



PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

AUGUST BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: August 27, 2009

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: North Peace Cultural Centre Carpet Room, Fort St. John, BC

PRESENT: Directors
Director Goodings, Chair
Director Hiebert
Director Hadland
Director Clark
Director Anderson
Director White
Director Saugstad
Director Ackerman
Director Caton
Director Jarvis

Alternate Directors
Alternate Director Bolin
Alternate Director Powell

Absent
Director Lantz
Director Bernier

Staff
Fred Banham, Chief Administrative Officer
Shannon Anderson, General Manager of Environmental Services
Faye Salisbury, Corporate Officer
Bruce Simard General Manager of Development Services
Debbie Kunz, Assistant Manager of Development Services
Sheila DeCosta, Secretary - Legislative Services, Recorder

Others
Christine Rumleskie, Moose FM
Maurice Fines
Jim Collins
Laurel Hadland
Jim Little
Jill Copes
Theresa Mucci Rodgers
Hardy Riessner
Larry Wade
Linda Haugen
Jo Middleton

D-1 - North Peace Fringe Area OCP Advisory Committee
Larry Houley, Chair

1) Call to Order The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

DIRECTORS NOTICE OF NEW BUSINESS:

Director White NRAHTA Meeting Attendance

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

2) Adoption of Agenda RD/09/08/01 (27)

MOVED by Alternate Director Powell, SECONDED by Director Anderson, that the Peace River Regional District agenda for the August 27, 2009 meeting, including Director's new business be adopted as amended:

1. Call to Order
2. Directors' Notice of New Business
NB-2 NRAHTA Meeting Attendance
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Minutes
M-1 Regional District Meeting Minutes of August 13, 2009.
5. Business Arising from the Minutes
6. Delegations
D-1 North Peace Fringe Area OCP Advisory Committee Chair Larry Houley
Re: NPFA OCP By-law No 1870, 2009.
7. Petitions
8. Correspondence
C-1 August 6, 2009 - School District 59 board chair Richard Powell re: PRRD interest in properties no longer required.
C-2 August 11, 2009 - Northern Lights College, nursing program manager, Dorothy Eiserman re: request for advisory committee member.
C-3 August 12, 2009 - District of Hudson's Hope - invitation to Peace River Municipalities Association meeting on September 22, 2009.
C-4 August 18, 2009 - BC Hydro northern community relations manager, Dave Conway re: 10-year License of Occupation.
C-5 August 17, 2009 - BC Hydro northern community relations manager, Dave Conway re: involvement in 2009 UBCM Convention.
C-6 August 10, 2009 - Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources re: PNG parcel numbers 0909015, 016 and 019 air quality concerns.
C-7 August 17, 2009 - Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure re: Bicycle / Walking Trails along the Alaska Highway.
C-8 August 12, 2009 - South Peace Seniors Access Services Society invitation to September 10th opening of service center.
9. Reports
R-1 August 11, 2009 - Faye Salisbury re: City of Dawson Creek request for sponsorship of the North East BC Energy Conference.
R-2 August 17, 2009 - Fred Banham re: BC Hydro 2008 Long Term Power Acquisition Plan.
R-3 August 13, 2009 - Timothy Donegan re: ALR Subdivision Application 112/2009 (Bell).
R-4 July 14, 2009 - Ron Storie re: Charlie Lake Caves Feasibility.
R-5 August 18, 2009 - Agriculture Advisory Committee Chair Hiebert re: recommendations from the August 11, 2009 meeting.
R-6 August 18, 2009 - Shannon Anderson re: Subdivision Street Lighting Petition Results.
R-7 August 20, 2009 - Northeast Invasive Plant Committee Chair Caton re: Ministry of Forests and Range Noxious Weed Control Agreement.
10. By-laws
B-1 North Peace Fringe Area Official Community Plan By-law No. 1870, 2009
 - a) August 14, 2009 report from Debbie Kunz, Assistant Manager of Development Services;
 - b) "North Peace Fringe Area Official Community Plan By-law No. 1870, 2009"

CONSIDERATION OF FIRST READING

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Adoption of Agenda
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RD/09/08/01 (27) continued

11. Diary
 - a) Regional Diary
 - b) Agenda Preparation Schedule
 - c) Schedule of Events
12. New Business
 - NB-1 Peace River Lookout
13. Appointments
14. Consent Calendar
 - MA-1 Agriculture Advisory Committee Meeting minutes of August 11, 2009.
 - CA-1 August 9, 2009 Local Government Program Services re: Fuel Treatment Prescription Funding for Wonowon, etc.
 - CA-2 August 13, 2009 response from the Minister of Community and Rural Development re: apportionment of liability costs.
 - CA-3 August 20, 2009 - NEAT- Sally Emory re: successful application to the Federal Government's Community Adjustment Funds.
 - CA-4 August 14, 2009 Agriculture Environment Initiatives coordinator Brian Baehr re: consideration of project application.
15. Notice of Motion
16. Media Questions
17. Adjournment

MINUTES:

3) M-1
Regional Board
Meeting Minutes of
August 13, 2009

RD/09/08/02 (27)
MOVED by Director Caton, SECONDED by Director Hiebert,
that the Regional Board Meeting Minutes of August 13, 2009 be adopted with the
following amendment on page 4, item 10:
- change the last three words to Agriculture Advisory Committee, so the line reads:
"referred to the next meeting of the Agriculture Advisory Committee".

CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE:

4) C-2
August 11, 2009
Northern Lights College
Nursing Program
Manager re: request for
advisory committee
member

RD/09/08/03 (27)
MOVED by Director Caton, SECONDED by Director Ackerman,
that the Regional Board authorize the Chair to appoint a regional board director to sit on
the Northern Lights College four year, degree nursing program advisory committee.

CARRIED.

5) C-3
August 12, 2009
District of Hudson's
Hope invitation to PRMA
meeting

RD/09/08/04 (27)
MOVED by Director Ackerman, SECONDED by Alternate Director Bolin,
that the electoral area directors be authorized to attend the Peace River Municipalities
Association meeting which is scheduled for September 22, 2009 in Hudson's Hope, BC.

CARRIED.

6) C-4
August 18, 2009 - BC
Hydro re: 10 year
License of Occupation

RD/09/08/05 (27)
MOVED by Director Saugstad, SECONDED by Director Ackerman,
that the Regional Board forward a letter to Dave Conway, Community Relations Manager,
Northern Region, BC Hydro advising that a zoning amendment is not required for BC
Hydro's application for License of Occupation on Crown Land, for the Site C Dam.

CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE: continued

7) C-8 RD/09/08/06 (27)
August 12, 2009 South Peace Seniors Access Services Society invitation to September 10th Service Centre Opening
MOVED by Director Caton, SECONDED by Director Ackerman, that Chair Goodings be authorized to attend the September 10th opening of the South Peace Seniors Access Centre in Dawson Creek.
CARRIED.

REPORTS:

8) R-1 RD/09/08/07 (27)
August 11, 2009 report from Faye Salisbury re: request for sponsorship of the NEBC Energy Conference
MOVED by Director Saugstad, SECONDED by Director Ackerman, that the Regional Board authorize \$5,000.⁰⁰ from Grants to Community Organizations – Annual Events, for the 2009 Northeast BC Energy Conference, hosted by the City of Dawson Creek.
CARRIED.

9) R-2 RD/09/08/08 (27)
August 17, 2009 report from Fred Banham re: BC Hydro 2008 Long Term Power Acquisition Plan
MOVED by Director Saugstad, SECONDED by Director Hadland, that the handout - August 25, 2009 news release regarding the “Throne Speech Focuses on Strengthening British Columbia”, be received.
CARRIED.

Handout –August 25, 2009 News Release
Discussion ensued regarding the BC Hydro 2008 Long Term Power Acquisition Plan (2008 LTAP) and particularly, the provincial government’s association with the BC Utilities Commission.

10) R-3 RD/09/08/09 (27)
ALR Subdivision Application 112/2009 (Bell)
MOVED by Director Hadland, SECONDED by Director Ackerman, that the Regional Board support ALR Application 112/2009 for Joe and Mary Bell to subdivide the North ½ of Section 14, Township 85, Range 17, W6M, PRD into two quarter sections; and authorize the application to proceed to the Agricultural Land Commission on the basis that it conforms to the Official Community Plan and Zoning.
CARRIED.

11) R-4 RD/09/08/10 (27)
July 14, 2009 report from Ron Storie re: Charlie Lake Caves Feasibility
MOVED by Director Ackerman, SECONDED by Director Clark, that the Regional Board authorize staff to forward a copy of the landowners July 13, 2009 letter, to Treaty 8 for possible First Nations use of the Charlie Lake Caves.
CARRIED.

REPORTS: continued

12) R-5
August 18, 2009 report
from the Agriculture
Advisory Committee re:
recommendations from
the August 11, 2009
meeting

#1 Protection of
Groundwater and
Aquifers

#2 Industrial Mapping
of Water Sources

#3 ALC Delegation
Agreement

Motion to Amend

Motion as Amended

#4 Oil and Gas Industry
- Insurance

RD/09/08/11 (27)

MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Caton,
that a letter be forwarded to the provincial government requesting that the province
require the following:

- a) the licensing of ground water;
- b) that all water-well-drill logs be submitted to the licensing agency for registration;
- c) that mapping of all aquifers be required;
- d) that the protection of aquifers be regulated, including all documentation of water
drilling; and
- e) that the province make this information accessible to the general public in one
location

CARRIED.

RD/09/08/12 (27)

MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Caton,
that a letter be forwarded to the provincial government requesting that all petroleum
companies be required to record and report aquifers that are drilled within the range of
surface casings to ensure that all water sources are mapped.

CARRIED.

RD/09/08/13 (27)

MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Caton,
that the Ministers of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources and Agriculture and Lands
be invited to attend a Board meeting to discuss the agriculture industry's difficulties as a
result of the Agricultural Land Commission's delegation agreement with the Oil and Gas
Commission.

RD/09/08/14 (27)

MOVED by Director Saugstad, SECONDED by Director Hiebert,
that the motion be amended by adding the following at the end of the sentence:
"; and that the invitation be sent after the issues have been identified and listed."

The Chair called the question on the amending motion.

CARRIED.

The Chair called the question on the motion as amended which reads as follows:

RD/09/08/13 (27)

MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Caton,
"that the Ministers of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources and Agriculture
and Lands be invited to attend a Board meeting to discuss the agriculture
industry's difficulties as a result of the Agricultural Land Commission's
delegation agreement with the Oil and Gas Commission; and that the invitation
be sent after the issues have been identified and listed."

NAYS: 3 Directors Hadland, Caton and Ackerman

CARRIED.

RD/09/08/15 (27)

MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Caton,
that a letter be forwarded to the Oil and Gas Commission inquiring if petroleum
companies insurance policies would cover damages caused by acts of terrorism to private
landowner's property.

CARRIED.

REPORTS: continued

13) R-6
August 18, 2009 report
from Shannon
Anderson re:
Subdivision Street
Lighting Petition
Results

Shannon Anderson, General Manager of Environmental Services advised the board that letters would be forwarded to landowners, notifying them that the petition process results were insufficient for obtaining approval to proceed with installation of street lights in the (North By-pass) subdivision.

14) R-7
August 20, 2009 report
from NEIPC re: Ministry
of Forests and Range
Noxious Weed Control
Agreement

RD/09/08/16 (27)
MOVED by Director Caton, SECONDED by Director Hiebert,
a) that the Regional Board enter into an agreement with the Ministry of Forests and Range for the collaborative delivery of invasive plant management activities in the Regional District; and
b) that the Regional Board authorize staff to increase existing noxious weed contractor contracts to deliver the program.

CARRIED.

15) Recess
The meeting recessed for coffee at 10:50 a.m.

16) Reconvene
The meeting reconvened at 11:00 a.m.

DELEGATION:

17) D-1
Larry Houley, Chair
NPFA OCP Advisory
Committee

Mr. Larry Houley, Chair of the North Peace Fringe Area OCP Advisory Committee introduced committee members Jim Collins and Maurice Fines and expressed his appreciation for the countless hours the committee members have contributed in the plan process. He also expressed appreciation to the staff of the regional district for the extensive work they have done in developing the plan since the project start up in 2006.

Re: North Peace Fringe
Area OCP By-law No.
1870, 2009

Debbie Kunz provided a power point presentation outlining the inception, development, and culmination of the final draft of the North Peace Fringe Area OCP By-law No. 1870, 2009. She stated the by-law incorporates parts of North Peace OCP By-law No. 820, 1993; Charlie Lake OCP By-law No. 907, 1994; and Fort St. John & Area Comprehensive Development Plan 2005.

Power Point
Presentation by Debbie
Kunz, Assistant
Manager of
Development Services

RD/09/08/17 (27)
MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Clark,
that the August 27, 2009 power point presentation, as delivered by Debbie Kunz, Assistant Manager of Development Services, regarding the North Peace Fringe Area Official Community Plan By-law No. 1870, 2009, be received.

CARRIED.

DELEGATION: continued

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Larry Houley, Chair
NPFA OCP Advisory
Committee

Re: North Peace Fringe
Area OCP By-law No.
1870, 2009

In turn Mr. Houley, Mr. Fines and Mr. Collins provided comments, including the reading of a letter from Mr. Rick Koechl, regarding the following topics:

- provision for protection of agricultural land;
- extension of services outside the municipalities;
- input and incorporation of other viewpoints;
- balance between industry and taxation;
- dovetailing with the City of Fort St. John's plan;
- accountability in carrying out the plan;
- incorporation of an implementation strategy in the plan; and
- the suggestion that a committee be struck for implementation of the plan.

A lengthy question and answer period ensued with the following topics discussed:

- involvement of the plan with the North Peace Airport property;
- relationship of policy 23 to policy 24 on page 44 of the draft plan; and
- next steps: referral process to various agencies for submission of comments, followed by a report back to the Board for a decision on any recommended changes before going to public hearing.

The delegation left the meeting at 11:56 a.m.

BY-LAWS:

18) B-1
North Peace Fringe
Area OCP By-law No.
1870, 2009

RD/09/08/18 (27)

MOVED by Director Saugstad, SECONDED by Director Hiebert,
that "North Peace Fringe Area Official Community Plan By-law No. 1870, 2009" be given
first reading.

NAYS: 1 Director Hadland

CARRIED.

RD/09/08/19 (27)

MOVED by Director Saugstad, SECONDED by Director Hiebert,
that the Regional Board forward a letter and token of appreciation to all the members of
the North Peace Fringe Area Official Community Plan Advisory Committee in appreciation
of the many hours of volunteer time given to development of the plan, and of the
completion of their work.

CARRIED.

19) Recess

The meeting recessed for luncheon at 12:02 p.m.

20) Reconvene

The meeting reconvened at 12:30 p.m.

21) Vary Agenda

RD/09/08/20 (27)

MOVED by Director Hadland, SECONDED by Director Saugstad,
that the agenda be varied to deal with item R-4 again.

CARRIED.

REPORTS: continued

22) R-4 RD/09/08/21(27)
July 14, 2009 report MOVED by Director Hadland, SECONDED by Director Ackerman,
from Ron Storie re: that the July 14, 2009 report from Ron Storie, Manager of Community Services regarding
Charlie Lake Caves Feasibility and July 13, 2009 letter from the land owners be referred
Feasibility to the September 10, 2009 board meeting for further discussion.

CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS:

23) NB-1 RD/09/08/22 (27)
Peace River Lookout MOVED by Alternate Director Bolin, SECONDED by Director Hadland,
that staff be requested to prepare a cost estimate, which would include a development
and operating plan, with a time frame; for budget considerations for possible
development of a regional park at the lookout south of 100th Street, Fort St. John.

CARRIED.

24) NB-2 Director White reported on his attendance as alternate liaison at the Northern Rockies
NRAHTA Meeting Alaska Highway Tourism Association meeting on August 25, 2009. This was an executive
Attendance working group meeting to update by-laws in consideration of business practice changes.

NOTICE OF MOTION:

25) NM-1 Director Hiebert advised he will be asking staff to bring back Zoning Amendment By-law
Zoning Amendment No. 1832, 2008(Wawreniuk) and Zoning Amendment By-law No. 1833, 2008
By-laws No. 1832 and (Klemmer) to the September 10th meeting.
1833, 2008

26) NM-2 Director Ackerman advised she will be bringing a motion forward to the September 10th
CNR Crossings meeting asking staff to work with other jurisdictions regarding Canadian National Railway
(CNR) and some of their crossings.

27) Adjournment RD/09/08/23 (27)
MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Alternate Director Bolin,
that the meeting adjourn.

CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Sheila DeCosta, Recording Secretary

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 August 27, 2009 in the North Peace Cultural Centre Carpet Room, Fort St. John, BC.

Fred Banham, Chief Administrative Officer