



North Peace Fringe Area - Official Community Plan

Treaty 8 Tribal Association - Notes

February 16, 2009 - Time: 10:00 am

Attendance: Kiernan Broderik, Treaty 8 Tribal Association

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1. **Meeting** called to order at 1:30 pm.
2. The following comments were discussed in regards to the 2nd Draft NPFA-OCP:

Oil and Gas Activities

- What happened to the proposed 1 km setback for oil and gas activities from residential and public facilities?
- New Sec. 2 Resource - 'requests the provincial government to establish a set of standards that will include principles:
 - i) Based on best industrial practices and scientific knowledge for the protection of the environment and the public's health and safety;
 - ii) For utilizing the minimum amount of land for development;
 - iii) For regular evaluation, enforcement and updates to the guidelines in a timely fashion which keep pace to changes within the industry.
- The new Oil and Gas Act (OGA) was briefly discussed. It was noted that Treaty 8 has submitted some recommendations to the Draft Regulations for this Act, but are not certain that their recommendations have been considered.
- It is hoped that the regulations being prepared for the OGA will better address all people's health and safety.

Renewable Energy

- The draft plan does not mention 'renewable energy sources' ie. Wind projects.
- Discussion pursued around the topics of; Green House Gas (GHG) Emissions and Climate Change impacts, ie. ponderosa pine
- The plan mentions the Regional District's direction to 'work toward developing and meeting 'Carbon Neutral' goals (Sec. 1.4 Introduction, Goal No. 23, pg. 11, Sec. 10 Parks, Obj. No. 6)
- The Regional District has established a Climate Change Task Group to develop corporate and community GHG inventory and climate action plans for the PRRD and neighbouring municipalities.

Relationship with First Nations

- discussion was had in regards to the Regional District and First Nations working collaboratively towards a more engaged, open relationship.
- Ideas that have been pursued in other parts of the province have been establishing a MOU (Memo of Understanding) or a Protocol Agreement that sets out common goals and objectives to work towards that could include, but are not limited to:
 - Recognizing and respecting one another
 - Recognizing Treaty 8 Territorial lands
 - Identifying common issues of concern, ie. resource extraction impacts, or water protection
 - Work together to address climate change or special renewable energy projects
 - And other topics or issues.

OCP Changes

- **Sec. 1 Introduction (pg. 8)** - add in reference to First Nations
*'Once adopted, the OCP functions as a guide for residents, landowners, **First Nations** and stakeholders.*
 - **Sec. 1.4 Goals (pg. 11)** - add policy direction that supports initiatives that include 'renewable energy sources' ie. wind and geothermal projects.
 - Reference Regional District's Climate Action Work Group in the OCP and its purpose as it relates to possible future affects from climate change.
 - **Sec. 1.5 Broad Policies (pg. 14)** - add new sub-section referencing 'relationship between FN and PRRD
 - Mention of common goals as shared by First Nations and Regional District which may include investigation of:
 - i) Renewable Energy Sources; Reduction of Green House Gas emissions and affects of Climate Change
 - ii) Protection of water resource
 - iii) Concern for public's health and safety as related to impacts from resource extraction
 - **Sec. 10, Parks (pg. 35)** - add in reference to FN
*'To support and work collaboratively with all levels of government, **First Nations**, community organizations, public interest groups and all members of the community to provide a diverse range of recreational opportunities that may be enjoyed by residents and visitors of the plan...'*
3. **Meeting terminated** at 11:15 am.

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