



PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

MARCH BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: March 12, 2009

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

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

PRESENT: Directors
Director Goodings, Chair
Director Hiebert
Director Hadland
Director Saugstad
Director Lantz
Director Clark
Director Anderson
Director White
Director Caton
Director Ackerman
Director Jarvis
Director Bernier

Staff
Fred Banham, Chief Administrative Officer
Faye Salisbury, Corporate Officer
Shannon Anderson, General Manager of Environmental Services
Kim Frech, Chief Financial Officer
Debbie Kunz, Assistant Manager of Development Services
Ron Storie, Manager of Community Services
Sheila DeCosta, Secretary - Legislative Services, Recorder

Others
Tessa Holloway, Alaska Highway News
Greg Amos, Dawson Creek Daily News
Matthew Bains, Northeast News
Jamie Mauracher, CJDC News
Larry Houley, Alternate Director Area 'C'
Albert Erbe
Stan Pavlis
Lorraine Pavlis
Mary Miller
Edwin Gowman
Wayne Sawchuk
Gwen Johansson
Iva Tuttle
Barbara Swail
Andrea Fiedler, ARC Petroleum Inc.
Jeff Bezanson, ARC Petroleum Inc.
Darren Rosie, Sierra Land Consulting

D-1 – PEST
Brian Derfler
Ken John
David Craig

Prior to calling the meeting to order, the Chair provided time to hear of the news and events which have occurred in each community and electoral area.

- 1) Call to Order The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:17 a.m.

DIRECTORS NOTICE OF NEW BUSINESS:

Director Hiebert SemCAMS Pipeline Open House

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

- 2) Adoption of Agenda RD/09/03/01
MOVED by Director Ackerman, SECONDED by Director Clark,
that the Peace River Regional District agenda for the March 12, 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 February 26, 2009.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

BA-1 Re: page 8, item D-4

Northern Rockies Alaska Highway Tourism Association Proposed 2009-2010 Budget

DELEGATIONS:

D-1 Peace Environmental Safety Trustees (PEST)

Brian Derfler

Jane Parsons

Re: Concerns about drilling occurring in the Farmington area

PETITIONS:

CORRESPONDENCE:

C-1 Copy of the February 2, 2009 letter from the Paradise Snowmobile Association to the Honourable Blair Lekstrom, MLA and Minister of Energy and Mines regarding Petroleum Industry Conflicts & Registered Trail Systems.

C-2 Copy of the February 16, 2009 letter from the Central Coast Regional District to the Honourable Gordon Campbell, MLA and Premier of BC regarding the Use of Foundation Skills Assessment Test Scores.

C-3 February 17, 2009 letter from Barry O'Neil, President CUPE BC Division regarding the Report on Public Private Partnerships by forensic auditors.

* C-4 March 6, 2009 request for agenda items from the County of Grande Prairie for the Inter-Provincial & Inter-Municipal Peace Region Meeting scheduled for April 3, 2009.

REPORTS:

R-1 February 24, 2009 report from Karen Goodings, Chair, Electoral Area Directors' Committee regarding February 19, 2009 meeting recommendations.

R-2 March 3, 2009 ALR Non-Farm Use Report (ARC Petroleum) from Jodi MacLean, Land Use Planner.

R-3 March 2, 2009 report from Christina Wards, Assistant Treasurer regarding Court of Revision - Authenticating Parcel and Frontage Tax Rolls.

R-4 March 4, 2009 report from Shannon Anderson, General Manager of Environmental Services regarding the West Nile Risk Reduction Funding.

*R-5 March 10, 2009 report from Shannon Anderson, General Manager of Environmental Services regarding the Imperial / Harper Subdivision - Build Canada Application.

Adoption of Agenda -
continued

RD/09/03/01 continued:

BY-LAWS:

- B-1 North Peace Leisure Pool Boundary Amendment By-law No. 1826, 2008
a) February 20, 2009 report from Kim Frech, Chief Financial Officer; and
b) "North Peace Leisure Pool Boundary Amendment By-law No.1826, 2008";
CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION
- B-2 Zoning Amendment By-law No. 1845, 2009 (Wieler)
a) February 19, 2009 report from Tim Donegan, Land Use Planner;
b) "Peace River Regional District Zoning Amendment By-law No.1845, 2009".
CONSIDERATION OF FIRST AND SECOND READING AND AUTHORIZATION OF PUBLIC NOTIFICATION
- B-3 Fort St. John Airport Water & Sewer By-laws No. 1846 and 1847, 2009
a) March 4, 2009 report from Kim Frech, Chief Financial Officer,
b) "Fort St. John Airport Specified Area Water User Rates Amendment By-law No. 1846, 2009"; and
c) "Fort St. John Airport Specified Area Sewer User Rates Amendment By-law No. 1847, 2009".
CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION
- B-4 Annual Financial Plan By-law No. 1848, 2009
a) March 2, 2009 report from Kim Frech, Chief Financial Officer;
b) "Annual Financial Plan By-law No 1848, 2009. (under separate cover)
CONSIDERATION OF FIRST READING

DIARY:

- a) Regional Diary
b) Agenda Preparation Schedule
c) Schedule of Events

NEW BUSINESS:

NB-1 SemCAMS Open House

APPOINTMENTS:

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

- MA-1 Electoral Area Directors' Committee Budget Meeting Minutes of February 19, 2009.
MA-2 Rural Budgets Administration Committee Meeting Minutes of February 19, 2009.
MA-3 Solid Waste Committee Budget Meeting Minutes of February 26, 2009.
CA-1 February 20, 2009 letter from Sue Clark, Program Officer, Local Government Program Services regarding 2008 West Nile Prevention Initiative Completion.
CA-2 January/February Municipal Insurance Association's publication Tidbit Exchange.

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
February 26, 2009

RD/09/03/02

MOVED by Director Caton, SECONDED by Director Ackerman,
that the Regional Board Meeting Minutes of February 26, 2009 be adopted as amended
on page 5:

- Item 5) C-4 Resolution RD/09/02/04 (26) - change the word "endorse" to "forward a letter support for"; and
- Item 8) C-8 Resolution RD/09/02/08(26) - add "as requested by Frank Breault." at the end of the resolution.

CARRIED.

BUSINESS ARISING:

4) BA-1 RD/09/03/03
Re: Page 8, Item D-4
NRAHTA 2009-2010
Budget
MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Lantz,
that item BA-1 regarding the Northern Rockies Alaska Highway Tourism Association's
Proposed 2009-2010 Budget be tabled to later in the meeting when item B-4 is being
discussed.
CARRIED.

5) BA-2 RD/09/03/04
Re: Resolution to NCMA
re: Role Change for BC
Hydro
MOVED by Director Caton, SECONDED by Director Ackerman,
that the following resolution be rescinded from the minutes of the February 26, 2009
meeting:

RD/09/02/46 (26)
MOVED by Director Ackerman, SECONDED by Director Hadland,
a) that the Regional Board and staff work together to finalize the draft resolution
submitted by Director Hadland regarding encouraging BC Hydro to focus on
renewable energy sources; and
b) that the final resolution be forwarded to all directors for comment, prior to
submitting it to the North Central Municipal Association by the March 6, 2009
deadline.

CARRIED.

6) Vary Agenda RD/09/03/05
MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Lantz,
that the agenda be varied to deal with item B-4 at this time.
CARRIED.

BY-LAWS:

7) B-4
Annual Financial Plan
By-law No. 1848, 2009
Budget Discussions
Kim Frech, Chief Financial Officer presented a power point summary of the 2009
Financial Plan Budget to the Board and then continued the presentation by going over
the budget items a page at a time, offering opportunity for discussion and directors'
input. A few minor errors were noted for correction prior to second reading.

RD/09/03/06
MOVED by Director Caton, SECONDED by Director Hiebert,
that the Grants to Community Organizations requisition allotment to Northern Rockies
Alaska Highway Tourism Association be reduced to \$1 per capita; and that final approval
of the grant be subject to receipt of the organization's measurable goals and objectives.
NAYS 10 DEFEATED.

Re: Page 20 Grants to
Community
Organizations 2-414
Grants-in-aid - NHRATA
RD/09/03/07
MOVED by Director Caton, SECONDED by Director Ackerman,
that the Regional Board rename line item 2-414 as Grants-in-Aid-Tourism at \$1 per
capita in the 2009 Grants to Community Organizations budget.
CARRIED.

8) Adjourn to the Call of the Chair The meeting adjourned to the call of the Chair at 12:00 noon.

9) Re-call to Order Following lunch and the Regional Hospital District Meeting, the Chair re-called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

BY-LAWS: continued

B-4 - continued RD/09/03/08
Annual Financial Plan MOVED by Director Hadland, SECONDED by Director Ackerman,
By-law No. 1848, 2009 that an additional 100 thousand dollars be placed into the Regional Solid Waste
Management Cleanup budget, in the event that the fall clean up campaign is undertaken.
Budget Discussions - NAYS: 3 CARRIED.
continued

RD/09/03/09
Re: Regional Solid MOVED by Director Saugstad, SECONDED by Director Hiebert,
Waste Management that "Peace River Regional District Financial Plan By-law No. 1848, 2009" be given first
Fall Cleanup reading.
CARRIED.

RD/09/03/10
Re: Grant-in-Aid MOVED by Director Saugstad, SECONDED by Director Bernier,
Application Policy that staff be requested to prepare a policy for Grant-in-aid Applications, which would
outline the requirement for a statement of measurable goals, methodologies, anticipated
outcomes, and objectives; along with a full budget statement.
CARRIED.

RD/09/03/11
Re: Directors' Stipend MOVED by Director Saugstad, SECONDED by Director Hadland,
that the Regional Board consider freezing or reducing the Directors' stipend according to
whichever is the lesser of a "0" percent increase, or a negative rate of the consumer price
index for 2009.
CARRIED.

DELEGATION:

10) Peace Brian Derfler advocated for the group of residents in the Farmington area, Peace
Environmental Safety Trustees (PEST) who are concerned about 24 natural and sour gas
Trustees (PEST) wells being dug within 3 km of the Parkland School. They are concerned their lifestyle is
at stake and their future is becoming uncertain because of the lack of land use planning,
particularly around quality and standards for health protection. He feared they could
potentially become another Tom's Lake calamity. He asked for support from the Board
as they approach the Oil and Gas Commission as well as the Ministry of Energy, Mines
and Petroleum Resources regarding their concerns and suggestions.
Brian Derfler
Ken John
David Craig

RD/09/03/12
MOVED by Director Caton, SECONDED by Director Lantz,
that the Regional Board forward a letter to MLA Blair Lekstrom, Minister of Energy, Mines
and Petroleum Resources asking for a stay of industrial activity within a 2 km distance of
schools, at least until an official setback distance can be established.
CARRIED.

11) Recess The meeting recessed for coffee at 2:55 p.m.

12) Reconvene The meeting reconvened at 3:10 p.m.

13) Vary Agenda RD/09/03/13
MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Caton,
that the agenda be varied in order to deal with item R-2 at this time.

CARRIED.

Director Saugstad declared a financial interest in the ARC Petroleum agenda item and asked to be excused from the meeting at 3:11 p.m.

REPORTS:

14) R-2 RD/09/03/14
ALR Non-Farm Use MOVED by Director Hadland, SECONDED by Director Hiebert,
Application 9/2009 that any person in the gallery who wishes to speak to ALR Non-Farm Use Application
(ARC Petroleum) 9/2009 (ARC Petroleum) be given permission to do so.

CARRIED.

Wayne Sawchuk and Mary Miller who are affected landowners in the Rolla area voiced their concerns and gave suggestions for easing the negative effects of the plant site. Jeff Bezanson, ARC Petroleum Inc. referred to the company's three year public consultation process and plans which had been altered because of feedback received. He said they were still working toward resolving outstanding concerns.

RD/09/03/15
MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Caton,
that the Regional Board support ALR Non-Farm Use Application 9/2009 for
ARC Petroleum Inc. to build a plant site with about 2016 m² (21,700 ft²) of aggregate
equipment floor area, over a 7 ha (17 acre) fenced area; and authorize the application
to proceed to the Agricultural Land Commission.
NAYS: 3 Directors Hadland, White, Ackerman

CARRIED.

RD/09/03/16
MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Lantz,
that the Regional Board forward a letter to ARC Petroleum requesting that the company
take into consideration the concerns expressed by the residents within the 3 km radius of
the proposed plant site, i.e. buffer zone using trees, make plant site buildings
aesthetically pleasing to the eye.

CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE: Director Saugstad returned to the meeting at 3:38 p.m.

15) C-4 RD/09/03/17
Inter-Provincial & Inter- MOVED by Director Caton, SECONDED by Director Hiebert,
Municipal Peace Region that any director wishing to attend the Inter-Provincial & Inter-Municipal Peace Region
Meeting April 3, 2009 Meeting scheduled for April 3, 2009 in Grande Prairie, Alberta be authorized to do so.

CARRIED.

REPORTS: continued

16) R-1
EADC February 19,
2009 meeting
recommendations

RD/09/03/18
MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Ackerman,
that the following recommendations be referred back to the Electoral Area Directors'
Committee for further discussion:

re: Non-farm Use
Application Procedure
Amendment

Recommendation 2
*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.*

re: CN Rail Fencing
Issue Resolution to
NCMA

Recommendation 3
*that a resolution be forwarded to the North Central Municipal Association
regarding CN Rail fencing issues.*

CARRIED.

17) R-3
March 2, 2009 report
from Christina Wards re:
Court of Revision -
Authenticating Parcel
and Frontage Tax Rolls

RD/09/03/19
MOVED by Director Ackerman, SECONDED by Director Hadland,
a) that the 2009 Court of Revision be held on March 19, 2009 at 10:15 a.m., in the
Regional District office, Dawson Creek, BC; and
b) that the following Directors be appointed to sit for authentication of the assessment
rolls:
Director Wayne Hiebert
Director Karen Goodings or Alternate
Director Arthur Hadland or Alternate

CARRIED.

18) R-4
March 4, 2009 report
from Shannon
Anderson re: West Nile
Risk Reduction Funding

RD/09/03/20
MOVED by Director Ackerman, SECONDED by Director Hiebert,
a) that staff be authorized to submit an application to the Union of BC Municipalities,
for the 2009 West Nile Risk Reduction Funding program; and
b) that the Regional District enter into a partnership agreement with Northern Health,
for the purposes of operating a West Nile virus monitoring and surveillance program
for the region.

CARRIED.

19) R-5
March 10, 2009 report
from Shannon
Anderson re: Imperial /
Harper Subdivision
- Build Canada
Application

RD/09/03/21
MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Ackerman,
a) that, subject to receiving a Build Canada grant, the Regional District commits to
paying its 1/3 share, of the Imperial / Harper Subdivision community sewer 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 9 (nine) months of
the announcement for funding under the Build Canada Grant Program.

CARRIED.

BY-LAWS:

20) B-1 RD/09/03/22
North Peace Leisure MOVED by Director Saugstad, SECONDED by Director Clark,
Pool Boundary that "North Peace Leisure Pool Boundary Amendment By-law No. 1826, 2008" be
Amendment By-law No. adopted.
1826, 2008 CARRIED.

21) B-2 RD/09/03/23
Zoning Amendment By- MOVED by Director Caton, SECONDED by Director Hiebert,
law No. 1845, 2009 a) that "Peace River Regional District Zoning Amendment By-law No. 1845, 2009" be
(Wieler) 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.

22) B-3 RD/09/03/24
Fort St. John Airport MOVED by Director Ackerman, SECONDED by Director Lantz,
Water and Sewer By- that the handout March 11, 2009 report from Kim Frech, Chief Financial Officer
laws No. 1846 and regarding a correction to By-laws 1846 and 1847, 2009 be received.
1847, 2009 CARRIED.

RD/09/03/25
Handout: March 11, MOVED by Director Ackerman, SECONDED by Director Lantz,
2009 report from Kim that third reading of "Fort St. John Airport Specified Area Water User Rates Amendment
Frech re: Correction to By Law No. 1846, 2009" be rescinded.
Bylaws 1846 and 1847, CARRIED.
2009

RD/09/03/26
Revised By-laws 1846 MOVED by Director Saugstad, SECONDED by Director Hiebert,
and 1847, 2009 that third reading of "Fort St. John Airport Specified Area Sewer User Rates Amendment
By Law No. 1847, 2009" be rescinded.
CARRIED.

RD/09/03/27
MOVED by Director Lantz, SECONDED by Director Anderson,
that revised "Fort St. John Airport Specified Area Water User Rates Amendment By Law
No. 1846, 2009" and revised "Fort St. John Airport Specified Area Sewer User Rates
Amendment By Law No. 1847, 2009" be given third reading.
NAYS: 2 Directors Hadland and White CARRIED.

RD/09/03/28
MOVED by Director Ackerman, SECONDED by Director Bernier,
that "Fort St. John Airport Specified Area Water User Rates Amendment By Law No.
1846, 2009" be adopted.
NAYS: 2 Directors Hadland and White CARRIED.

RD/09/03/29
MOVED by Director Ackerman, SECONDED by Director Bernier,
that "Fort St. John Airport Specified Area Sewer User Rates Amendment By Law No.
1847, 2009" be adopted.
NAYS: 2 Directors Hadland and White CARRIED.

DIARY

23) Regional Diary/
Agenda Preparation
Schedule/ Schedule of
Events RD/09/03/30
MOVED by Director Lantz, SECONDED by Director Bernier,
that the Regional Diary/ Agenda Preparation Schedule/ Schedule of Events be received.
CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS:

24) NB-1
SemCAMS Pipeline
Open House Director Hiebert reported on his attendance at the March 2, 2009 SemCAMS Pipeline
Open House. He stated that the majority of the attendees were contractors looking for
work.

25) Permission to add
a new item of business RD/09/03/31
MOVED by Director Hadland, SECONDED by Director Caton,
that permission be granted to add a new item of business at this time.
CARRIED.

26) NB-2
North Peace Fringe
Area Official Community
Plan Advisory
Committee RD/09/03/32
MOVED by Director Hadland, SECONDED by Director Caton,
that the Regional Board appoint Larry Houley as a citizen member to the North Peace
Fringe Area Official Community Plan Advisory Committee.
CARRIED.

27) Consent Calendar RD/09/03/33
MOVED by Director Lantz, SECONDED by Director Hiebert,
that the March 12, 2009 consent calendar be received.
CARRIED.

28) Adjournment RD/09/03/34
MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Jarvis,
that the meeting adjourn.
CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 4:20 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 March 12, 2009 in the Regional District Office Board Room, Dawson Creek, BC.

Fred Banham, Chief Administrative Officer