



# North Peace Fringe Area - Official Community Plan Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

## Notes

February 16, 2009 - Time: 1:30 pm

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Attendance: Jennifer Jeyes, Northern Health Authority (NH)  
Jennifer Decker, City of Fort St. John  
Yvonne Pearson, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MOTI)  
Terry Johnston, District of Taylor  
Doug Boyd, School District No. 60 (SD No. 60)  
Viva Wolf, Oil and Gas Commission  
Richard Bader, Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum (conference call)  
Mathew Justice, Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum (conference call)

Regional District      Debbie Kunz, Assistant Manager of Development Services  
Bruce Simard, Manager of Development Services

1. **Meeting** called to order at 1:30 pm.
2. **TAC Minutes dated October 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2008, was received.** Copies of today meeting minutes will be circulated to all agencies.
3. No business arising from minutes at this time.
4. The following comments were received from each representative present:

### City of Fort St. John

- The City indicated they have no major concerns with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Draft.
- Section 1.3.1 Policy 10 Re: Sewer and Water; better reflects the limited opportunity of extension of services to the rural area from the city. The city's priority at this time remains to be providing services within the municipal boundaries.
- City remains to support the 'Agriculture' designation for properties lying east of the by-pass road, across from the location of the new hospital (NE ¼ 5-84-18). This property did receive conditional approval from the Agriculture Land Commission for Exclusion from the ALR and for Heavy Industrial use, subject to this land being successfully rezoned for such use.
- Support the 4 areas identified as priority areas to investigate for either new or expanded sewer services.

### OCP

- No further changes requested.

### Oil and Gas Commission (OGC)

- Province has passed the Oil and Gas Activities Act (OGA) of which OGC is drafting the implementing regulations.
- Ben Mitchell-Banks is contact person with OGC, for further information on 'how to participate in the drafting of the regulations'. To date OGC has been in contact with such groups as Custodians of the Peace Country, Cattlemen Association, First Nations and NEEMAC members for input into these regulations.

### OCP

- No further changes requested.

**MEMPR**

- Letter is being draft to the Regional District regarding their position on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Draft.
- In summary, it is not the provinces intention to retain the “Northeast Resource Review Area’ (NPRRA) indefinitely. EMPR would like to work with the Regional District to identify mechanisms to maintain the areas designated for residential development within the 2<sup>nd</sup> Draft OCP; and that these discussions start immediately, and that once mechanisms are established and in place, the NPRRA be lifted.
- In the OCP’s Work Plan (Sec. 15.12 - pg. 59) a ‘Long term strategy plan’ is referenced, which is proposed to deal with new and existing Oil and Gas tenures in the OCP - this is proposed as a short term ‘to do’ project.

OCP

- Letter forthcoming from EMPR re: NP Resource Review Area.

**District of Taylor**

- District of Taylor is in general support of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Draft.
- South Taylor Management area, it is hoped that such recreation activities such as a ‘Quad track’ would not be supported in this area, due to the immediate impacts to the existing residential use in this area. It was noted that a ‘Parks Management Plan’ would address such proposals and their appropriate location. (referenced in Sec.10, Parks and in Sec. 15.12 Work Plan, pgs. 35 and 59 respectively)
- It was clarified that below the 410 ft elevation line, ‘no new permanent dwellings’ are to be located. Such out buildings for campground use, would be permitted.
- It was noted that the North Peace Regional Airport Development Plan, as referenced in Sec. 11, Policy 23, pg. 40 has been completed.
- It was noted that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Draft emphasizes importance to ‘protect the air shed’ in this region.

OCP

- No further changes requested.

**Regional District**

OCP

- It was noted that the Plan will recognize the Regional District participation, in the review process for proposed Site C Project.

**Northern Health**

- NH is satisfied with OCP direction as it relates to on-site sewage disposal in the rural area.
- It was noted that this agencies act is now called ‘Public Health Act’. (Sec. 15.6 pge. 56)

OCP

- No further changes requested.

**Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure**

- Question was asked of OGC as it relates to ‘setbacks between new residential development and Sour/Sweet gas wells. It was noted that the new regulations being drafted for the OGA (Oil & Gas Act) is considering reciprocal setback distances.
- In reference to Home Based Businesses (HBB), this OCP gives direction to review the existing Zoning by-law re: how and where HBB are permitted in the rural area.

OCP

- No further changes requested.

**School District No. 60**

- General wording drafted into the OCP is supported, regarding the Regional District working together with SD No. 60 on possible future needs of a proposed School Site Acquisition.
- It was noted that within BC, the City of Fort St. John and the City of Surrey, remain to plan for growth in these two school areas.

- SD No. 60 noted their concern for children’s safety as it relates to ‘emergency planning zones and oil and gas activities in close proximity to institutional uses.

OCP

- No further changes requested.

**Ministry of Environment**

- On behalf of Scott Fraser, MOE has ‘no concerns or issues with 2<sup>nd</sup> Draft’. (comment received by email, Feb. 11, 2009)
5. **Work Plan Schedule and Time Line for NPFA-OCP**, was briefly reviewed, as attached.
  6. **Meeting terminated** at 2:30 pm.

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## 2<sup>ND</sup> DRAFT NORTH PEACE FRINGE AREA - OCP ACTION PLAN & TIMELINES – FEBRUARY, 2009

Participant	Action Plan	Target Date	Done
Regional Board	Regional Board – approves Committees, Action Plan & Time line for 2 <sup>nd</sup> Draft NPFA-OCP	<b>March 2008</b>	✓
TAC Meetings	<b>TAC Meetings</b> Obtain feedback on Issues as related to agency/municipal for 2 <sup>nd</sup> Draft OCP	April/October 2008	✓
AC Meetings	AC Meetings - Renewed Committee Drive-about and 6 meetings to refocus on Issues	April/May/June July/Oct 2008	✓
Planners AC & TAC & AAC	2 <sup>nd</sup> Draft NPFA-OCP - Revisions made & Committees Review	August	✓
Planners	<b>FINAL Revisions to 2<sup>nd</sup> DRAFT NPFA-OCP</b>	Oct/November	✓
* PUBLIC *	<b>Public Consultation Process</b> – 2 <sup>nd</sup> DRAFT OCP 8 week review time - Feb. 13 <sup>th</sup> 2009 deadline	Jan 20, 21 & 26 <b>2009</b>	✓
Planners	<b>Summary of Public Input</b> – Report and REVISE (text & maps)	March 2009	✓
First Nations	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Draft NPFA-OCP</b> mailed out for review and comments Doig River FN - Jan. 26 / Treaty 8 - Feb. 16	2009	✓
TAC	<b>TAC</b> review of Revised 2 <sup>nd</sup> Draft	February 16	✓
AC and AAC	<b>Joint Meeting</b> Review & Recommend 2 <sup>nd</sup> Draft NPFA-OCP as Revised. Present to Reg. Brd for consideration - By-law adoption procedure	April 2009	
ALC	<b>Meeting with Agriculture Land Commission</b>	April	
Regional Board	OCP By-law Adoption Procedure Begins Regional Board – considers NPFA-OCP By-law No. XXXX, 2009 OCP referred to Agriculture Land Commission Public Hearings (Revisions if Necessary) OCP sent to Minister for Approval Adoption of NPFA-OCP By-law No. XXXX, 2009	Spring 2009	

**Planners** – RD Development Service Staff  
**AC** – Renewed Advisory Committee  
**AAC** – Agriculture Advisory Committee

**EADC** – Electoral Area Directors Committee  
**TAC** – Technical Advisory Committee  
**ALC** – Agricultural Land Commission