



PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

NOVEMBER SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: November 1, 2013

PLACE: Regional District Office Boardroom, Dawson Creek, BC

PRESENT: Directors
Chair Goodings
Director Ackerman
Director Caisley
Director Christensen
Director Hadland
Director Hiebert
Director Jarvis
Director Johansson
Director Nichols
Director Schembri

Alternate Directors
Alternate Director Shuman

Absent
Director Bumstead

Staff

Fred Banham, Chief Administrative Officer
Shannon Anderson, General Manager of Environmental Services
Jo-Anne Frank, Corporate Officer
Brenda Deliman, Recording Secretary

Others

Faye Cooper, Dawson Creek
Clara London, Bear Flat
Arlene and Ken Boon, Fort St. John
Joe Breti, Farmington
Andrea Dion, CJDC
Elaine Anselmi, Dawson Creek Daily News

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

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SRD/13/11/01
MOVED by Director Caisley, SECONDED by Director Christensen,
That the Peace River Regional District Board agenda for the November 1, 2013 special
meeting be adopted :

Adoption of Agenda
(continued)

SRD/13/11/01

1. Call to Order
2. Adoption of Agenda
3. Business Items
 - 3.1 October 29, 2013 – Report from Fred Banham, Chief Administrative Officer – Proposed Site C Clean Energy Project, Collaborative Messaging
 - 3.2 March 13, 2013 – Special Board Meeting Minutes
 - 3.3 March 20, 2013 – Letter from Area 'C' Director and Area 'B' Director
 - 3.4 April 3, 2013 – PRRD submission of questions on the EIS application
 - 3.5 May 21, 2013 – PRRD submission to BC Hydro comments relating to PRRD questions
 - 3.6 July 8, 2013 – PRRD letter to Federal and Provincial Ministers asking government to address; compounding industrial development issues outside the Site C EIS application
 - 3.7 October 2, 2013 – BC Government response to July 8 correspondence
 - 3.8 October 15, 2013 – Letter from Electoral Area 'C' Director
 - 3.9 October 24, 2013 – Report from Electoral Area 'C' Director
4. Adjournment

CARRIED.

3.1
October 29, 2013 –
Fred Banham, Chief
Administrative Officer

COLLABORATIVE MESSAGING

The objective of this meeting was for the Regional Board to have a collaborative discussion in order to create a consistent message that would be delivered by all Regional Board Directors regarding the proposed Site C Clean Energy Project.

3.2
March 13, 2013

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The Regional Board discussed the 'Site C Environmental Impact Statement Review: Interim Report' presented by Bill Beamish, W. Beamish Consulting Ltd., and Catherine Henry, C. Henry Environmental Consulting Ltd., on March 13, 2013.

Director Jarvis entered the meeting at 11:20 a.m.

Topics of discussion included:

- Zoning
- Soil removal / gravel extraction
- Expropriation
- Cumulative impacts
- Mitigation
- Compensation
- Regional Legacy Benefits Agreement
- Policing

VARY AGENDA

SRD/13/11/02

MOVED by Director Nichols, SECONDED by Director Caisley,
That the agenda be varied to deal with item 3.9 at this time.

CARRIED.

3.9
October 24, 2013

REPORT FROM ELECTORAL AREA 'C' DIRECTOR – SITE C TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

The fifteen discussion points as outlined in the report were reviewed. By consensus, the Regional Board provided the following direction for each of the discussion points.

1. Residents of Area C (Old Fort / Grandhaven)

Monitoring should be commenced immediately so that baseline studies may be undertaken to provide us with a tool to compare today with tomorrow, prior to the commencement of Site C construction.

2. Land Use Issues

What is the plan for rehabilitation / mitigation of this property?

3. Road System

Issues include:

- Dust.
- Increased traffic on small rural roads associated with workforce traveling to worker camps. Roads that were built to accommodate 3 – 4 properties are now accommodating industrial activity.
- Potential for a four-lane highway if industrial traffic continues to increase.
- Has the local need for aggregate been considered, and will there continue to be access to this resource once Site C begins excavating? We will need consistent access to current aggregate resources to meet local taxpayers' needs or mitigation will have to be discussed.
- Increased industrial traffic will increase the overall impacts on provincial highway traffic, particularly during tourism peaks in the summer and long week-ends. A sensitivity analysis on traffic impacts should be undertaken.
- Impact on routes serving the North Peace airport.
- What is the operational plan to address the movement of materials and equipment generally?
- A statutory provincial formal government approach needs to be implemented to ensure that any local government issues are identified and addressed.
- Each electoral area will be impacted differently.

4. Worker Camps

The worker camp located north of Peace River should be relocated to the south of the river, and a bridge should be installed.

Recess

The meeting recessed for luncheon at 12:21 p.m.

Reconvene

The meeting reconvened at 12:58 p.m.

3.9 (continued)

REPORT FROM ELECTORAL AREA 'C' DIRECTOR – SITE C TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION (continued)

5. Ambulance and Health Services

- Ambulance services need to be updated.
- Collaboration with currently existing health services in the region will need to be undertaken to ensure a coordinated approach.

6. The North Peace Solid Waste Site

- The potential exists for the leaching of toxins into the reservoir should the slope not maintain its integrity.
- Local taxpayers should not be solely responsible for the financial burdens associated with the Peace River Regional District landfill if it cannot be used in the future, so mitigation will be expected.

7. Expropriation Threats and Procedures

It was noted that statistics suggest that awareness of potential expropriation has had a negative impact on market values.

8. Access to Air Transport

- How does BC Hydro anticipate they will mitigate impacts to airport infrastructure?
- It would be relevant to include the four points raised by the Airport Society regarding impacts.
- The Airport Improvement Fees (AIF) currently in place would be insufficient in recuperating the costs of additional wear and tear to infrastructure resulting from Site C. It is suggested that every chartered plane contributes an AIF.

9. Recreational access would be hazardous

- There has been limited commentary on how floating debris in bodies of water will be managed.
- Impacts on recreational activities, tourism, tourism centres, and points of interest such as Peace Island Park.
- Consider the installation of locks to assist in the navigation of traffic.
- Input from local government and user groups.
- Maintenance of new facilities.

10. Safety

No changes to this discussion point.

11. Municipal Boundary Expansion

Delete this discussion point.

3.9 (continued)
October 24, 2013

REPORT FROM ELECTORAL AREA 'C' DIRECTOR – SITE C TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION (continued)

12. Stewardship of our Valley and its complex range of resources and land use

- Consultant analysis should be included in this discussion point.
- Use facts based on the Shepard Energy Centre and the alternative options available.
- Delta agricultural lands will be lost.
- The value of the Valley is greater than its parts.

13. The destruction of prehistoric and early pioneer sites are being ignored or marginalized

- Impacts to Rocky Mountain Fort in Electoral Area 'E' which has been designated as a Class 1 Heritage Site.
- Significant measures need to be taken to ensure that heritage sites are preserved.
- Impacts on historical paddle boat and river ferry landings along the Peace River.
- That funding for the preservation and storage of paleontological and archeological finds be provided, and that these finds remain in our region.

14. First Nations Proclamation

Delete this discussion point.

15. The Legacy Term Paper has not recognized the people and lands who would be most impacted by Site C

Delete this discussion point.

Director Nichols left the meeting at 2:01 p.m.

Additional Revisions to Report of Electoral Area 'C' Director – Site C Topics for Discussion

- Delete the second last paragraph. Issues surrounding compliance with the Peace River Regional District North Peace Fringe Official Community Plan Bylaw should be raised. There is disagreement with the process used for the Site C project as a whole. The view of the Regional Board is that it should have been within the BC Utilities Commission process.
- Delete the last paragraph. It should be stressed that all areas are impacted in their own way.

ELECTORAL AREA DIRECTORS – INTERVENER STATUS AT JOINT REVIEW
PANEL HEARING

SRD/13/11/03

MOVED by Director Christensen, SECONDED by Director Johansson,
That the Electoral Area Directors be authorized to pursue intervener status as
representatives of their electoral areas at the Joint Review Panel Hearing for the
proposed Site C Clean Energy Project.

CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

SRD/13/11/04

MOVED by Director Christensen, SECONDED by Director Schembri,
That the meeting adjourn.

CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

CERTIFIED a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Regional Board of the Peace River Regional District from a special meeting held on November 1, 2013 in the Regional District Office Board Room, Dawson Creek, BC.

Karen Goodings, Chair

Fred Banham, Chief Administrative Officer