel A (8533M) and Plans 5641 and 17856 to proceed to the Agricultural Land
Commission on the basis that it is inconsistent with the Official Community Plan and
zoning by-laws.

CARRIED.

- 14) R-3 RD/09/04/12 (23)
ALR Subdivision MOVED by Alternate Director Moody, SECONDED by Director Clark,
Application 40/2009 that the Regional Board support Agricultural Land Reserve Subdivision Application
(Beattie) No. 40/2009 for Arnold Beattie to subdivide about 64 hectares (158 acres) from the
southwest quarter of Section 25, Township 78, Range 14, W6M, PRD, except Plan 17856
in order to sever the home site from the quarter section; and authorize the application to
proceed to the Agricultural Land Commission on the basis that it qualifies as a
subdivision under Section 946 of the *Local Government Act*.

CARRIED.

REPORTS (continued):

15) R-5
April 15, 2009 report
from Shannon
Anderson re: Clairmont/
Grandhaven Subdivision

RD/09/04/13 (23)

MOVED by Director Hadland, SECONDED by Director Ackerman,

- a) that, subject to receiving a Build Canada grant, the Regional District commits to paying its one-third share of the Clairmont / Grandhaven Subdivision community sewer project; and
- b) that the Regional District's share be funded by a combination of taxation, Electoral Area Fair Share funds and long-term debt to be determined by the Regional Board of the day. For the 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 Build Canada Grant Program.

CARRIED.

16) R-7
April 16, 2009 report
from Shannon
Anderson re:
Inadequacies of the BC
Product Stewardship
Recycling Program

RD/09/04/14 (23)

MOVED by Director Ackerman, SECONDED by Director Lantz,

that the Regional Board support the following late resolution to the North Central Municipal Association:

Inadequacies of the BC Product Stewardship Recycling Program

WHEREAS, existing BC Produce Stewardship Programs which include tires, paint, electronics and beverage containers are funded through the collection of environmental handling fees paid by consumers at the time of product purchase;

AND WHEREAS, many smaller municipalities and regional districts are not being properly serviced by the various product stewards and as a result bear the additional costs of product collection and disposal;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the North Central Municipal Association and the Union of British Columbia Municipalities lobby the BC Provincial Government to undertake a complete review of all existing BC Stewardship Programs to ensure that all communities in British Columbia are receiving the full benefit of the existing stewardship programs before the Ministry of Environment moves on to develop programs for new stewardship products.

CARRIED.

BY-LAWS:

17) B-1
Remuneration and
Expense By-law No.
1851, 2009

RD/09/04/15 (23)

MOVED by Director Caton, SECONDED by Director Lantz,

that "Remuneration and Expense By-law No. 1851, 2009" be referred to staff to identify other costs, such as reimbursement for internet services and submit the by-law as amended to the next Board meeting.

CARRIED.

18) Recess

The meeting recessed at 11:50 a.m. for lunch

19) Reconvene

The meeting reconvened at 12:55 p.m.

BY-LAWS (continued):

20) B-2
Zoning Amendment By-law No. 1852, 2009
(North Peace Regional Airport)

RD/09/04/16 (23)
MOVED by Director Hadland, SECONDED by Director Lantz, that Mr. Todd Tripp, Managing Director of the North Peace Airport Services be granted permission to speak from the gallery regarding the proposed new developments for the North Peace Regional Airport Development Plan.

CARRIED.

Mr. Tripp explained that the development plan is a review of current property use that would help to tidy-up the property and present a better picture for travellers arriving at the airport. It proposes to group the various types of business together in designated areas to create a more efficient airport. He further explained that a study was undertaken to determine what is in place and what could change for future development.

During the study, discussions took place with the various users to allow them input into the document. The proposal is to provide development guidelines for such things as:

- helicopter pads away from the main terminal and closer to each hanger to allow rotary-winged air traffic to land without interfering with fixed-wing traffic;
- non-commercial aircraft access to the airport and building a separate facility where pilots can gather while their passengers are doing business in town; and
- identifying possible locations around the perimeter of the airport where homes could be built for those who wish to reside closer to their aircraft and hanger.

Mr. Simard explained that the public would have an opportunity to review the proposal through the Regional District's zoning process. He also noted that the airport is identified in the North Peace Fringe Area Official Community Plan. Public consultation is proposed for May 27, 2009 and the Official Community Plan Advisory Committee is scheduled to meet on May 30, 2009.

Mr. Tripp thanked the Regional District staff for all their assistance in putting the document together. The Chair thanked Mr. Tripp for coming to the meeting to explain what the society has in mind for the airport and expressed her pride in the services the society provides.

RD/09/04/17 (23)
MOVED by Director Hadland, SECONDED by Director Ackerman, that the Regional Board refer "Zoning Amendment By-law No. 1852, 2009" to the June 11, 2009 Regional Board meeting.

CARRIED.

DIARY

21) Regional Diary/
Agenda Preparation
Schedule/ Schedule of
Events

RD/09/04/18 (23)
MOVED by Director Caton, SECONDED by Director Clark, that Item 1, Pipeline Assessments, be removed from the Regional Diary.

CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS:

22) NB-1
NERAC Appointments

Director Caton explained that the Northeast Regional Advisory Committee (NERAC) requires a letter to identify that Director Hiebert is his alternate and that Director Hadland is the alternate for Director Goodings.

RD/09/04/19 (23)

MOVED by Director Caton, SECONDED by Director Hadland,
that a letter be forwarded to the Northeast Regional Advisory Committee to advise that Directors Hiebert and Hadland have been appointed as alternate representatives.

CARRIED.

23) NB-2
FSJ Landfill

Director Caton circulated some pictures that he had received that showed the state of the Fort St. John landfill.

Handout: Pictures and
CD

RD/09/04/20 (23)

MOVED by Director Caton, SECONDED by Director Lantz,
that the pictures and the condition of the Fort St. John landfill be referred to staff to investigate and report back through the Solid Waste Committee.

CARRIED.

DELEGATIONS (continued):

24) D-2
District of Taylor
Bill Rapanos, Consultant
Re: General
Development Plan for
Peace Island Park

Mr. Bill Rapanos, Consultant for the District of Taylor, reviewed the General Development Plans for the reconstruction of the Peace Island Park. He mentioned that he was very impressed by what that the park has to offer. He spoke to staff and councillors of the District of Taylor as well as user groups in the area and realized that the park was heavily used year-round for outdoor activities by both tourists and local communities.

Handout: copies of the
plans

He divided the park into five areas:

- the gateway with camping, boat launching and a playground activity area;
- the island camping area which is a prime family parking and camping area;
- the natural undeveloped part, which is the largest area of the park and offers a place to walk through with plenty of wildlife viewing;
- an agriculture area that could be developed as allotment gardens or leased for farm-use; and
- a motorized recreation area that could be developed for such recreational vehicles as quads, motorcycles, bicycles and snowmobiles.

An area for swimming was considered and may be developed; however, there are strong currents in some areas so a safe swimming area would have to be constructed in manner that would protect swimmers while allowing the river to flow through. Some of the proposed development is to create a strong gateway with forty or more camping spaces, an improved waterfront view, better access to the boat launch, a path or roadway for vehicles to drive along and perhaps improve the outdoor gathering places to accommodate such activities as musical festivals.

After a brief discussion period, the Chair thanked Mr. Rapanos for the update and his presentation. Mr. Rapanos left the meeting at 1:55 p.m.

DELEGATIONS (continued):

25) D-3
Alta Gas

Re: Update on Bear
Mountain Wind Park

Mr. Marc Boucher, Manager Projects and Ms. Adrienne Hartley, Team Leader of Communications and Community were in attendance to present an update regarding the Bear Mountain Wind Park. The park will be a 102 megawatt wind farm that is located on Bear Mountain, 15 kilometres southwest of Dawson Creek. The site is a single row of 34 turbines, covering approximately 25 hectares. The Park is scheduled to be completed by November 2009.

Turbine components are being shipped from Germany to Thunder Bay, Ontario where they will be loaded onto trucks or railcars and should begin arriving in the Peace by May. There will be approximately five hundred truckloads arriving between May to mid-July this year. The trucks will by-pass Pouce Coupe by using Highway 49 from Alberta and by-pass Dawson Creek by using the Dangerous Goods Route. There will be a staging area along side the Dangerous Good Route where the towers will be assembled in order to minimize the footprint on Bear Mountain. They will then be taken to the park using Radar Lake Road which will be a radio-controlled, one-way route. The PowerPoint presentation included a short video that showed how the base of a tower is constructed and that it is completely underground. The project employs approximately one hundred workers on site, a mixture of Canadians and Germans. Each tower takes five teams twenty-three days to complete which is a rate of two turbines per week.

After a short question and answer period, the Chair thanked the delegation. The delegation left the meeting at 2:25 p.m.

26) Consent Calendar

RD/09/04/21 (23)

MOVED by Alternate Director Darryl Johnson, SECONDED by Director Clark, that the April 23 2009 Consent Calendar be received.

CARRIED.

27) Adjournment

RD/09/04/22 (23)

MOVED by Director Ackerman, SECONDED by Director Clark, that the meeting adjourn.

CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 2:28 p.m.

Barb Coburn, 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 April 23, 2009 in the Carpet Room, North Peace Cultural Centre, Fort St. John, BC.

Fred Banham, Chief Administrative Officer