



# PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

## NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: November 26, 2009

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

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

PRESENT: Directors  
Director Caton, Vice Chair  
Director Hiebert  
Director Hadland  
Director Bernier  
Director Lantz  
Director Jarvis  
Director Anderson  
Director Ackerman  
Director White

Alternate Directors  
Alternate Director Kut  
Alternate Director Nichols

Absent  
Director Goodings (Chair)  
Director Clark  
Director Saugstad

### Staff

Fred Banham, Chief Administrative Officer  
Faye Salisbury, Corporate Officer  
Kim Frech, Chief Financial Officer  
Shannon Anderson, General Manager of Environmental Services  
Bruce Simard, General Manager of Development Services  
Sheila DeCosta, Secretary – Legislative Services, Recorder

### Others

Christine Rumleskie, Moose FM  
Matthew Bains, Northeast News

### Via Conference Call

Mike Lambert, Executive Director, Oil and Gas Division,  
Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources

### D-1

Rich McCrae, Curator of Palaeontology, Peace Region Palaeontology Research Centre  
Lisa Buckley, Collections Manager, PRPRC

1) Call to Order                      In the absence of the Chair, the Vice Chair called the meeting to order 10:09 a.m.

### DIRECTORS NOTICE OF NEW BUSINESS:

Director Bernier                      Provincial Review of Agricultural Land Commission Act  
Director Hadland                      Update request regarding gas leak in the Tomslake area

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

2) Adoption of Agenda

RD/09/11/01 (26)

MOVED by Director Bernier, SECONDED by Director Hadland, that the Peace River Regional District agenda for the November 26, 2009 meeting, including Director's new business and additional items for the agenda, 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 November 12, 2009.
5. Business Arising from the Minutes  
BA-1 Oil and Gas Activities Act - EPM Regulation  
Mike Lambert, Executive Director, Oil and Gas Division, MoEM&PR will now join the meeting via conference call to answer questions.  
- handout "Oil and Gas Activities Act - An Introduction" power point presentation
  - a) November 6, 2009 - Assistant Deputy Minister Goodman, Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources; and
  - b) Environmental Protection Management Regulation - Consultation Draft

6. Delegations

11 a.m. D-1 Peace Region Palaeontology Research Centre  
Rich McCrea, Curator of Palaeontology  
Lisa Buckley, Collections Manager  
Re: Recent Discovery

7. Petitions

8. Correspondence

- C-1 November 3, 2009 - SAFERhome Standards Society regarding membership.
- C-2 November 12, 2009 - Maxine Koppe, NCLGA regarding 2010 BC Rural Summit.
- C-3 November 10, 2009 - Minister of Tourism, Culture and the Arts regarding off road vehicles.
- C-4 November 16, 2009 - Director Hadland regarding Burrard Thermal Generating Plant.
- C-5 Integrated Cadastral Information Society - Member Profile regarding PRRD.
- C-6 November 4, 2009, Associate Deputy Minister, Ministry of Environment regarding Rocky Creek Energy Project.
- C-7 November 6, 2009, NCLGA regarding PRRD 2009 UBCM Gold Star Award.

9 Reports

- R-1 ALR Exclusion Application 161/2009 - Dyer.
- R-2 November 18, 2009 - Electoral Area Directors' Committee regarding RD Task Force Feed Back Request.
- R-3 November 19, 2009 - Fred Banham, CAO and Kim Frech, CFO regarding City of Dawson Creek Boundary Extension.
- R-4 November 19, 2009 - Fred Banham, CAO regarding ALC Stakeholder Meeting.

10. By-laws

- B-1 OCP and Zoning Amendment By-laws No. 1821 and 1822, 2008 (K&C Oilfield)
    - a) November 16, 2009 report from Owen Bloor;
    - b) "Dawson Creek Official Community Plan Amendment By-law No. 1821, 2008"; and
    - c) "Peace River Regional District Zoning Amendment By-law No. 1822, 2008".
- CONSIDERATION OF THIRD READING

11. Diary

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

12. New Business

- NB-1 November 19, 2009 - Director Hiebert regarding CSS Secure Landfill Bessborough.
- NB-2 November 20, 2009 - Director Bernier regarding Provincial Review of the Agricultural Land Commission Act.

Adoption of Agenda -  
continued

RD/09/11/01 (26) - continued

NB-3 November 26, 2009 - Director Hadland request for an update regarding the recent Gas Leak in the Tomslake area.

13. Appointments

14. Consent Calendar

MA-1 Harper and Imperial Subdivisions - Sewer Project Public Information Meeting Notes of November 18, 2009.

MA-2 South Peace Fringe Area OCP - Community Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of November 5, 2009.

CA-1 November 10, 2009, Chair Fort St. John Public Library Association thank you letter to Minister MacDiarmid.

CA-2 September / October Municipal Insurance Association Tidbit Exchange.

RA-1 Monthly Building Permit Report for October 2009.

15. Notice of Motion (for the next meeting):

16. Media Questions (on agenda items and business discussed at the meeting)

17. Adjournment

CARRIED.

MINUTES:

3) M-1  
Regional Board  
Meeting Minutes of  
November 12, 2009

RD/09/11/02 (26)

MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Hadland,  
that the Regional Board Meeting Minutes of November 12, 2009 be adopted with the  
following amendment on page one:

- list Director Lantz as absent.

CARRIED.

4) BA-1  
Oil and Gas Activities  
Act - EPM Regulation

Mike Lambert, Executive Director, Oil and Gas Division, Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources joined the meeting via conference call to give a presentation on the *Oil and Gas Activities Act (OGAA)*, particularly the Environmental Protection and Management Regulation.

Mike Lambert,  
Executive Director, Oil  
and Gas Division  
Ministry of Energy,  
Mines and Petroleum  
Resources

The OGAA passed in May of 2008, but legislation is not in force until the regulations which have been under development since February 2009, are complete. Presently consultations are being undertaken with stakeholders and local government. May 2010 is the Ministry's target date for completion.

- handout power point  
presentation  
"Oil and Gas Activities  
Act - An Introduction"

A question and answer period ensued with the following points discussed:

- this is the time to make comments and recommendations;
- a regulatory team is being put in place this winter;
- pre-permit regulations will allow for lots of local government input;
- the importance of the industry applicant knowing what the key values are;
- there will be a 15 day allowance period to appeal after an agreement has been reached between industry and the landowner;
- transitions regulations will be put in place;
- training sessions are occurring in Dawson Creek and Fort St. John;
- clarification was given of the difference between reserve and riparian management zones;
- when the mediation / arbitration board would come into play;
- there will be stand alone set back regulations for oil and gas activity around schools;

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BA-1 - continued

re: Oil and Gas  
Activities Act - EPM  
Regulation

Continuation of the question and answer period:

- what contributes to the industry preference toward private land rather than crown land;
- there needs to be more emphasis on the protection of water sheds;
- a technical water workshop is planned for January with the Peace River Regional District and other stakeholders;
- who is responsible for regulating keeping boundaries to a minimum; and
- the need to meet with the Peace River Regional District Board again.

RD/09/11/03 (26)

MOVED by Director Lantz, SECONDED by Director Bernier,

- a) that staff be directed to compile a formal list of recommendations toward the development of the *Oil and Gas Activities Act*, from the discussions held today, for submission to the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources; and
- b) that the list be forwarded to all directors for their comment, prior to being submitted under the signature of the Chair.

CARRIED.

5) Recess

The meeting recessed for coffee at 11 a.m.

6) Reconvene

The meeting reconvened at 11:07 a.m.

DELEGATION:

7) D-1

Peace Region  
Palaeontology  
Research Centre

Rich McCrae, Curator of  
Palaeontology

Lisa Buckley,  
Collections Manager

- power point  
presentation

Rich McCrae, Curator of Palaeontology, and Lisa Buckley, Collections Manager of the Peace Region Palaeontology Research Centre in Tumbler Ridge, BC were in the meeting in response to the Board's invitation to provide an update on the exciting news of their recent discovery of a complete dinosaur in the BC Peace Region.

BC has already been recognised for its track ways of dinosaur footprints and also for its finds of disarticulated bones, but never before for a complete dinosaur. The excavation ran for four weeks in 2008 where only isolated bones were found. Further digging in 2009 exposed the fossilized skeleton buried forward into a side hill with its tail portion exposed to the outer edge of the bank. The excavators were delighted to find the back bone articulated and well preserved. So far, the vertebrae, from in front of the hip all the way back to the mid point of the tail, have been uncovered, jacketed and taken to the research centre in Tumbler Ridge. With the assistance of helicopter support in 2010, the expectation is to finish the excavation within two to three months. After that, it should take a year of work to get it ready for displaying in the Tumbler Ridge Centre.

The Palaeontologists are building up the province's only repository for vertebrates, where any researcher with interest can come in to study the artefacts. The information gleaned, some from graduates from the University of Alberta, is incorporated into the local research centre's resources.

Director White complimented the delegation on their widely respected efforts, which have resulted in the provincial government getting involved to look at ways to manage the province's fossil resources.

Prior to leaving the meeting, the Palaeontologists presented the Board with a mounted replica of the left radius of the Hadrosaur, British Columbia's first complete dinosaur.

CORRESPONDENCE:

8) C-2 RD/09/11/04 (26)  
November 12, 2009 MOVED by Director Lantz, SECONDED by Director Anderson,  
Maxine Koppe, NCLGA that the Chair be authorized to designate an electoral area director to attend the 2010  
re: 2010 BC Rural BC Rural Summit which is scheduled to be held in Port Hardy, BC on March 16-18,  
Summit 2010.

CARRIED.

9) C-6 RD/09/11/05 (26)  
November 4, 2009 MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Lantz,  
Associate Deputy that the Chair be authorized to appoint a director to the environmental assessment  
Minister, Ministry of review process for the proposed Rocky Creek Energy Project, when required.  
Environment  
re: Rocky Creek CARRIED.  
Energy Project

REPORTS:

10) R-1 RD/09/11/06 (26)  
ALR Exclusion MOVED by Director Hadland, SECONDED by Director Ackerman,  
Application 161/2009 that the Regional Board refer ALR Application 161/2009 for Bill and Amber Dyer to a  
(Dyer) future meeting, pending completion of North Peace Fringe Area OCP By-law No. 1870,  
2009.

CARRIED.

11) R-2 RD/09/11/07 (26)  
November 18, 2009 MOVED by Director Lantz, SECONDED by Director Bernier,  
EADC that the Regional Board authorize Fred Banham, Chief Administrative Officer to submit  
re: RD Task Force the Regional District Task Force Survey, as completed, to the Union of BC  
Feed Back Request Municipalities.

CARRIED.

12) R-3 RD/09/11/08 (26)  
November 19, 2009 MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Alternate Director Nichols,  
Fred Banham, CAO that the Regional Board forward a letter of 'No Objection' with regard to the proposed  
Kim Frech, CFO boundary extension to include Lot 1, Plan BCP39424; Section 17, Township 78, Range  
re: Dawson Creek 15, W6M, into the City of Dawson Creek.  
Boundary Extension

CARRIED.

13) R-4 RD/09/11/09 (26)  
November 19, 2009 MOVED by Director Lantz, SECONDED by Director Hiebert,  
Fred Banham, CAO that item NB-2 be brought forward for discussion with item R-4.  
re: ALC Stakeholder  
Meeting

CARRIED.

R-4 continued  
re: ALC Stakeholder  
Meeting

RD/09/11/10 (26)  
MOVED by Director Bernier, SECONDED by Director Lantz,

and

WHEREAS,

There are growing concerns in our area over the objectives and processes of the Agricultural Land Reserve and the Administrative body, the Agricultural Land Commission;

NB-2  
Provincial Review of  
the *Agricultural Land  
Commission Act*

AND WHEREAS,

Public confidence in the proper balancing of interests in land use is crucial for well managed growth and development;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that,

The Peace River Regional District call on the Provincial Government to undertake a rigorous review of both BC's agricultural reserve lands, and the Agricultural Land Commission Act and report their findings to the public;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that,

This resolution be forwarded to the North Central Local Government Association for consideration.

CARRIED.

14) Recess

The meeting recessed for luncheon at 12 noon.

15) Reconvene

The meeting reconvened at 1 p.m.

BY-LAWS:

16) B-1  
OCP and Zoning  
Amendment By-laws  
No. 1821 and 1822,  
2008  
(K&C Oilfield)

RD/09/11/11 (26)

MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Ackerman,

- a) that the Regional Board approve "Dawson Creek Official Community Plan Amendment By-law No. 1821, 2008" and "Peace River Regional District Zoning Amendment By-law No. 1822, 2008" for third reading to re-designate and rezone Lot B Plan 13332, Section 17, Township 78, Range 15, W6M, PRD, except Plan 19541; and
- b) that prior to consideration of final reading the applicant prepare and register a restrictive covenant on the property that requires installation of buffering according to the approved plan and that two uses, asphalt plants and gravel crushing plants, not be allowed on this property in the I-1 zone.

CARRIED.

DIARY

17) Regional Diary/  
Agenda Preparation  
Schedule/ Schedule of  
Events

RD/09/11/12 (26)

MOVED by Director Lantz, SECONDED by Director Hadland,

- a) that the December 11, 2009 official opening of the Dawson Creek and District Hospital's new CT Scanner be placed on the Schedule of Events; and
- b) that the Chair or her designate be authorized to attend.

CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS:

18) NB-1 RD/09/11/13 (26)  
CSS Secure Landfill MOVED by Director Jarvis, SECONDED by Director Anderson,  
Bessborough that Wayne Hiebert, Director Electoral Area 'D' be appointed as the Peace River  
Regional District representative to the CCS Sunrise Secure Landfill Project  
environmental assessment review process.

CARRIED.

19) NB-3 In response to Director Hadland's request, Director Hiebert explained that the recent  
Gas Leak in Tomslake pipeline gas leak in the Tomslake area was the result of a sand erosion problem.  
Area Fifteen residents in the immediate vicinity were evacuated for safety reasons. An  
investigation is underway and a report will be forthcoming to residents in the area.

20) Adjournment RD/09/11/14 (26)  
MOVED by Director Lantz, SECONDED by Director Bernier,  
that the meeting adjourn.

CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 1:11 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 November 26, 2009 in the Regional District Office Board Room, Dawson Creek, BC.

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Faye Salisbury, Corporate Officer