



PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

JANUARY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: January 29, 2009

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

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

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

Alternate Directors
Alternate Director Rose
Alternate Director Bolin
Alternate Director Norris

Absent
Director Caton
Director Lantz
Director Saugstad

Staff

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

Christina Rumleski, Moose FM
Tessa Holloway, Alaska Highway News
Matthew Bains, Northeast News
Chris Carr, CJDC TV
Greg Amos, Dawson Creek Daily News
Pat Buller, Tupper Community Club
Betty Ponto, District of Taylor

D-1 Ministry of Forests and Range

Dale Morgan, District Manager, Peace Forest District

D-2 TransCanada Pipelines

Sandeep Mann, Project Manager
Brenda Walton, Community Relations Consultant

D-3 EPCOR

Jay Shukin, Public Affairs Manager
Gary Bouwman, Lead Engineer
Lisa Hewitt, Hemmera, Environmental Consultant
Ryan Murray, Resident of Tumbler Ridge

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 9:36 a.m.

DIRECTORS NOTICE OF NEW BUSINESS:

Director Hadland Governance Review

Director Bernier Minister Lekstrom's New Ministerial Appointment

RD/09/01/01 (29)

MOVED by Director Bernier, SECONDED by Director Ackerman, that the Regional Board forward a letter of congratulations to the Honourable Blair Lekstrom on his recent appointment as Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources for the province of B.C. CARRIED.

Director Goodings Funding for Buick Creek Arena

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

2) Adoption of Agenda RD/09/01/02 (29)

MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Ackerman, that the Peace River Regional District agenda for the January 29, 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 Meeting Minutes of January 8, 2009.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

DELEGATIONS:

- D-1 Ministry of Forests and Range
Dale Morgan, District Manager, Peace Forest District
Re: Forest Management
- D-2 TransCanada
Sandeep Mann, Project Manager
Brenda Walton, Community Relations Consultant
Re: Groundbirch Pipeline Project
- D-3 EPCOR
Keith Boutcher, Director, Power Development
Jay Shukin, Manager, Public & Government Affairs
Lisa Hewitt, Hemmera Consultant
Re: Quality Wind Project - Environmental Assessment

PETITIONS:

CORRESPONDENCE:

- C-1 Notice received December 31, 2008 of the 2009 Local Government and Climate Change - Current Law and Urgent Action conference scheduled to take place March 6, 2009 in Vancouver, BC.
- C-2 January 5, 2009 letter from Connie Fair, President and CEO, BC Assessment regarding highlights of the 2009 Property Assessment Roll release.
- C-3 January 7, 2009 letter from the Honourable Blair Lekstrom, Minister of Community Development regarding the application process for community access to crown land for the Kelly Lake Community Centre.
- C-4 January 7, 2009 invitation from Douglas A. Routledge, Vice President Forestry & Northern Operations regarding the COFI Annual Convention - April 1-3, 2009 in Prince George, B.C.

Adoption of Agenda -
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CORRESPONDENCE: continued

- C-5 Letter received January 9, 2009 from Gordon Schmidt, Manager Dawson Creek Ski and Recreation Association requesting approval to amend its licence to include minors in the licensed area until 8:00 p.m., if accompanied by a parent.
- C-6 January 9, 2008 Member Notice from the UBCM Secretariat regarding Regulation of Home and Property Inspection.
- C-7 Copy of January 9, 2009 letter from the mayors of six municipalities and the Chair of the Peace River Regional District to Premier Campbell recommending that MLA Blair Lekstrom be appointed to the position of Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources.
- C-8 January 14, 2009 letter from Eileen Benedict, Nominations Chair, North Central Municipal Association regarding the Call for Nominations for 2009 - 2010 NCMA Executive.
- C-9 Letter received January 16, 2009 from Rick Koechl on behalf of the Old Hope Road residents regarding the lack of direction and momentum in the implementation of Dr. Lorna Medd's Oil and Gas report recommendations, and recommendation as to whose purview set back health and safety issues should fall under.
- C-10 January 19, 2009 Member Notice from the UBCM Secretariat regarding the Municipal Pension: Group Health Benefits.
- C-11 Invitation received January 22, 2009 for Chair Goodings to attend the Inaugural Meeting of the New Northern Rockies Regional Municipality which is scheduled for February 6, 2009 in Fort Nelson, BC
- C-12 Various newspaper clippings which Director Hadland requested be placed in the agenda:
 - a) Edmonton deal will turn garbage into ethanol - December 11, 2008 Western Producer;
 - b) Prairie provinces push toward high speed - December 11, 2008 Western Producer;
 - c) Sour Gas Wells, letter to the editor - December 18, 2008 The Western Producer;
 - d) Parkland bylaw may sour oilpatch development - December 21, 2008 Edmonton Journal; and
 - e) October 3, 2008 letter from Ben Tschetter, South Peace Hutterian Brethern Church to Laurel Nash, Executive Director, Oil & Gas Titles branch regarding six PNG Disposition Parcels.
- C-13 Invitation from Maxine Koppe, Executive Director, North Central Municipal Association to the Creating Universally Designed Healthy Sustainable Communities conference which is scheduled for April 6-8, 2009 in Prince George, BC.
- C-14 January 7, 2009 invitation from Bert Van Dalfsen, Manager, Strengthening Farming Program to the Agricultural Advisory Committee members, elected officials and staff to a joint AAC Workshop on February 18, 2009 in Langley, BC.

REPORTS:

- R-1 January 14, 2009 ALR Subdivision Application Report 06/2009 (Pedersen) from Tim Donegan, North Peace Land Use Planner.
- R-2 January 15, 2009 ALR Subdivision Application Report 07/2008 (Tower) from Jodi MacLean, South Peace Land Use Planner.

Additional Item:

- January 21, 2009 letter from Kari Bondaroff, Regional Agrologist.
- R-3 November 21, 2008 report from Tim Caton, Chair - Northeast Invasive Plant Committee regarding recommendations from the November 18, 2008 meeting.
- R-4 January 7, 2009 report from Kim Frech, Chief Financial Officer regarding UBCM Phase 1 Community Tourism Program Report.
NOTE: Full report under separate cover - will be distributed at the board meeting.
- R-5 January 16, 2009 report from Jodi MacLean, Land Use Planner regarding PRRD Files 147/2008 and 148/2008.
NOTE: This report refers to items B-3 and B-4 on the agenda.
- R-6 January 21, 2009 report from Kim Frech, Chief Financial Officer regarding the Budget Effect re Paid Committee Members.
- R-7 January 21, 2009 report from Bruce Simard, General Manager of Development Services regarding the Climate Change Task Group.
- R-8 January 21, 2009 report from Karen Goodings, Chair Electoral Area Directors' meeting regarding recommendations from the January 15, 2009 meeting.
- R-9 January 22, 2009 report from the Electoral Area Directors' Committee regarding the ALC-OGC Delegation Agreement.

Adoption of Agenda -
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REPORTS: continued

- R-10 January 29, 2009 report from Ron Storie regarding the Rolla Dyke Feasibility Study Approval and Funding Submission.
- R-11 January 29, 2009 report from Ron Storie regarding the Natural Springs Feasibility Study Approval and Funding Submission.
- R-12 January 21, 2009 report from Shannon Anderson regarding recommendations from the January 16, 2009 meeting of the Solid Waste Committee.
- R-13 January 27, 2009 report from Diana Mitchell, Executive Secretary regarding the Strategic Planning Session scheduled for February 24, 2009 at the Peace River Regional District Office in Dawson Creek.
- R-14 January 27, 2009 report from Kim Frech, Chief Financial Officer regarding Director's Internet Communications Policy.

BY-LAWS:

- B-1 OCP and Zoning Amendment By-laws No. 1766 and 1767, 2007 (Mosher)
 - a) January 21, 2009 report from Jodi MacLean, Land Use Planner;
 - b) West Peace Official Community Plan Amendment By-law No. 1766, 2007; and
 - c) "Peace River Regional District Zoning Amendment By-law No.1767, 2007".
- B-2 OCP and Zoning Amendment By-laws No. 1817 and 1818, 2008 (Honing)
 - a) January 19, 2009 report from Jodi MacLean, Land Use Planner;
 - b) Dawson Creek Official Community Plan Amendment By-law No. 1817, 2008; and
 - c) "Peace River Regional District Zoning Amendment By-law No.1818, 2008".
- B-3 Zoning Amendment By-laws No. 1832, 2008 (Wawreniuk/EnCana)
 - a) September 2, 2008 report from Jodi MacLean, Land Use Planner;
 - b) "Peace River Regional District Zoning Amendment By-law No. 1832, 2008".
- B-4 Zoning Amendment By-law No. 1833, 2008 (Klemmer/EnCana)
 - a) August 19, 2008 report from Jodi MacLean, Land Use Planner;
 - b) "Peace River Regional District Zoning Amendment By-law No. 1833, 2008".
- B-5 Zoning Amendment By-law No. 1834, 2008 (Tupper Community Club)
 - a) December 29, 2008 report from Jodi MacLean, Land Use Planner; and
 - b) "Peace River Regional District Zoning Amendment By-law No.1834, 2008";
- B-6 Zoning Amendment By-law No. 1837, 2009 (Gallagher)
 - a) January 12, 2009 report from Tim Donegan, Land Use Planner; and
 - b) "Peace River Regional District Zoning Amendment By-law No.1837, 2009";
- B-7 Security Issuing By-law No. 1840, 2009 (District of Tumbler Ridge)
 - a) January 6, 2009 report from Christina Wards, Assistant Treasurer; and
 - b) "Security Issuing By-law No. 1840, 2009".
- B-8 OCP and Zoning Amendment By-laws No. 1841 and 1842, 2009 (Carter)
 - a) January 6, 2009 report from Jodi MacLean, Land Use Planner;
 - b) "Dawson Creek Official Community Plan Amendment By-law No. 1841, 2009"; and
 - c) "Peace River Regional District Zoning Amendment By-law No.1842, 2009".
- B-9 Security Issuing By-law No. 1844, 2009 (City of Fort St. John)
 - a) January 6, 2009 report from Christina Wards, Assistant Treasurer; and
 - b) "Security Issuing By-law No. 1844, 2009".

DIARY:

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

NEW BUSINESS:

- NB-1 Governance Review
- NB-2 Funding for Buick Creek Arena

APPOINTMENTS:

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

- MA-1 Northeast Invasive Plant Committee Meeting Minutes of November 18, 2008
- MA-2 Electoral Area Directors' Committee Meeting Minutes of January 15, 2009.
- MA-3 Rural Budgets Administration Committee Meeting Minutes of January 15, 2009.
- MA-4 Solid Waste Committee Special Meeting Minutes of January 16, 2009.
- MA-5 Public Information Meeting Minutes of January 20, 2009 - North Peace Fringe Area.
- MA-6 Public Information Meeting Minutes of January 21, 2009 - North Peace Fringe Area.

Adoption of Agenda -
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CONSENT CALENDAR: - continued

- CA-1 November/December 2008 Municipal Insurance Association's publication Tidbit Exchange.
 - CA-2 November 2008 Municipal Insurance Association of BC Board Meeting Highlights.
 - CA-3 December 19, 2009 letter from BC Hydro regarding the 2009 Invasive Plant Program Partnership. (the cheque arrived January 27, 2009)
 - CA-4 January 7, 2009 letter of appreciation from Lenore Harwood, former Director of the Peace River Regional District.
 - CA-5 January 12, 2009 letter of congratulations from Bob Gammer, BC Hydro to Chair Goodings and all members elected to the Peace River Regional District Board.
 - CA-6 January 12, 2009 letter from Sue Clark, Program Officer, Local Government Program Services regarding the final payment of \$5,000.00 under the 2005 Community Tourism Grant (Phase 1).
 - CA-7 January 12, 2009 from the Honourable Stan Hagen, Minister of Agriculture and Lands regarding grant allocations towards the 2009 Invasive Plant Program Partnership in the Pine Pass Invasive Plant Management Area.
 - CA-8 January 13, 2009 letter of congratulations from the Honourable Blair Lekstrom, Minister of Community Development to Chair Goodings.
 - CA-9 January 19, 2009 letter from Chair Robert Hobson, UBCM President regarding UBCM Membership.
 - CA-10 January 23, 2009 UBCM Member Release regarding Prime Minister and Premiers Agree to Accelerate Infrastructure Funding.
 - RA-1 December 2008 Monthly Building Permit Report.
- 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
Meeting Minutes of
January 8, 2009

RD/09/01/03 (29)

MOVED by Director Ackerman, SECONDED by Director Hadland,
that the Regional Board Meeting Minutes of January 8, 2009 be adopted.

CARRIED.

4) BA-1
re: page 13, item 41)
Increase in Fort St. John
Water Rates

Director Hadland asked if the Fort St. John Council had ratified the proposed increase to its water rates. Director Ackerman answered in the affirmative. He stated that this would be quite an increase to the rural user who relies only on cisterns. Director Ackerman responded that the rate is still lower than other jurisdictions in the region.

5) BA-2
re: page 7, item 12)
C-11
Invitation to BC
Ambulance Service

Chair Goodings asked the directors to bring forward any specific questions or issues they wish to discuss with representatives from BC Ambulance Service, in advance of their attendance at a future regional board meeting. The following topics were suggested:

- Rural / remote funding - is this a union seniority issue or a provincial issue?
- Hudson's Hope lack of doctors from Thursday till Monday - ambulance service coverage.

6) Vary Agenda

RD/09/01/04 (29)

MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Ackerman,
that the agenda be varied to deal with item B-5 at this time.

CARRIED.

BY-LAWS:

7) B-5
Zoning Amendment By-law No. 1834, 2008 (Tupper Community Club)

RD/09/01/05 (29)
MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Bernier, that "Peace River Regional District Zoning Amendment By-law No. 1834, 2008" be given third reading.

CARRIED.

RD/09/01/06 (29)
MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Bernier, that "Peace River Regional District Zoning Amendment By-law No. 1834, 2008" be adopted.

CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE:

8) C-1
Local Government and Climate Change - Current Law and Urgent Action Conference

RD/09/01/07 (29)
MOVED by Director Jarvis, SECONDED by Director Ackerman, that any rural director wishing to attend the Local Government and Climate Change - Current Law and Urgent Action Conference scheduled for March 6, 2009 in Vancouver, BC, be authorized to do so.

CARRIED.

9) C-2
2009 Property Assessment Roll Release

RD/09/01/08 (29)
MOVED by Director Hadland, SECONDED by Director White, that staff be requested to determine if the Regional District has the authority to file a blanket appeal for property assessments, on behalf of all the constituents in the region.
NAYS: 2 Directors Bernier and Jarvis

CARRIED.

10) Recess
The meeting recessed at 10:00 a.m. for coffee.

11) Reconvene
The meeting reconvened at 10:08 a.m.

DELEGATIONS:

12) D-1
Ministry of Forests and Range
Dale Morgan, District Manager, Peace Forest District

Dale Morgan, District Manager, Peace Forest District provided a comprehensive power point overview of the region's timber supply review program process and objectives. He concluded his presentation by stating that after the extensive twenty-two month process, the Chief Forester determines the annual allowable cut on a five year cycle and submits the written rationale to the Minister of Forests and Range, who ultimately apportions the cut. He advised there is still time for the Peace River Regional District to provide its input.

Re: Forest Management

A question and answer period ensued until 10:55 a.m., with the following topics discussed in depth:

- economic uncertainty affecting local forestry operations;
- Mountain Pine Beetle infestation / harvesting / spread;
- other infrastructure such as industrial roads are contributing positively to this area's forest industry;
- Ministry of Forest and Range - incentives to use beetle wood for bio-energy in other regions;
- potential for forest fire disasters throughout the province; and
- optimistic future outlook for the forest industry in the region.

CORRESPONDENCE: continued

13) C-4 RD/09/01/09 (29)
COFI Annual Convention MOVED by Director Ackerman, SECONDED by Alternate Director Norris,
April 1-3, 2009 that any rural director wishing to attend the 2009 Council of Forest Industries Annual
Convention scheduled for April 1-3, 2009 in Prince George, BC, be authorized to do so.
CARRIED.

14) C-5 RD/09/01/10 (29)
Dawson Creek and MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Ackerman,
Recreation Association that the Regional Board has no objection to the Dawson Creek Recreation Association's
Liquor license (Bear Mountain Ski Hill) application to the Liquor Control Board to amend its licence to
amendment include minors in the licensed area until 8:00 p.m., if accompanied by a parent.
CARRIED.

15) C-8 RD/09/01/11 (29)
Call for Nominations MOVED by Director Bernier, SECONDED by Director Hadland,
2009-2010 NCMA that the Board of the Peace River Regional District nominate Director Goodings as
Executive President to the North Central Municipal Association for 2009-2010.
CARRIED.

RD/09/01/12 (29)
MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Jarvis,
that the Call for Nominations for the 2009-2010 North Central Municipal Executive for
Directors at Large and Regional Representative Peace River, be diarized and brought
back to the March 26th meeting for further nominations.
CARRIED.

16) C-11
Inaugural Meeting of Chair Goodings expressed her regrets in being unable to attend the Inaugural Meeting of
the Northern Rockies Regional Municipality on February 6, 2009 in Fort Nelson, B.C. as
Regional Municipality she will be attending meetings in Vancouver at that time.

Director Ackerman advised she would be attending on behalf of the City of Fort St. John
and would be willing to represent the Regional District as well.

RD/09/01/13 (29)
MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Alternate Director Bolin,
that Director Ackerman be authorized to present a gift on behalf of the Peace River
Regional District to the newly formed Northern Rockies Regional Municipality at its
Inaugural Meeting on February 6, 2009 in Fort Nelson, B.C.
CARRIED.

REPORTS:

- 17) R-1
ALR Subdivision
Application 06/2009
(Pedersen) RD/09/01/14 (29)
MOVED by Director Hadland, SECONDED by Alternate Director Bolin,
that the Regional Board support ALR Subdivision Application 06/2009 for Chris and
Nicole Pedersen to subdivide seven lots from the Southeast ¼ Section 26, Township 83,
Range 19, W6M, PRD, except Plans 17949, PGP36655, and BCP23215; two at 1.83 ha
(4.5 ac); two at 2.13 ha (5.3 ac); two at 2.50 ha (6.2 ac); and one at 2.84 ha(7.0 ac) -
leaving a remainder of 8.35 ha(20.6 ac); 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, Zoning, and Comprehensive Development Plan.
CARRIED.
- 18) R-2
ALR Subdivision
Application 7/2009
(Tower)
and additional item RD/09/01/15 (29)
MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Bernier,
that the Regional Board support ALR Subdivision Application 7/2009 for Claude and
Martha Tower to subdivide the homesite from the Southwest ¼ Section 9, Township 80,
Range 14, W6M, PRD; and authorize the application as submitted, to proceed to the
Agricultural Land Commission on the basis that it is consistent with the Official
Community Plan.
CARRIED.
- 19) R-3
November 21, 2008
report from Director
Caton, Chair NEIPC re:
recommendations from
the November 18th
meeting
Re: Pesticide Free
Zones RD/09/01/16 (29)
MOVED by Alternate Director Rose, SECONDED by Director Hadland,
that a letter of appreciation be forwarded to Linda Wilson, Northwest Invasive Plant
Committee, Denise McLean, Ministry of Forests and Range and Jon Mullen, Ministry of
Forests and Range in recognition of their efforts in establishing other avenues/options to
utilize aminopyralid along with currently specified glyphosates, i.e. Milestone within
Pesticide Free Zones; and request their continued assistance.
CARRIED.
- Re: Pine Pass Invasive
Plant Management Area RD/09/01/17 (29)
MOVED by Alternate Director Rose, SECONDED by Director Hadland,
a) that continuation of the Pine Pass Invasive Plant Management Area (IPMA) be
approved; and
b) that the Pine Pass IPMA budget be increased, if possible; and
c) that the containment lines for Hawkweed and Oxeye Daisy remain at their current
locations.
CARRIED.
- Re: North West Invasive
Plant Committee RD/09/01/18 (29)
MOVED by Alternate Director Rose, SECONDED by Director Hadland,
that a letter be forwarded to the North West Invasive Plant Committee expressing
appreciation for their efforts in the treatment of Hawkweed and Oxeye Daisy on their side
of the Pine Pass containment line and encourage them to continue with similar
treatments in 2009.
CARRIED.

REPORTS: continued

R-3 - continued

RD/09/01/19 (29)

MOVED by Alternate Director Rose, SECONDED by Director Hadland,

Re: Seed Containing
Weed Seeds

- a) that a sub-committee consisting of Stephanie Haight, Dennis Meier, Kerry Clark and Julie Robinson, be formed to develop an approach to the seed containing weed seed issue that will address concerns of all stakeholders, both agricultural and industrial; and
- b) that a member of the Agriculture Advisory Committee and Gino Morrone, Pickseed retailer be invited to participate on the sub-committee.

CARRIED.

20) Recess

The meeting recessed at 11:27 a.m. for coffee.

21) Reconvene

The meeting reconvened at 11:33 a.m.

DELEGATIONS: continued

22) D-2
TransCanada
Sandeep Mann, Project
Manager
Brenda Walton,
Community Relations
Advisor

Sandeep Mann, Project Manager, TransCanada and Brenda Walton, Community Relations Advisor attended the meeting to update the directors on the status of the proposed 85 kilometre, Groundbirch Pipeline Project which is presently in the early phase of the public consultation program. The engagement of stakeholders and early project planning began in 2008. Applications will be submitted to the National Energy Board in the first quarter of 2009. Construction of the proposed pipeline is anticipated to begin in the third quarter of 2110 and scheduled to be completed and in-service by the fourth quarter of 2110.

Re: Groundbirch
Pipeline Project

The pipeline begins about 3.5 km north of Groundbirch, BC. From there, the route heads in an easterly direction north of Dawson Creek crossing the provincial boundary at a point about 6.5 km southwest of Bay Tree, Alberta. Once in Alberta, the route continues east to a tie in with TransCanada's Alberta System, approximately 11 km west of Gordondale.

Handout - Information
Package

A question and answer period ensued until 12:10 p.m. with the following topics discussed:

- sweet/sour gas levels and monitoring system;
- possibility of distribution of gas to that region;
- use of local contractors; knowledge of requirements and opportunity to bid;
- depth of ground cover related to increasingly heavier farm equipment;
- approximately 60 landowners and 110 tracts of land involved and notified;
- consultation attendance / communication is going well;
- qualifications of representatives meeting / negotiating with landowners;
- Emergency Response Plan distances, dependant upon pipeline diameter which hasn't been determined yet; and
- compensation based on fair market value of land.

The presenters encouraged the Board to provide feedback, and indicated that discussions today had been valuable in that regard. The Chair invited the delegation to join the Directors for lunch in order to continue their dialogue.

23) Recess The meeting recessed at 12:10 p.m. for luncheon.

24) Reconvene The meeting reconvened at 1:03 p.m.

Director Bernier did not return to the meeting after lunch.

CORRESPONDENCE: continued

25) C-14 RD/09/01/20 (29)
Joint Agricultural MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Hadland,
Advisory Committee that up to two people from the Agricultural Advisory Committee, elected officials or staff,
Workshops be authorized to attend one of the following Joint Agricultural Advisory Committee
 Workshops:
 • Langley, February 18, 2009;
 • Nanaimo, February, 2009; or
 • Okanagan, March - date to be determined.

CARRIED.

26) Vary Agenda RD/09/01/21 (29)
 MOVED by Director Jarvis, SECONDED by Director Ackerman,
 that the agenda be varied in order to bring back item C-13 at this time.

CARRIED.

27) C-13 RD/09/01/22 (29)
Measuring Up the North MOVED by Director Jarvis, SECONDED by Director Ackerman,
Creating Universally that any rural director wishing to attend the Measuring Up the North - Creating
Designed Healthy Universally Designed Healthy Sustainable Communities Conference scheduled for
Sustainable April 6-8, 2009 in Prince George, be authorized to do so.
Communities

CARRIED.

REPORTS: continued

28) R-6 RD/09/01/23 (29)
January 21, 2009 MOVED by Director Hadland, SECONDED by Director Ackerman,
report from Kim Frech that the Regional Board authorize payment of meeting fees and mileage to Agricultural
re: Budget Effect re: Advisory Committee volunteer members only at a cost of approximately \$16,500
Paid Committee (additional \$11,800).
Members

DEFEATED.

RD/09/01/24 (29)
MOVED by Director Hadland, SECONDED by Director Ackerman,
that the Regional Board authorize payment of meeting fees and mileage to all committee
volunteer members at a cost of approximately \$86,000 per year (additional \$81,400).

DEFEATED.

RD/09/01/25 (29)
MOVED by Director Ackerman, SECONDED by Director Anderson,
that the Regional Board authorize payment of mileage for all volunteer members of
committees at a cost of approximately \$25,000 per year (additional \$20,300).

CARRIED.

REPORTS: continued

29) R-7
January 21, 2009
report from Bruce
Simard, GM
Development Services
re: Climate Change Task
Group

RD/09/01/26 (29)
MOVED by Director Ackerman, SECONDED by Director Hiebert,
that the January 21, 2009 report from Bruce Simard, General Manager of Development
Services regarding the Terms of Reference for the Climate Change Task Group be
referred to the February 26, 2009 meeting in order to allow time for Directors to take
the recommendation to their respective communities for review.

CARRIED.

Alternate Director Norris excused himself from the meeting at 1:25 p.m.

DELEGATIONS: continued

30) D-3
EPCOR
Jay Shukin, Manager,
Public & Government
Affairs
Lisa Hewitt, Hemmera
Consultant
Gary Bouwman, Lead
Engineer

Jay Shukin, Manager, Public & Government Affairs, EPCOR; Lisa Hewitt, Hemmera
Environmental Consultant; and Gary Bouwman, Lead Engineer presented and update on
the environmental assessment process and consultations for the proposed Quality Wind
Project, 10 km north of Tumbler Ridge, BC. The company is anticipating receipt of the
Environmental Assessment Certificate in the fall of 2009. Construction is expected to
take two years, from the winter of 2010 to the fall of 2012; with commissioning projected
to occur in early spring 2013. Findings in relation to terrestrial mammals, amphibians
and reptiles, birds and bats were discussed along with social, cultural, heritage, and
economic impacts related to the project.

Re: Quality Wind Project
Handout - Information
Package

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

- Northern Lights College Wind Turbine Program applicability to this project;
- Installation of turbines requiring < 40 km wind conditions; and requiring specialized cranes;
- Elk population / effect of the Hour Glass fire on ungulates;
- Size of concrete base, above and below the ground;
- Difference between migrating and local bat's flying levels; and
- Opportunity for local employment.

The Chair thanked the delegation for updating the Board on the Quality Wind Project.

31) Recess
The meeting recessed at 1:52 p.m. for coffee.

32) Reconvene
The meeting reconvened at 2:03 p.m.

33) R-8
January 21, 2009
report from Director
Goodings, Chair EADC
re: recommendations
from the January 15,
2009 meeting

RD/09/01/27 (29)
MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Hadland,
that a letter be forwarded to Pacific Northern Gas (N.E.) Ltd. in support of Doig River
First Nation's request for natural gas services and to advise PNG of the Regional District's
Fair Share policy on funding assistance available for rural residents to acquire services,
with copies of the letter sent to Mr. Roy Dyce, President and CEO, PNG and the Doig River
First Nation.

CARRIED.

REPORTS: continued

R-8 continued

RD/09/01/28 (29)

MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Hadland, that staff be authorized to obtain further information from the Fire Services Liaison Group on the following:

1. what the translation to Regional Districts means in terms of additional staff and further service area costs when the responsibility of local service delivery moves over to Regional Districts; and who will be responsible for those costs?
2. service coverage; does this mean having the service or extending the service within an existing service area;
3. fire investigation, is this suggesting that Regional Districts will have comment opportunities on the "Local assistant" system;
4. fire inspections, is suggested to be mandatory, who will be responsible to deliver this service;
5. responsibility for interoperability / regionalization, will the opportunity for the Regional District input be provided, or just the province;
6. communications and information management systems, will the opportunity for Regional District input be provided, or just the province;
7. funding, although the province will fund fire fighter training, equipment and other "to be determined standards", what additional costs will be borne through the existing service area;
8. purchasing, with volunteer Fire Departments becoming the responsibility of the Regional District, what does this translate to in terms of additional local government staff and further service area costs;
9. administration, will Regional Districts administering volunteer departments become responsible for this administrative filing for the Fire Departments;
10. Provincial Search and Rescue, does this mean that this function is moving under the mandate of Fire and Rescue Services; and
11. local government representation, is this envisioned to come from a specific working group yet to be determined or an existing group?

CARRIED.

34) R-9

January 22, 2009
report from the EADC
Committee re: ALC/OGC
Delegation Agreement

RD/09/01/29 (29)

MOVED by Director Hadland, SECONDED by Alternate Director Bolin,

- a) that staff draft a letter stating that it is the Board's opinion, the delegation agreement between the ALC and the OGC is not meeting the intent of the *Agricultural Land Commission Act* and corrective action must be taken; and
- b) that the draft letter be circulated electronically to each director, allowing two days for comment, prior to it being sent to the to the Agricultural Land Commission and copied to local MLA's and the Minister of Agriculture.

CARRIED.

35) R-10

January 29, 2009
report from Ron Storie
re: Rolla Dyke
Feasibility Study
Approval and Funding
Submission

RD/09/01/30 (29)

MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Hadland, that staff be authorized to apply to the Emergency Management British Columbia (EMBC) "Provincial Government Flood Hazard Mitigation Fund" for operational funding for the Rolla Dyke feasibility study.

CARRIED.

REPORTS: continued

36) R-11
January 29, 2009
report from Ron Storie
re: Natural Springs
Feasibility Study
Approval and Funding
Submission

RD/09/01/31 (29)
MOVED by Director Ackerman, SECONDED by Alternate Director Rose,
a) that the Regional Board approve a \$5486 increase in feasibility funding for the Natural Springs project; and
b) that staff be authorized to apply to the Emergency Management British Columbia (EMBC) "Provincial Government Flood Hazard Mitigation Fund" for operational funding for the Natural Springs feasibility study.

CARRIED.

37) R-12
January 21, 2009
report from Shannon
Anderson re:
recommendations from
the January 19, 2009
Solid Waste Committee
Meeting

RD/09/01/32 (29)
MOVED by Director Ackerman, SECONDED by Director Hiebert,
a) that an additional \$15,000 be approved to Eco-Depot to assist in off-setting current recycling program deficits for the month of February; and
b) that staff be authorized to investigate the impacts of restructuring the recycling contract with Eco-Depot with a possible zero revenue being paid to the Regional District.

CARRIED.

38) R-14
January 27, 2009
report from Kim Frech
re: Director's Internet
Communications Policy

RD/09/01/33 (29)
MOVED by Director Ackerman, SECONDED by Alternate Director Hiebert,
that the Board adopt the following Internet Communications Policy:

Internet communications is an important tool to communicate with Directors of the Peace River Regional District, the North Central Municipal Association, the Union of British Columbia Municipalities and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

Each Director should have access to an internet service provider of their choice and service speed that meets the director's needs.

The Regional District recognises the need for Director's internet access and shall provide the following to its Directors:

- 1. pay a flat fee of \$25 per month to all Directors toward the cost of high-speed internet service to ensure the ability to receive Regional District communications and access to other local government associations and agencies;*
- 2. pay the full cost of internet service for the Regional District Chair to ensure ability to receive all communications from the Regional District and other agencies pertaining to the position of Chair;*
- 3. purchase satellite internet equipment hardware to enable directors that do not have alternate means of acquiring high-speed internet to hook up to high-speed internet, if required.*

CARRIED.

BY-LAWS:

- 39) B-1
OCP and Zoning
Amendment By-law's
No. 1766 and 1767,
2007
(Mosher)
- RD/09/01/34 (29)
MOVED by Alternate Director Rose, SECONDED by Director Hadland,
that "West Peace Official Community Plan Amendment By-law No. 1766, 2007" be
adopted. CARRIED.
- RD/09/01/35 (29)
MOVED by Alternate Director Rose, SECONDED by Director Hadland,
that "Peace River Regional District Zoning Amendment By-law No. 1767, 2007" be
adopted. CARRIED.
- 40) B-2
OCP and Zoning
Amendment By-law's
No. 1817 and 1818,
2008
(Honing)
- RD/09/01/36 (29)
MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Alternate Director Bolin,
that "Dawson Creek Official Community Plan Amendment By-law No. 1817, 2008" be
adopted. CARRIED.
- RD/09/01/37 (29)
MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Alternate Director Bolin,
that "Peace River Regional District Zoning Amendment By-law No. 1818, 2008" be
adopted. CARRIED.
- 41) B-3
Zoning Amendment By-
law No. 1832, 2008
(Wawreniuk/EnCana)
- RD/09/01/38 (29)
MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Bolin,
that "Peace River Regional District Zoning Amendment By-law No. 1832, 2008" be given
third reading.
NAYS: 5 of 8 allowable votes DEFEATED.
Directors Ackerman, Anderson, Goodings, Clark, Hadland
- 42) B-4
Zoning Amendment By-
law No. 1833, 2008
(Klemmer/EnCana)
- RD/09/01/39 (29)
MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Alternate Director Rose,
that item B-4, regarding Zoning Amendment By-law No. 1833, 2008 (Klemmer /
EnCana), be referred to a future Board meeting, following a meeting with the
Agricultural Land Commission and the Oil and Gas Commission. CARRIED.
- 43) B-6
Zoning Amendment By-
law No. 1837, 2009
(Gallagher)
- RD/09/01/40 (29)
MOVED by Director Hadland, SECONDED by Alternate Director Rose,
that "Peace River Regional District Zoning Amendment By-law No. 1837, 2009" be given
third reading. CARRIED.
- RD/09/01/41 (29)
MOVED by Director Hadland, SECONDED by Alternate Director Rose,
that "Peace River Regional District Zoning Amendment By-law No. 1837, 2009" be
adopted. CARRIED.

BY-LAWS: continued

- 44) B-7
Security Issuing By-law
No. 1840, 2009
(District of Tumbler
Ridge)
- RD/09/01/42 (29)
MOVED by Director Ackerman, SECONDED by Director Hiebert,
that "Security Issuing By-law No. 1840, 2009" be given first three readings. CARRIED.
- RD/09/01/43 (29)
MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Ackerman,
that permission be granted to adopt "Security Issuing By-law No. 1840, 2009". CARRIED.
- RD/09/01/44 (29)
MOVED by Director Jarvis, SECONDED by Director Hiebert,
that "Security Issuing By-law No. 1840, 2009" be adopted. CARRIED.
- 45) B-8
OCP and Zoning
Amendment By-law's
No. 1841 and 1842,
2008
(Carter)
- RD/09/01/45 (29)
MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Anderson,
- 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 January 6, 2009;
 - b) that "Dawson Creek Official Community Plan Amendment By-law No. 1841, 2009" and "Peace River Regional District Zoning Amendment By-law No. 1842, 2009" be given first and second readings to re-designate and rezone the Northeast ¼ of Section 17, Township 78, Range 15, W6M, PRD;
 - c) that authority be given to go to a public hearing on February 19, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the Dawson Creek office of the Peace River Regional District with Director Hiebert in attendance; and
 - d) that a restrictive covenant, as offered by the applicant in the December 22, 2008 letter from L & M Engineering be prepared and registered by the applicant prior to consideration of final reading. CARRIED.
- 46) B-9
Security Issuing By-law
No. 1844, 2009 (City
of Fort St. John)
- RD/09/01/46 (29)
MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director White,
that "Security Issuing By-law No. 1844, 2009" be given first three readings. CARRIED.
- RD/09/01/47 (29)
MOVED by Alternate Director Rose, SECONDED by Director Hiebert,
that permission be granted to adopt "Security Issuing By-law No. 1844, 2009". CARRIED.
- RD/09/01/48 (29)
MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Hadland,
that "Security Issuing By-law No. 1844, 2009" be adopted. CARRIED.

DIARY

47) Regional Diary/
Agenda Preparation
Schedule/ Schedule of
Events RD/09/01/49 (29)
MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Director Jarvis,
that the January 29, 2009 Regional Diary/ Agenda Preparation Schedule/ Schedule of
Events be received.
CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS:

48) NB-1
Governance Review RD/09/01/50 (29)
MOVED by Director Hadland, SECONDED by Director Anderson,
a) that a governance review be undertaken for the Peace River Regional District in
order to look at the way our electoral areas / municipalities function in the board
room; and
b) that this be incorporated into the February 24, 2009 Strategic Planning Session
where two consultants will be available to give an outside perspective.
CARRIED.

49) NB-2
Buick Creek Arena RD/09/01/51 (29)
MOVED by Director Goodings, SECONDED by Alternate Director Rose,
that staff be authorized to submit a funding application to the federal government's
newly announced infrastructure funding programs, for the Buick Creek Arena.
CARRIED.

50) Consent Calendar RD/09/01/52 (29)
MOVED by Director Hiebert, SECONDED by Alternate Director Rose,
that the January 29, 2009 Consent Calendar be received.
CARRIED.

51) Adjournment RD/09/01/53 (29)
MOVED by Alternate Director Bolin, SECONDED by Director Hiebert,
that the meeting adjourn.
CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 3:09 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 January 29, 2009 in the Regional District Office Board Room, Dawson Creek, BC.

Fred Banham, Chief Administrative Officer