



**PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT  
ELECTORAL AREA DIRECTORS' COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES**

DATE: August 13, 2015

PLACE: Regional District Office Boardroom, Dawson Creek, BC

PRESENT:

Directors: Karen Goodings, Director, Electoral Area 'B' and Meeting Chair  
Brad Sperling, Director, Electoral Area 'C'  
Leonard Hiebert, Director, Electoral Area 'D'  
Dan Rose, Director, Electoral Area 'E'

Staff: Shannon Anderson, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer  
Bruce Simard, General Manager of Development Services  
Fran Haughian, Communications Manager / Commission Liaison  
Trish Morgan, General Manager of Community Services and Electoral Areas  
Kim Frech, Chief Financial Officer  
Jo-Anne Frank, Corporate Officer (12:05 p.m.)  
Barb Coburn, Recording Secretary

Call to Order Chair Goodings called the meeting to order at 11:18 a.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

June 18, 2015 Agenda

MOVED by Director Hiebert SECONDED by Director Rose,  
That the Electoral Area Directors' Committee agenda for the August 13, 2015 meeting, including  
items of New Business, be adopted:

Call to Order: Director Goodings to Chair the meeting

Director's Notice of New Business:

Adoption of Agenda:

Adoption of Minutes:

M-1 Electoral Area Directors' Committee Meeting Minutes of July 16, 2015.

Business Arising from the Minutes:

Delegations:

1 p.m. D-1 Ken and Arlene Boon - Site C Concerns (via telephone)

2 p.m. D-2 Dave Heiberg and Gwen Johansson, District of Hudson's Hope - Site C Concerns (via  
telephone)

Correspondence:

C-1 August 3, 2015 - Bill Klassen - Health Care Aide.

C-2 August 3, 2015 - Mary Galus - Noise Firearms Bylaw - (Handout)

Reports:

R-1 July 9, 2015, Bruce Simard, General Manager of Development Services - Development  
Application Notification Signs.

R-2 July 24, 2015, Trish Morgan, General Manager of Community and Electoral Area Services -  
Follow-up Item from November 20, 2014 EADC - Discontinuation of a Service.

R-3 July 28, 2015, Chris Cvik, Chief Administrative Officer - 2015 UBCM - Electoral Area Directors'  
Forum.

R-4 August 4, 2015, Barb Coburn, Secretary - Referrals from the July 23 and August 6, 2015 Regional  
Board Meetings:

a) BC Hydro Presentation - Peace Region Electricity Supply Project;

b) July 31, 2015 - Ministry of Energy and Mines - Regulatory Exemption Proposal

c) Effects of the Proposed Site C on Water Aquifers in the Region.

d) August 5, 2015 - Ken and Arlene Boon - Comments on Site C License Application  
(Handout)

ADOPTION OF AGENDA (continued):

June 18, 2015 Agenda  
(continued)

Reports (continued):  
R-5 Jodi MacLean, Assistant Manager of Development Services - West Peace Fringe Area Official Community Plan Boundary (referred from the Regional Board).  
R-6 August 7, 2015 - Fran Haughian, Communications Manager / Commission Liaison - Communications and Public Engagement Plans for Referendum(s)  
New Business:  
NB-1 July 29, 2015 - Jacqueline Burton, Development Services Coordinator - ALR/OGC Non-farm Use Applications  
NB-2 Proposed \$2 Million Agriculture Fund  
NB-3 Solid Waste Clean-up Bins  
NB-4 Building Bylaw  
NB-5 Arlene Boon, Gwen Johansson and Dave Heiberg as Delegates regarding R-4.  
Communications:  
Diary:  
Adjournment:

CARRIED.

PERMISSION TO SPEAK

MOVED by Director Sperling, SECONDED by Director Rose,  
That Arlene Boon, Gwen Johansson and Dave Heiberg be authorized to speak.

CARRIED.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

M-1  
EADC meeting minutes of  
July 16, 2015

MOVED by Director Rose, SECONDED by Director Sperling,  
That the Electoral Area Directors' Committee Meeting minutes of July 16, 2015 be adopted.

CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE:

C-1  
Health Care Aide

MOVED by Director Sperling, SECONDED by Director Hiebert,  
That Director Goodings write a letter to Bill Klassen, Secretary, Prespatou Independent Housing Society to request more background information regarding his request for funding to sponsor Society staff to participate in the health care training offered at Northern Lights College.

CARRIED.

REPORTS:

R-1  
Development Application  
Notification Signs

MOVED by Director Rose, SECONDED by Director Sperling,  
That the Electoral Area Directors' Committee recommends to the Regional Board that staff bring forward an amended Development Application Procedures Bylaw for its consideration that includes the following amendments:

- that the Regional District provide applicants with development permit signs;
- that the Regional District stock-pile a number of the least-costly signs;
- that cost recovery be included in the application fee;
- that signs are not to be returned to the Regional District; and
- that the fee is non-refundable.

CARRIED.

R-2  
Discontinuation of a  
Service

The Directors were advised that municipalities can opt out of providing services to the Regional District at any time by using a cancellation or termination clause that is in most service agreements by submitting written notice prior to the agreement's end date.

Recess The meeting recessed at 12:12 noon for lunch

Reconvene The meeting reconvened at 12:50 p.m.

REPORTS (continued):

R-4 a)  
BC Hydro - Electricity  
Supply Project

MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Rose,  
That the Electoral Area Directors' Committee recommends to the Regional Board a letter be sent to Julie Chase, Director, Transmission and Inter-Jurisdiction, Electricity and Alternative Energy Division that, in reference to the Peace Regional Electricity Supply (PRES) project:

- a. the Peace River Regional District does not support an exemption from section 45(5) of the *Utilities Commission Act*;
- b. information be provided to the Regional District on how the project will be financed (e.g., through industry or general revenue); and
- c. the route chosen by BC Hydro must utilize an existing right-of-way and once chosen, public consultation must be conducted to gain feedback from the public.

CARRIED.

R-4 b)  
Regulatory Exemption  
Proposal

MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Sperling,  
That the Electoral Area Directors' Committee recommends to the Regional Board that a letter be sent to Julie Chase, Director, Transmission and Inter-Jurisdiction, Electricity and Alternative Energy Division that, in reference to the North Montney Power Supply (NMPS) project:

- a. the Peace River Regional District does not support an exemption from Part 3 of the *Utilities Commission Act*; and
- b. the project must receive a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity in order to extend service to the public in this area in the future.

CARRIED.

R-4 c)  
Site C Effects on Water  
Aquifers

MOVED by Director Sperling, SECONDED by Director Hiebert,  
That the Electoral Area Directors' Committee recommends to the Regional Board, that a letter be forwarded to the Water Management Branch of the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations, in support of local residents' concerns with the future inability to access viable underground aquifers resulting from flooding related to the Site C project; and further, requesting that the Ministry follow through with its commitment to hold a public meeting with affected residents on this issue.

CARRIED.

R-5  
West Peace Fringe Area  
Official Community Plan

MOVED by Director Rose, SECONDED by Director Hiebert,  
That the Electoral Area Directors' Committee recommends to the Regional Board that staff be requested to adjust the boundary of the West Peace Fringe Area Official Community Plan from Jackfish Road to the north, to include properties on Howe Road.

CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS:

NB-1  
ALR / OGC Non-farm Use  
Applications

MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Sperling,  
That the Electoral Area Directors' Committee recommends to the Regional Board that the ALR/OGC non-farm use application (167/2015) for Canbriam Energy Inc. be referred to the Cumulative Effects Task Force – Temporary Use Permit.

CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS (continued):

NB-2  
Proposed \$2 Million  
Agriculture Fund

MOVED by Director Sperling, SECONDED by Director Rose,  
That the Electoral Area Directors' Committee recommends to the Regional Board that a letter be sent to the Honourable Minister Norm Letnick, Minister of Agriculture, the Honourable Mike Bernier, Minister of Education and MLA, Peace River South, and Pat Pimm, MLA, Peace River North, requesting that the Electoral Area Directors be included on the committee that will develop the terms of reference for the Site C Agriculture Fund.

CARRIED.

NB-3  
Clean-up Bins

MOVED by Director Rose, SECONDED by Director Hiebert,  
That the Electoral Area Directors' Committee recommends to the Regional Board that the original program for bulky-waste, free-dumping bins at various rural locations within the Regional District be re-instated for spring and fall clean-up.

CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 4:02 p.m.

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Karen Goodings, Chair

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Barb Coburn, Recording Secretary