



# PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

## JANUARY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: January 8, 2009

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

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

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

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

Others  
Tessa Holloway, Alaska Highway News  
Greg Amos, Dawson Creek Daily News  
Matthew Bains, Northeast News

Re: D-1 Northern Development Initiative Trust  
Janine North, Chief Executive Officer  
Dean McKinley, Economic Development Manager

Re: D-2 First Nations "Rising Above" Conference  
John Austin, Fort St. John Planning Team  
Rock Inkster

Prior to calling the meeting to order, the Chair provided time to hear of the news and events which have occurred in each community and electoral area.

1) Call to Order                      The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:24 a.m.

### DIRECTORS NOTICE OF NEW BUSINESS:

Director Hadland                      Increase in Fort St. John Water Rates affecting Area 'C' Residents

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

2) Adoption of Agenda RD/09/01/01

MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Anderson, that the Peace River Regional District agenda for the January 8, 2009 meeting, including Director's new business and additional items for the agenda, be adopted as amended:

CALL TO ORDER:

DIRECTORS' NOTICE OF NEW BUSINESS:

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

MINUTES:

M-1 Regional Board Inaugural Meeting Minutes of December 12, 2008.

M-2 Regional Board Meeting Minutes of December 12, 2008.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

DELEGATIONS:

- D-1 Northern Development Initiative Trust (NDIT)  
Janine North, CEO  
Dean McKinley, Economic Development Manager, Northeast Region  
Re: Funding Application Process  
- Support and Regional District Responsibilities
- D-2 First Nations "Rising Above" Conference  
John Austin - Fort St. John Planning Team  
Re: Request for use of PRRD logo and financial support

PETITIONS:

CORRESPONDENCE:

- C-1 Notice received November 6, 2008 of the 2009 LGLA Elected Officials Training Seminars scheduled to take place in January / February, 2009 in Richmond, BC.
- C-2 Notice received December 16, 2008 of the Opportunities North: The Northern Economic Summit / The BC Economic Summit scheduled for January 22-23, 2009 in Prince George, BC.
- C-3 Notice received October 23, 2008 of the Challenge North 2009 Lead the Way Conference scheduled to take place April 22-24, 2009 in Cold Lake, Alberta.
- C-4 November 17, 2008 letter from Charlie Wyse, MLA - Cariboo South regarding the Minister Neufeld's response to his questions regarding the Dr. Medd Report "Population, Health and Oil and Gas Activities".
- C-5 November 17, 2008 letter of introduction from R. Dean Rockwell as the new Chief Executive Officer of the British Columbia Innovation Council (BCIC).
- C-6 November 20, 2008 letter from the Board of Education, School District 59 regarding its three phase restructuring plan, and invitation for stakeholder input.
- C-7 November 21, 2008 email from Gerry Morden, Chairperson, Whalley Enhancement Association requesting the support for the initiative to have a Safe Communities and Neighbourhood Act in BC.
- C-8 Copy of the November 25, 2008 letter from Chair Rotvold, Regional District of Kootenay Boundary, to the Honourable Barry Penner, Minister of Environment, requesting legislation to implement an Extended Producer Responsibility (ERP) waste reduction program.
- C-9 November 26, 2008 response from Dr. Charles Jago, Chair Northern Health Board to the Regional District's resolution that adequate funding be provided for implementation of Dr. Lorna Medd's Oil and Gas report recommendations.
- C-10 November 25, 2008 update from Cathy Ulrich, CEO, Northern Health regarding progress in addressing the four key areas of Dr. Lorna Medd's Oil and Gas Report.
- C-11 November 27, 2008 response from Randy L'Heureux, Director, BC Ambulance Service regarding interaction with Shock Trauma Air Rescue Society (STARS).
- C-12 November 27, 2008 letter from Judy Clavier, Board Chair, School District 59 (Peace River South) to see if there is any Regional District interest in acquiring the Dokie School property.
- C-13 December 1, 2008 Fall Update from Chair Frank Leonard, Municipal Finance Authority.
- C-14 December 1, 2008 letter from Dale Rose, Sander Rose Trobak regarding the consolidated financial statements of the Peace River Regional District.
- C-15 December 3, 2008 response from Vic Brandl, Chair, North East Regional Transportation Advisory Committee regarding RTAC recommendations to the Ministry of Transportation.
- C-16 December 4, 2008 letter from the Honourable Blair Lekstrom, Minister of Community Development regarding provincial funding available for the Trees for Tomorrow initiative.

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- C-17 December 5, 2008 congratulatory letter from the Honourable Gordon Campbell, Premier of BC with information on a number of upcoming government funding programs.
- C-18 Copy of December 8, 2008 update from Jim Bracken, Senior Vice President, Major Projects, Alta Gas, to Director Hiebert regarding construction activities on the Bear Mountain Wind Park.
- C-19 December 9, 2008 letter from David Parsons, Project Assessment Manager, Environmental Assessment Office regarding issuance of an environmental assessment certificate for the Babkirk Secure Landfill Project.
- C-20 December 9, 2008 invitation from UBCM Executive and First Nations Summit to apply for funding for the newly Elected C2C Program.
- C-21 December 12, 2008 invitation from the Local Government Program Services, UBCM to apply for the Built Environment & Active Transportation Community Planning Grants - Phase 2 funding.
- C-22 Letter received December 12, 2008 from Jim Krauss, President, Charlie Lake Conservation Society regarding responsibility for enforcement issues.
- C-23 Copy of December 17, 2008 letter to Blair Lekstrom, MLA Peace River South, from the Upper Cache Creek Cattlemen's Association, regarding the effect of the carbon tax on ranchers.
- C-24 Copy of December 17, 2008 letter to the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission from the Upper Cache Creek Cattlemen's Association, regarding the lack of phone service improvements in the area.
- C-25 Update received December 18, 2008 on the proposed Site C Project.
- C-26 December 18, 2008 response from Maurice Lirette, Regional Manager, Environmental Stewardship and Parks and Protected Areas, Peace Region, Ministry of Environment regarding the 2009 Invasive Plant Program Partnership.
- C-27 December 18, 2008 response from the Honourable Blair Lekstrom, Minister of Community Development regarding the new accounting standard for valuation of tangible capital assets.
- C-28 December 19, 2008 letter from the Honourable Blair Lekstrom, Minister of Community Development regarding the 2009 Towns for Tomorrow and LocalMotion Grant programs.
- C-29 December 19, 2008 letter from Mike Frazier, Resolutions Chair, North Central Municipal Association regarding Resolution Submission Deadline; March 6th, 2009.
- C-30 December 19, 2008 Highlights of the UBCM Executive Meeting held December 4-5, 2008.
- C-31 December 19, 2008 UBCM Member Release regarding MOU on Local Government Participation in the New Relationship with First Nations of BC.
- C-32 December 22, 2008 letter from Janet Prestley, Director of Legislative and Administrative Services, regarding the City of Fort St. John's Participation in the Regional District's Land Use Management Agreement for 2009.

REPORTS:

- R1 November 18, 2008, ALR Subdivision Application Report 221/2008 (Miller) from Tim Donegan, North Peace Land Use Planner.
- R-2 December 17, 2008 ALR Subdivision Application Report 228/2008 (Dobrowolski) from Jodi MacLean, South Peace Land Use Planner.

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- January 5, 2009 letter from Kari Bondaroff, Regional Agrologist.
- R-3 December 18, 2008 ALR Non-Farm Use Application Report 232/2008 (Mason) from Jodi MacLean, South Peace Land Use Planner.

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- R-4 December 23, 2008 ALR Subdivision Application Report 236/2008 (Kitzke) from Tim Donegan, North Peace Land Use Planner.
- R-5 December 4, 2008 report from Kim Frech, Chief Financial Officer regarding the Towns for Tomorrow - Grant Application - Buick Creek Arena.
- R-6 December 11, 2008 report from Shannon Anderson, General Manager of Environmental Services regarding the proposed subdivision of Lot 1, Plan PGP41257, District Lot 3164.
- R-7 December 22, 2008 report from Faye Salisbury, Corporate Officer regarding the Change of January 22, 2009 Board Meeting Date.
- R-8 December 22, 2008 report from Ron Storie, Manager of Community Services regarding UBCM Resolutions regarding Off Road Vehicles.
- R-9 November 2008 Monthly Report from Dennis Meier, Contractor, Invasive Plant Control.
- R-10 December 30, 2008 Update Report from Fred Banham, CAO regarding BC Hydro 2009/2010 Revenue Requirements Application.

RD/09/01/01 continued:

- R-11 December 31, 2008 report from Wayne Hiebert, Chair Public Utilities Committee and Fred

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Banham, CAO regarding PNG (N.E.) 2009 Revenue Requirement Application to the BC Utilities Commission.

R-12 January 7, 2009 report from Diana Mitchell, Executive Secretary regarding the Elected Official and Senior Management Training scheduled for January 19-20, 2009 in Fort St. John, BC.

BY-LAWS:

B-1 OCP and Zoning Amendment By-laws No. 1806 and 1807, 2008 (Sears)

- a) December 4, 2008 report from Tim Donegan, Land Use Planner;
- b) North Peace Official Community Plan Amendment By-law No. 1806, 2008;
- b) "Peace River Regional District Zoning Amendment By-law No.1807, 2008";

B-2 Zoning Amendment By-law No. 1836, 2008 (Curtis)

- a) December 29, 2008 report from Jodi MacLean, Land Use Planner; and
- b) "Peace River Regional District Zoning Amendment By-law No.1836, 2008";

B-3 Zoning Amendment By-law No. 1837, 2008 (Gallagher)

- a) November 25, 2008 report from Tim Donegan, Land Use Planner; and
- b) "Peace River Regional District Zoning Amendment By-law No.1837, 2008";

B-4 OCP and Zoning Amendment By-laws No. 1838 and 1839, 2008 (K4 Ventures-230)

- a) December 11, 2008 report from Tim Donegan, Land Use Planner;
- b) North Peace Official Community Plan Amendment By-law No. 1838, 2008;
- c) "Peace River Regional District Zoning Amendment By-law No.1839, 2008";

DIARY:

NEW BUSINESS:

NB-1 Increase in Fort St. John Water Rates affecting Area 'C' Residents

APPOINTMENTS:

A-1 2009 Board Appointments to Committees and Outside Agencies

CONSENT CALENDAR: (to be distributed at the meeting for information)

CA-1 September/October Municipal Insurance Association's publication Tidbit Exchange.

CA-2 December 8 and 10, 2008 letters from Sue Clark, Program Officer, Local Government Program Services regarding grant approvals for the following:

- a) Community Tourism Program (Phase 2) - Sundance Lake Rest Stop;
- b) Community Tourism Program (Phase 2) - Signage Assessment & Planning;
- c) Community Tourism Program (Phase 2) - Alaska Highway Historic Site Review;
- d) Community Tourism Program (Phase 2) - Regional Park Strategy;
- e) Community Tourism Program (Phase 2) - Recreational Trail Strategy; and
- f) General Funding Terms & Conditions.

CA-3 December 9, 2008 letter from Danyta Welch, Policy & Program Officer, Local Government Program Services regarding completion of the 2008 'Seniors in Communities/ Dialogue sessions:

- a) for the South Peace; and
- b) for the North Peace.

CA-4 December 12, 2008 response from Premier Gordon Campbell regarding Regional District support for the province proceeding with the environmental assessment and First Nations consultation process for the Northwest Transmission Line.

CA-5 December 17, 2008 letter of appreciation from the Honourable Richard Neufeld, Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources regarding contributions to the Northeast Energy and Mines Advisory Committee (NEEMAC) over the past year.

CA-6 Certificate received December 18, 2008 from South Peace Community Resources Society in recognition of Regional Board support of persons with developmental disabilities.

NOTICE OF MOTION: (for the next meeting)

MEDIA QUESTIONS: (on agenda items and business discussed at the meeting)

ADJOURNMENT:

CARRIED.

MINUTES:

3) M-1  
Regional Board  
Inaugural Meeting  
Minutes of  
December 12, 2008

RD/09/01/02  
MOVED by Director Bernier, SECONDED by Director Anderson,  
that the Regional Board Inaugural Meeting Minutes of December 12, 2008 be adopted.  
CARRIED.

4) M-2  
Regional Board  
Meeting Minutes of  
December 12, 2008

RD/09/01/03  
MOVED by Director Bernier, SECONDED by Director Anderson,  
that the Regional Board Meeting Minutes of December 12, 2008 be adopted as amended  
on page 2, item 3) RD/08/12/02 - change the date from "December 12" to "November  
27", so the line reads as follows:  
"that the Regional Board Meeting Minutes of November 27, 2008 be adopted."  
CARRIED.

DELEGATONS:

5) D-1  
Northern Development  
Initiative Trust  
(NDIT)  
Janine North CEO  
Dean McKinley,  
Economic Development  
Manager, NE Region

Ms. Janine North, CEO and Mr. Dean McKinley, Economic Development Manager of Northern Development Initiative Trust (NDIT) provided historical background information and reviewed the forty-two million dollar funding distribution which occurred in the north over the past three years. They provided details on the following northeast projects:

- Branding the Peace, marketing oil seed crops, cereal, small business;
- Northern Opportunity Programs has seen an increase in graduation rates;
- Moberly Lake Fire Protection Facility improvements;
- Northeast Regional Advisory Committee (NERAC) Foundation;
- Business Development Initiative - 200 thousand dollar grant approved for:
  - 9 business programs (7 community programs, 2 standing annual programs);
  - 2 business program rebate programs, affecting 400 jobs; and
  - competitiveness consulting program - pays one half the cost of acquiring focused consulting services e.g. human resource assessments, health and safety business development; and
- Grant Writer Program - will pay for 3 months of 4 for a grant writer position.

The Trust is welcoming eight new board members. Evan Saugstad and Lori Ackerman are the board nominees from the Northeast Regional Advisory Committee and will be joining the board at its first executive meeting on January 21, 2008 in Prince George. Five of the thirteen members are appointed by the government.

Ms. North encouraged the directors to let their voices be heard at the Northern Economic Summit which will be taking place in Prince George on January 22-23, 2009 as well as at the British Columbia Economic Summit in February in Vancouver.

A question and answer period ensued regarding the following topics:

- high speed internet service as related to home based business and economics;
- NDIT expectations related to local government support;
- networking between regional district staff and the trust administration staff;
- third party funding; and
- regional advisory committee involvement in large projects.

The delegates left the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- 6) C-1  
2009 LGLA Elected  
Officials Training  
Seminars
- RD/09/01/04  
MOVED by Director Caton, SECONDED by Director Hiebert,  
that any rural director wishing to attend the Local Government Leadership Academy 2009  
Elected Officials Training Seminars scheduled to take place February 4 - 6, 2009 in  
Richmond, B.C., be authorized to do so.
- CARRIED.
- 7) C-2  
Opportunities North:  
Northern Economic  
Summit
- RD/09/01/05  
MOVED by Director Saugstad, SECONDED by Director Caton,  
that any rural director wishing to attend the Northern Economic Summit scheduled to take  
place January 22 - 23, 2009 in Prince George, B.C. be authorized to do so.
- CARRIED.
- 8) C-3  
Challenge North Lead  
the Way 2009  
Conference
- RD/09/01/06  
MOVED by Director Saugstad, SECONDED by Director Lantz,  
that two directors, as appointed by the Chair, be authorized to attend the Challenge  
North 2009 Lead the Way Conference scheduled to take place April 22-24, 2009 in Cold  
Lake Alberta.
- CARRIED.
- 9) C-6  
School District 59  
(Peace River South)  
Restructuring Plan
- RD/09/01/07  
MOVED by Director Clark, SECONDED by Director Ackerman,  
that Director Hiebert and Director Caton be authorized to attend the School District 59  
(Peace River South) stakeholder and community partner meetings scheduled to take  
place between January and June, to discuss its three phase restructuring plan.
- CARRIED.
- 10) C-7  
Whalley Enhancement  
Association  
re: Safer Communities  
and Neighbourhoods
- RD/09/01/08  
MOVED by Director White, SECONDED by Director Ackerman,  
that the Regional Board forward a letter to the Whalley Enhancement Association in  
support of its recommendation to have a *Safe Communities and Neighbourhood Act*  
legislated in British Columbia.  
NAYS: 12
- DEFEATED.
- RD/09/01/09  
MOVED by Director Ackerman, SECONDED by Director Lantz,  
that the letter from Gerry Morden, Chairperson, Whalley Enhancement Association  
regarding the initiative to have a *Safe Communities and Neighbourhood Act* legislated in  
British Columbia, be referred to the seven member municipalities, for their comments and  
recommendations to the Regional Board.
- CARRIED.

- 11) C-10  
November 25, 2008  
Update from Cathy Ulrich, CEO Northern Health  
re: Dr. Medd Report Recommendations
- RD/09/01/10  
MOVED by Director Lantz, SECONDED by Director Hadland, that the Regional Board forward a response to Cathy Ulrich, CEO Northern Health,
- a) stating that the Regional Board supports the four issues that Northern Health is focusing on, however would also like to see the other five recommendations from Dr. Lorna Medd's Report addressed as well; and
  - b) advising that Director Hiebert has been appointed by the Board to the North East Oil and Gas Community Health Forum Committee; and
  - c) that the letter be copied to the following:  
Deputy Minister Reimer, Ministry of Energy, Mines & Petroleum Resources  
Dr. Charles Jago, Chair, Northern Health Board  
Dr. David Bowering, Chief Medical Officer  
Dr. Charl Badenhorst, Medical Health Officer  
Betty Morris, Chief Operating Officer, North East
- CARRIED.
- 12) C-11  
BC Ambulance Service interaction with Shock Trauma Rescue Society (STARS)
- RD/09/01/11  
MOVED by Director Ackerman, SECONDED by Director Hadland, that an invitation be forwarded to BC Ambulance Service representatives to attend a Regional Board meeting to discuss the provision of services in the region.
- CARRIED.
- 13) C-12  
School District 59  
re: Dokie School Property
- RD/09/01/12  
MOVED by Director Caton, SECONDED by Director Saugstad, that the Regional Board forward a letter to Judy Clavier, Board Chair, School District 59 stating that the Regional District has no interest, nor does it know of any other agency that might be interested, in acquiring the Dokie School property.
- CARRIED.
- 14) C-16  
December 4, 2008  
letter from the Minister of Community Development  
re: Trees for Tomorrow Initiative
- RD/09/01/13  
MOVED by Director Saugstad, SECONDED by Director Bernier, that the December 4, 2008 letter from the Honourable Blair Lekstrom, Minister of Community Development regarding the Trees for Tomorrow Initiative be forwarded to the January 15, 2009 meeting of the Electoral Area Directors Committee.
- CARRIED.
- 15) C-20  
BC First Nations and Local Governments Community to Community Forum Program
- RD/09/01/14  
MOVED by Director Saugstad, SECONDED by Director Anderson, that one director be authorized to attend the Community to Community First Nations Forum which is tentatively scheduled for February 12, 2009 at the Moberly Lake Community Hall.
- CARRIED.
- Director Saugstad indicated he would attend if the date is changed, as it conflicts with the Board meeting date.

- 16) C-21  
Built Environment &  
Active Transportation  
Community Planning  
Grants - Phase 2
- RD/09/01/15  
MOVED by Director Jarvis, SECONDED by Director Ackerman,  
that staff be requested to determine interest and authorized to submit an expression of  
interest in applying for the Built Environment & Active Transportation Community  
Planning Grants - Phase 2 funding, should existing projects qualify.
- CARRIED.
- 17) C-22  
Charlie Lake  
Conservation Society re:  
Enforcement Issues
- RD/09/01/16  
MOVED by Director Saugstad, SECONDED by Director Ackerman,  
that the Regional Board forward a response to Jim Krauss, President, Charlie Lake  
Conservation Society, listing the types of enforcement the Regional District has the  
authority to act upon.
- CARRIED.
- 18) C-23  
Upper Cache Creek  
Cattlemen's Association  
re: Carbon Tax
- RD/09/01/17  
MOVED by Director Lantz, SECONDED by Director Hiebert,  
a) that the Regional Board forward the December 17, 2009 letter which was written to  
the Honourable Blair Lekstrom from the Upper Cache Creek Cattlemen's Association,  
regarding the effect of the carbon tax on ranchers, be forwarded to the North  
Central Municipal Association; and  
b) that Mr. Buchanan, President of the Upper Cache Creek Cattlemen's Association be  
informed of this action.
- CARRIED.
- 19) C-24  
Upper Cache Creek  
Cattlemen's Association  
re: lack of phone  
service improvements  
in the area
- RD/09/01/18  
MOVED by Director Caton, SECONDED by Director Hadland,  
that the Regional Board forward the December 17, 2009 letter which was written to the  
Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission from the Upper Cache  
Creek Cattlemen's Association, regarding the lack of phone service improvements in the  
area, to Director Goodings, Director Electoral Area 'B' for follow up.
- CARRIED.
- 20) C-26  
2009 Invasive Plant  
Program Partnership
- RD/09/01/19  
MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Saugstad,  
that the Regional Board forward a letter to the Honourable Kevin Falcon, Minister of  
Transportation and Infrastructure expressing the Boards' concern that existing provincial  
legislation to control the spread of weeds from gravel pit distribution is not being  
adhered to.
- CARRIED.
- 21) Recess
- The meeting recessed for luncheon at 12:02 p.m.
- 22) Reconvene
- The meeting reconvened at 1:03 p.m.
- 23) Permission for  
Closed Meeting
- RD/09/01/20  
MOVED by Director Caton, SECONDED by Director Saugstad,  
that pursuant to Section 90 (1) c of the *Community Charter*, permission be granted to  
resolve to a closed session for the Peace River Regional District.
- CARRIED.
- Members of the public left the room and the meeting resolved to the closed session at  
1:04 p.m.
- 24) Recall to Order
- Following the closed meeting, the Chair re-called the meeting to order at 1:40 p.m.



DELEGATIONS:

25) D-2  
First Nations "Rising Above" Conference  
John Austin, Fort St. John Planning Team

Handouts:  
- Rising Above 2009 Conference Brochure  
- Rising Above Regional Conference Budget

The Chair welcomed John Austin of the Fort St. John Planning Team for the First Nations "Rising Above" Conference. He provided background information about the development of the non profit organization which is hosting the March 5 - 8, 2009 conference in Fort St. John, and introduced Rock Inkster who accompanied him to the meeting. The seven minute promotional video from the [www.risingabove.ca](http://www.risingabove.ca) website was viewed by all in attendance. Mr. Austin explained that the group has developed its own logo and would not be requesting use of the Peace River Regional District Logo after all. They would however, still appreciate any financial support the Board would see fit to contribute to the conference.

A question and answer period ensued regarding the following:

- where the "Rising Above" concept originated;
- the locations and results of past conferences;
- the expected cost of running the conference;
- the expected attendance figures; and
- the choice of venue.

RD/09/01/21

MOVED by Director Saugstad, SECONDED by Director Clark,

- a) that the handouts: Rising Above 2009 Conference Brochure and Rising Above Regional Budget be received, and
- b) that the request for financial support of the "Rising Above" 2009 Conference, which will be held March 5-8, 2009 in Fort St. John, BC, be referred to Peace River Regional District budget discussions.

CARRIED.

REPORTS:

26) R-1  
ALR Subdivision  
Application 221/208  
(Miller)

RD/09/01/22

MOVED by Director Ackerman, SECONDED by Director Caton,

that the Regional Board support ALR Subdivision Application 221/2008 for Vic and Marie Miller to subdivide about 4 ha (10 ac) from the southwest corner of Lot 5, Plan 23840, Section 20, Township 85, Range 20, W6M, PRD, in order to provide a residence for the owners; and authorize the application to proceed to the Agricultural Land Commission on the basis that it conforms to the Official Community Plan, but on the condition that the subdivision qualifies under Section 946 of the *Local Government Act*.

NAYS: Director Hadland

CARRIED.

27) R-2  
ALR Subdivision  
Application 228/2008  
(Dobrowolski)  
and additional item

RD/09/01/23

MOVED by Director Caton, SECONDED by Director Saugstad,

that the Regional Board support ALR Subdivision Application 228/2008 for Anthony Dobrowolski to subdivide one 1.36 ha (3.36 acre) lot from the southeast corner of District Lot 2252, PRD, except Plans 17053, PGP39640, PGP41755, BCP1349 and BCP9586; and authorize the application as submitted to proceed to the Agricultural Land Commission on the basis as an extension of an existing subdivision.

CARRIED.

REPORTS: continued

28) R-3  
ALR Non-Farm Use  
Application 232/2008  
(Mason)  
and additional item

RD/09/01/24  
MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Caton,  
that the Regional Board support ALR Non-Farm Use Application No. 232/2008 for Patrick  
Mason to use the Southeast ¼ Section 7, Township 82, Range 17, W6M, PRD, except Pcl  
A(G9902) and Plan 16190 to store, display and sell vehicle trailers; and authorize the  
application as submitted to proceed to the Agricultural Land Commission on the basis it  
is unlikely to impact agricultural potential.  
NAYS: 10 Directors

DEFEATED.

RD/09/01/25  
MOVED by Director Bernier, SECONDED by Director Lantz,  
that the Regional Board refuse ALR Non-Farm Use Application No. 232/2008 for Patrick  
Mason to use the Southeast ¼ Section 7, Township 82, Range 17, W6M, PRD, except  
Pcl A(G9902) and Plan 16190 to store, display and sell vehicle trailers, on the basis that  
it is not consistent with OCP policies or zoning regulations and the location of the display  
and its orientation towards drivers poses a danger to highway travelers.  
NAYS: 2 Director Hiebert, Director Caton

CARRIED.

29) R-4  
ALR Subdivision  
Application 236/2008  
(Kitske)

RD/09/01/26  
MOVED by Director Hadland, SECONDED by Director Saugstad,  
that the Regional Board support ALR Subdivision Application 236/2008 for Joseph and  
Evona Kitzke to subdivide the two full sections of Section 6, Township 85, Range 15,  
W6M, PRD, Block A, Section 8, Township 85, Range 15, W6M, PRD, into eight quarter-  
sections; and authorize the application to proceed to the Agricultural Land Commission  
on the basis that the proposed subdivision is consistent with the Official Community Plan  
and Zoning.

CARRIED.

30) R-5  
December 4, 2008  
report from Kim Frech  
re: Towns for Tomorrow  
Program for the Buick  
Creek Arena

RD/09/01/27  
MOVED by Director Caton, SECONDED by Director Hadland,  
that the Peace River Regional District Board authorize the submission of a funding  
application to the Towns for Tomorrow Program for the Buick Creek Arena.

CARRIED.

31) R-6  
December 11, 2008  
report from Shannon  
Anderson re: proposed  
subdivision of Lot 1,  
Plan PGP41257, District  
Lot 3164

RD/09/01/28  
MOVED by Director Ackerman, SECONDED by Director Lantz,  
a) that the Regional Board authorize the subdivision of Peace River Regional District  
parcel designated as Lot 1, Plan PGP41257, District Lot 3164; and  
b) that the ownership of the remainder of Plan PGP41257, be transferred to the  
District of Tumbler Ridge, to operate a municipal recycling program.

CARRIED.

32) R-7  
December 22, 2008  
report from Faye  
Salisbury re: Change of  
January 22, 2009 Board  
Meeting Date

RD/09/01/29  
MOVED by Director Bernier, SECONDED by Director Hiebert,  
that the Regional Board approve changing the January 22, 2009 board meeting date to  
January 29, 2009; and that the meeting begin at 9:00 a.m.

CARRIED.

33) R-8  
December 22, 2008  
report from Ron Storie  
re: UBCM Resolutions  
regarding Off Road  
Vehicles

RD/09/01/30  
MOVED by Director Ackerman, SECONDED by Director Lantz,  
that the Regional Board forward a letter to the Union of BC Municipalities suggesting that  
they move forward on the following resolution which was endorsed by its membership in  
2002:

"WHEREAS the improper use of off-road and all-terrain vehicles has a detrimental impact on grassland  
areas and is one of the contributors to the introduction of noxious weeds;

AND Whereas property owners and/or regulatory agencies do not have the capacity or ability to  
identify the offending vehicles;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities petition the provincial government to  
amend the appropriate legislation and regulations requiring off-road and all-terrain vehicles be  
licensed in a manner similar to that required for snowmobiles."

CARRIED.

Director Bernier excused himself from the meeting prior to discussion of item R-11.

34) R-11  
December 31, 2008  
report from Director  
Hiebert and Fred  
Banham re: PNG (NE)  
2009 Revenue  
Requirement  
Application to the BCUC

RD/09/01/31  
MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Lantz,  
that the Regional Board authorize Carolyn MacEachern of Young-Anderson to apply to the  
BC Utilities Commission for intervenor status, in both the PNG (N.E.) Ltd. 2009 Revenue  
Requirement Application and the PNG West Division Ltd. 2009 Revenue Requirement  
Application, on behalf of the Peace River Regional District.

CARRIED.

Director Bernier returned to the meeting at 2.37 p.m., following discussion of item R-11.

35) R-12  
January 7, 2009 report  
from Diana Mitchell re:  
Elected Official and  
Senior Management  
Training

RD/09/01/32  
MOVED by Director Jarvis, SECONDED by Director Saugstad,  
that the rural directors be authorized to attend the Elected Official and Senior  
Management Training Session scheduled for January 19-20, 2009 in Fort St. John, B.C

CARRIED.

BY-LAWS:

- 36) B-1  
OCP and Zoning  
Amendment By-laws  
No. 1806 and 1807,  
2008  
(Sears)
- RD/09/01/33  
MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Caton,  
that "North Peace Official Community Plan Amendment By-law No. 1806, 2008" be  
adopted. CARRIED.
- RD/09/01/34  
MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Caton,  
that "Peace River Regional District Zoning Amendment By-law No. 1807, 2008" be  
adopted. CARRIED.
- 37) B-2  
Zoning Amendment  
By-law No. 1836, 2008  
(Curtis)
- RD/09/01/35  
MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Hadland,  
that "Peace River Regional District Zoning Amendment By-law No. 1836, 2008" be given  
third reading. CARRIED.
- RD/09/01/36  
MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Hadland,  
that "Peace River Regional District Zoning Amendment By-law No. 1836, 2008" be  
adopted. CARRIED.
- 38) B-3  
Zoning Amendment  
By-law No. 1837, 2008  
(Gallagher)
- RD/09/01/37  
MOVED by Director Hadland, SECONDED by Director Caton,  
a) that "Peace River Regional District Zoning Amendment By-law No. 1837, 2009" be  
given first and second readings; and  
b) that the Regional Board waive the holding of a public hearing pursuant to Section  
890(4) of the *Local Government Act*, and authorize performance of public  
notification pursuant to Section 893 of the *Local Government Act*. CARRIED.
- 39) B-4  
OCP and Zoning  
Amendment By-laws  
No. 1838 and 1839,  
2009  
(K4 Ventures-230)
- RD/09/01/38  
MOVED by Director Hadland, SECONDED by Director Caton,  
a) that the Regional Board has considered the requirements of Section 879 of the  
*Local Government Act*, and has provided opportunity for early and ongoing  
consultation with those persons, organizations and authorities the Board considers  
will be affected, as summarized in the Development Services report dated December  
11, 2008;  
b) that "North Peace Official Community Plan Amendment By-law No. 1838, 2009" and  
"Peace River Regional District Zoning Amendment By-law No. 1839, 2009" be given  
first and second readings;  
c) that authority be given to go to a public hearing on January 27, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.  
at the North Peace Cultural Centre with Director Hadland in attendance. CARRIED.

B-4 continued

RD/09/01/39

MOVED by Director Caton, SECONDED by Director Hadland, that a second director, as appointed by the Chair, also be authorized to attend the public hearing for "North Peace Official Community Plan Amendment By-law No. 1838, 2009" and "Peace River Regional District Zoning Amendment By-law No. 1839, 2009".

CARRIED.

DIARY

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

RD/09/01/40

MOVED by Director Jarvis, SECONDED by Director Hiebert, that the agenda preparation schedule be revised to reflect the approved January 29, 2009 board meeting date.

CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS:

41) NB-1  
Increase in Fort St. John  
Water Rates affecting  
Area 'C' residents

Director Hadland expressed his displeasure regarding the projected increase in Fort St. John water rates. He pointed out that the water originates from Area 'C', yet the rates charged to Area 'C' residents have tripled. Director Lantz explained the reasons for the projected increase from \$1.50 to \$2.50 per cubic meter and stated the cost is still lower than it is in some areas e.g. Dawson Creek's bulk rate is \$2.98 and Grande Prairie's rate is over \$4.00. Director Ackerman stated that the previous 75 cent fee was outrageously low as the cost of maintaining quality control is considerable. Water and sewer costs must break even with fees collected.

APPOINTMENTS:

42) A-1  
2009 Board  
Appointments

RD/09/01/41

MOVED by Director Bernier, SECONDED by Director White, that the 2009 list of Board Appointments to Commissions, Committees and Outside Agencies be adopted with the following additions:

- Director Lantz appointed to the Solid Waste Committee;
- Director Hiebert appointed to the Northeast Oil and Gas Community Health Forum;
- Director Ackerman added to the Committee of the Whole - Energy Committee; and
- add the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer as a signing authority.

CARRIED.

43) Consent Calendar      RD/09/01/42  
   MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Ackerman,  
   that the January 8, 2009 Consent Calendar be received.

CARRIED.

44) Adjournment            RD/09/01/43  
   MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Caton,  
   that the meeting adjourn.

CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 3:02 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 January 8, 2009 in the Regional District Office Board Room, Dawson Creek, BC.

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Fred Banham, Chief Administrative Officer