



# PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

## MAY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: May 28, 2009

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

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

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

Alternate Directors  
Alternate Director Mackay

Absent  
Director White

### Staff

Fred Banham, Chief Administrative Officer  
Faye Salisbury, Corporate Officer  
Bruce Simard, General Manager of Development Services  
Sheila DeCosta, Secretary – Legislative Services, Recorder

### Others

Kassi Loiselle, NLC Applied Business Technology Student  
Tessa Holloway, Alaska Highway News  
Greg Amos, Dawson Creek Daily News

### D-1 RCMP

Sergeant Kurt Peats, NCO South Peace Traffic Services

### D-1 SONS

Jean Leahy, President  
Margaret Little, Vice President  
Jim Little

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. She also introduced Kassi Loiselle, Applied Business Technology Student from Northern Lights College, who would be observing the meeting today prior to her two week practicum with the Regional District.

1) Call to Order                      The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m.

DIRECTORS NOTICE OF NEW BUSINESS:

Chair Goodings	Appointment to Public Advisory Group
Director Saugstad	Ridley Terminal - Handouts
Director Hadland	Carbon Tax

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

2) Adoption of Agenda RD/09/05/01 (28)  
MOVED by Director Bernier, SECONDED by Director Hadland,  
that the Peace River Regional District agenda for the May 28, 2009 meeting, including  
Director's new business 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 May 14, 2009.
5. Business Arising from the Minutes
6. Delegations  
D-1 RCMP, Sgt. Kurt Peats, NCO South Peace Traffic Services regarding Update on Traffic Services.  
D-2 Save Our Northern Seniors - Jean Leahy, President regarding the Community Health Guide.
7. Petitions
8. Correspondence  
C-1 Copy of April 30, 2009 - Ministry of Community Development to Larry Houley, regarding the role of local governments.  
C-2 Copy of May 6, 2009 - Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources to Larry Houley, regarding the role of local governments.  
C-3 May 6, 2009 - UBCM Resolutions Coordinator regarding 2008 resolutions put forward by the Board.  
C-4 May 6, 2009 - School District 60 feedback regarding the City of Burnaby's report on "Disposal of Lands or Improvement Order".  
C-5 May 11, 2009 - Enbridge Northern Gateway Pipelines - invitation to stakeholder meetings in June and July.  
C-6 May 15, 2009 - Peace River Organic Producers Association - invitation to June 3, 2009 Andrew Nikiforuk presentation.  
C-7 May 31, June 1-2, 2009 Rural Health Workforce Symposium.
9. Reports  
R-1 May 11, 2009 Development Variance Permit Report 58/2009 from Tim Donegan - Bueckert.  
R-2 May 11, 2009 - Kim Frech regarding Effect of Proposed Addition to Blueberry River First Nation Reserve.  
R-3 May 22, 2009 - Fred Banham regarding the Hudson's Bay Company Cemetery - request from North Peace Cemetery Seekers.
10. By-laws  
B-1 Zoning Amendment By-law No. 1835, 2009 (Peace Vale Dairy)
  - a) May 15, 2009 report from Tim Donegan, Land Use Planner;
  - b) "Peace River Regional District Zoning Amendment By-law No. 1835, 2008".CONSIDERATION OF THIRD READING AND ADOPTION  
B-2 Zoning Amendment By-law No. 1858, 2009 (Loberg)
  - a) May 14, 2009 report from Jodi MacLean, Land Use Planner,
  - b) "Peace River Regional District Zoning Amendment By-law No. 1858, 2009".CONSIDERATION OF FIRST READING AND THAT A PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING BE HELD PRIOR TO SECOND READING

Adoption of Agenda -  
continued

RD/09/05/01 (28) continued:

- B-3 Zoning Amendment By-law No.1859, 2009 (Milligan Creek Farm)
  - a) May 14, 2009 report from Tim Donegan, Land Use Planner;
  - b) "Peace River Regional District Zoning Amendment By-law No. 1859, 2009"  
CONSIDERATION OF FIRST AND SECOND READING AND AUTHORIZATION FOR PUBLIC NOTIFICATION
- 11. Diary
  - a) Regional Diary
  - b) Agenda Preparation Schedule
  - c) Schedule of Events
- 12. New Business
  - NB-1 Appointment to Public Advisory Group
  - NB-2 Ridley Terminal
  - NB-3 Carbon Tax
- 13. Appointments
- 14. Consent Calendar
  - CA-1 May 8, 2009 - Kim Carter, Ombudsman regarding the Early Resolution Process.
  - CA-2 Municipal Insurance Association of BC - March / April Tidbit Exchange.
- 15. Notice of Motion
- 16. Media Questions
- 17. Adjournment

CARRIED.

MINUTES:

3) M-1  
Regional Board  
Meeting Minutes of  
May 14, 2009

RD/09/05/02 (28)  
MOVED by Director Lantz, SECONDED by Director Hadland,  
that the Regional Board Meeting Minutes of May 14, 2009 be adopted.

CARRIED.

4) BA-1  
Re: NB-1 Cargill  
Elevator in Fort St. John

In response to Director Lantz's question, the Chair advised that Cargill Canada has not replied yet to the Boards' request to meet to discuss alternatives to its proposed elevator demolition.

CORRESPONDENCE:

5) C-5  
Enbridge Northern  
Gateway Stakeholder  
Meetings

RD/09/05/03 (28)  
MOVED by Director Saugstad, SECONDED by Director Ackerman,  
that one Director of the Peace River Regional District be authorized to attend one of the Community Advisory Board meetings scheduled for the Enbridge Northern Gateway Project, which will be held in various locations in BC and Alberta in the months of June and July.

CARRIED.

6) C-6  
Peace River Organic  
Producers Association  
Invitation

RD/09/05/04 (28)  
MOVED by Director Ackerman, SECONDED by Director Clark  
that any Director wishing to attend the June 3, 2009 public talk and discussion regarding the interface between oil and gas, farming and water issues in the region, with author Andrew Nikiforuk, be authorized to do so.  
NAYS: 1 Director Bernier

CARRIED.

DELEGATIONS:

7) D-1 RCMP  
Sgt. Kurt Peats  
NCO South Peace Traffic  
Services  
Re: Update on Services

Sergeant Kurt Peats, who has been in charge of the RCMP South Peace Traffic Services and Dawson Creek Integrated Road Safety Unit since April of 2008 provided historical background, the present mandate, and future plans related to highway patrol services on all numbered highways throughout the South Peace. He reported that the average annual number of fatalities in the region is three to five, however ten deaths have occurred already in the first quarter of 2009. If you add the fourteen deaths that occurred in the North Peace, this represents twenty-four families that have been torn apart, in his view, for no good reason. He described highway fatalities as being "homicides with skid marks", and that the RCMP needs to thoroughly investigate highway accident scenes as criminal investigations. Living in northern B.C., travellers are two and one-half times more likely to die in a highway accident than in the south. He provided enforcement statistics which showed that this area had the highest amount of enforcement in northern B.C. At present, there are seven officers, including two from Chetwynd who work to reduce accidents through increased targeted enforcement. Advances have been made over the past year with the addition of a full time criminal crash investigation team who has pursued criminal charges on nearly all of the recent fatal crashes.

A discussion period ensued with the following points discussed:

- portable traffic cameras will be installed at the most dangerous intersections;
- lines are currently being painted for aircraft patrol ;
- reduction in speed when passing emergency vehicle law coming to BC in June;
- cell phone usage and texting causing accidents;
- false highway construction signs irritating drivers;
- length of time being taken for forensic audits;
- farm equipment exceeding highway width allowance; and
- steep sloped ditches being a problem for emergency vehicles.

Director Jarvis arrived in the meeting at 11:26 a.m.

Sergeant Peats closed his presentation by stating there are three "E's" that make up the component of traffic: Engineering / Education / and Enforcement. He admitted he takes a hard line regarding enforcement, but makes no apology as three hundred and twenty travellers were needlessly killed on the province's highways last year.

The Chair thanked Sergeant Peats on behalf of the Board for being so candid and vigilant in guarding the safety of travellers in this region.

8) Recess

The meeting recessed for coffee at 11:27 a.m.

9) Reconvene

The meeting reconvened at 11:42 a.m.

DELEGATIONS: continued

10) D-2 SONS  
Jean Leahy, President  
Re: Community Health  
Guide

Jean Leahy, President, Save Our Northern Seniors along with Margaret Little, Vice President and James Little were present in the meeting to deliver their long awaited *Your Community Health Guide publication*. As advocates for seniors in the North Peace, the group compiled the all inclusive directory for assisting seniors in contacting appropriate health and community services. Although this directory reflects contact information for the North Peace, the group is open to including information from the South Peace and its member communities in its next printing. If any municipality would like their own section, they were invited to contact SONS at 250-785-3245 with the information.

The group expressed appreciation to the Board of the Peace River Regional District for the funding it provided toward making the project a reality. Ms. Leahy stated that the colors and large sized font were chosen particularly with the visually impaired in mind. Ten thousand copies are being distributed throughout the region. They were pleased to offer boxes of the publication to each director for distribution in his/her municipality or electoral area.

Director Lantz complimented SONS on the publication, stating it is possibly the best he has seen of this type in all communities across Canada. He asked if the group had shared this beyond the local area and offered to take several copies with him when he meets with the Minister of Health. Director Ackerman offered to drop some copies off at the upcoming 2009 Rural Health Workshop Symposium in Prince George.

Chair Goodings suggested that the publication be shared with the North Central Municipal Association as an incentive and standard for other communities to follow.

11) Recess

The meeting recessed for luncheon at 11:52 a.m.

12) Reconvene

The meeting reconvened at 12:55 p.m.

REPORTS:

13) R-1  
Development Variance  
Permit Application  
No.58/2009  
(Bueckert)

RD/09/05/05 (28)  
MOVED by Director Hadland, SECONDED by Director Lantz,  
that the Regional Board approve issuance of Development Variance Permit No. 58/2009 to Bernie and Heidi Bueckert to vary the REAR PARCEL LINE setback of Lot 3, Plan 11226, Section 30, Township 83, Range 18, W6M, PRD, from the required minimum of 3.0 m (10 ft.) to 1.2 m (4 ft), in order to construct an addition to an existing shop, on the following condition:

- That the proposed addition to the existing shop be built without windows facing the rear parcel line of the subject property, in order to reduce any fire hazard.

CARRIED.

REPORTS: continued

14) R-2  
May 11, 2009 report  
from Kim Frech re:  
Effect of Proposed  
Addition to Blueberry  
River First Nation  
Reserve

RD/09/05/06 (28)  
MOVED by Director Saugstad, SECONDED by Director Hiebert,  
that the Regional Board forward a letter to the Department of Indian Affairs advising that  
the Board will support the application to add 168 hectares of the Blueberry River First  
Nation into reserve lands, on condition that the ongoing annual tax loss to the Peace  
River Regional District be compensated for.

CARRIED.

15) R-3  
May 22, 2009 report  
from Fred Banham and  
Ron Storie re: Request  
from North Peace  
Cemetery Seekers  
re: Hudson's Bay  
Company Cemetery

RD/09/05/07 (28)  
MOVED by Director Hadland, SECONDED by Director Ackerman,  
that the Regional Board include the Hudson's Bay Company Cemetery (Registration No.  
15255) located on Lot 9, Block 1, Section 19, Township 83, Range 18, W6M Peace River  
District Plan 14194 (PID 010-496-581) on the Peace River Regional District Heritage  
Register established under Bylaw 1105, 1997.

CARRIED.

BY-LAWS:

16) B-1  
Zoning Amendment  
By-law No. 206, 2008  
(Peace Vale Dairy Farm  
Ltd.)

RD/09/05/08 (28)  
MOVED by Director Ackerman, SECONDED by Director Anderson,  
that "Peace River Regional District Zoning Amendment By-law No. 1835, 2008" be given  
third reading.  
NAYS: 4 Directors Hadland, Caton, Goodings, and Lantz

CARRIED.

RD/09/05/09 (28)  
MOVED by Director Ackerman, SECONDED by Director Anderson,  
that "Peace River Regional District Zoning Amendment By-law No. 1835, 2008" be  
adopted.  
NAYS: 4 Directors Hadland, Caton, Goodings, and Lantz

CARRIED.

BY-LAWS: continued

- 17) B-2  
Zoning Amendment  
By-law No. 1858, 2009  
(Loberg)
- RD/09/05/10 (28)  
MOVED by Director Caton, SECONDED by Director Hiebert,
- a) that "Peace River Regional District Zoning Amendment By-law No. 1858, 2009 be given first reading;
  - b) that a public information meeting be scheduled prior to second reading;
  - c) that the applicant be required to submit a Preliminary Site Development and Drainage Plan prior to a public information meeting, prepared by a professional experienced in such work, to illustrate how the development will address specific sections of the Lakeshore Development Guidelines pertaining to:  
Section 8.1 Single Lot Development Construction  
Section 8.1.2 Site Layout and Clearing  
Section 8.1.3 Soil Erosion Control  
Section 8.1.4 Drainage and Sediment Control  
Section 8.1.8 Road Construction;
  - d) that final consideration of the zoning amendment by-law be subject to Regional Board approval of the Site Development and Drainage Plan and which may also include registration of a restrictive covenant to implement the Plan; and
  - e) that final consideration of the zoning amendment by-law be subject to the applicant preparing and registering a restrictive covenant on the land title as follows:
    - 1) that a 15 metre natural vegetation leave strip from the high water mark be established, except that a beach area may be cleared which measures no more than 4.5 metres from the high water mark and not more that 50% of the lot width up to 15 metres;
    - 2) that a 15 metre building setback from the high water mark be established; and
    - 3) that a 55 metre minimum parcel frontage be established.

CARRIED.

- 18) B-3  
Zoning Amendment  
By-law No. 1859, 2009  
(Milligan Creek Farm)
- RD/09/05/11 (28)  
MOVED by Director Hadland, SECONDED by Director Caton,
- a) that "Peace River Regional District Zoning Amendment By-law No. 1859, 2009" be given first and second readings; and
  - b) that the holding of a public hearing be waived 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.

DIARY

- 19) Regional Diary/  
Agenda Preparation  
Schedule/ Schedule of  
Events
- RD/09/05/12 (28)  
MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Jarvis,  
that the Regional Diary/ Agenda Preparation Schedule/ Schedule of Events be received.

CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 20) NB-1 RD/09/05/13 (28)  
Appointment to Public Advisory Group  
MOVED by Director Caton, SECONDED by Director Hadland,  
that Director Jarvis be appointed as the Peace River Regional District representative to  
the Fort St. John Results Based Pilot Project Public Advisory Group.  
CARRIED.
- 21) NB-2 RD/09/05/14 (28)  
Ridley Terminal  
- Handouts  
MOVED by Director Saugstad, SECONDED by Director Ackerman,  
that the Peace River Regional District add its name to the list of supporters for the Ridley  
Terminal be maintained as a publicly owned port facility.  
CARRIED.
- RD/09/05/15 (28)  
MOVED by Director Jarvis, SECONDED by Director Caton,  
that a separate letter be also forwarded on behalf of the Peace River Regional District in  
support of keeping the Ridley Terminal as a public asset.  
CARRIED.
- 22) NB-3 RD/09/05/16 (28)  
Carbon Tax  
MOVED by Director Bernier, SECONDED by Director Hadland,  
that the Regional Board forward a letter to the North Central Municipal Association  
requesting a status report on all resolutions which relate to the Carbon Tax to determine  
where NCMA is at with them and what the next steps are.  
CARRIED.
- 23) Permission for RD/09/05/17 (28)  
Closed Meeting  
MOVED by Director Caton, SECONDED by Director Lantz,  
that pursuant to Section 90 (1) g of the *Community Charter*, permission be granted to  
resolve to a closed session for the Peace River Regional District.  
CARRIED.
- Members of the public left the room and the meeting resolved to the closed session  
at 1:38 p.m.
- 24) Recall to Order Following the closed meeting, the Chair re-called the meeting to order at 2:15 p.m.
- 25) Adjournment RD/09/05/18 (28)  
MOVED by Director Caton, SECONDED by Director Bernier,  
that the meeting adjourn.  
CARRIED.
- The meeting adjourned at 2:16 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 May 28, 2009 in the Regional District Office Board Room, Dawson Creek, BC.

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Fred Banham, Chief Administrative Officer