



PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES

DATE: July 3, 2014

TIME: 10 a.m.

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

PRESENT: **Directors**

Chair Goodings, Chair
Director Ackerman, City of Fort St. John
Director Caisley, District of Tumbler Ridge
Director Hadland, Electoral Area C
Director Bumstead, City of Dawson Creek
Director Stewart, City of Fort St. John
Director Jarvis, District of Taylor
Director Johansson, District of Hudson's Hope

Alternate Directors

Alternate Director Brett, Electoral Area D
Alternate Director Galbraith, District of Chetwynd

Absent

Director Hiebert, Electoral Area D
Director Plowright, Village of Pouce Coupe
Director Nichols, District of Chetwynd
Director Schembri, Electoral Area E

Staff

Chris Cvik, Chief Administrative Officer
Shannon Anderson, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Jo-Anne Frank, Corporate Officer
Barb Coburn, Recording Secretary

Others

Jill Earl, Northeast News

Delegation

D-1 Catherine Henry, Consultant, W Beamish Consulting

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

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CW/14/07/01

MOVED by Director Bumstead, SECONDED by Director Jarvis,
That the Peace River Regional District agenda for the July 3, 2014 Committee of the
Whole Meeting be adopted as follows:

1. **CALL TO ORDER:**
2. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**
3. **BUSINESS ITEMS**
 - 3.1 Report to the PRRD on the Site C Clean Energy Project JRP Secretariat's Document
 - 3.2 June 12, 2014 - BC Hydro Correspondence
Handout (re: 3.1) Addendum to Report submitted to the PRRD, June 27, 2014 Report
4. **ADJOURNMENT:**

CARRIED.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

3.1
June 26, 2014 Report
Re: Site C Clean
Energy Project Draft
Potential Conditions

The Directors discussed the June 26, 2014 submission from W. Beamish Consulting Ltd. as presented by Catherine Henry regarding the Site C Clean Energy Project Draft Potential Conditions document (attached). As a result of the discussions, the following recommendations to the Board were made.

CW/14/07/02

BY CONSENSUS

That the Committee of the Whole make the following recommendations to the Regional Board:

1. That the Regional District be given the opportunity to review and comment on all Plans and Programs regarding the Site C Clean Energy Project.
2. That the Regional Board request financial support from the JRP Secretariat and/or BC Hydro to acquire resources and capacity to conduct reviews.
3. That the Regional District request clarification from the JRP Secretariat as to why consideration of the impacts of cumulative effects is not included in the June 2014 Potential Site C Energy Project Conditions document and that cumulative impacts on rivers and valley also be included in the project conditions.
4. That the Regional District liaise directly with BC Hydro regarding the Site C Energy Project during the construction period; and that a monitoring committee be established to monitor dam and reservoir operations and impacts for the entire life of the dam.
5. That the Regional District reiterates its request to the JRP Secretariat that project impacts on the Regional Airport in Fort St. John be studied and that a monitoring program be developed by a qualified professional and referred to the Regional District and the City of Fort St. John.
6. That the Regional District's response to the JRP Secretariat's include the request that an Airport Management and Monitoring Plan be develop and include the following issues: capital projects, environmental impacts, future projects required due to pressures placed on the airport; and airport improvement fees.
7. That the Regional District reiterate its position in its response to the JRP Secretariat that BC Hydro be responsible to develop a comprehensive Emergency Response Plan relating to possible breaches of the dam; the impacts on downstream operations; and stating that BC Hydro is solely responsible for implementing the Emergency Response Plan.
8. That the Regional District's response to the JRP Secretariat include the comment that the Province of BC define the expectations of BC Hydro for its contingency funding on negative impacts on baseline conditions.
9. That the Regional District's response to the JRP Secretariat include a request that BC Hydro develop mitigation plans for the decommission and reclamation of upstream dams.
10. That the Regional District's response to the JRP Secretariat include a request that BC Hydro be required to develop a Statutory Right-of-way Protocol that would clarify the activities permitted and restricted within rights-of-way.
11. That the Regional District's response to the JRP Secretariat reiterate the Regional District's position that the Joint Panel Review recommendations be followed with respect to utilizing the BCUC process, including transparency and the ability for cross-examination under oath.

BUSINESS ITEMS (continued):

- 3.1 (continued) CW/14/07/03
Submit comments BY CONSENSUS
regarding Site C That the Peace River Regional District submit its comments on the June 2014 Potential Site C Energy Project Conditions by the Joint Review Panel Secretariat's July 11, 2014 deadline.
- Negotiations with BC CW/14/07/04
Hydro BY CONSENSUS
That the Regional District Board authorizes negotiations directly with B.C. Hydro on Site C Clean Energy Project issues previously identified by the Regional District Board that impact communities.
- Discussion at July 16 CW/14/07/05
Site C RLGLC meeting BY CONSENSUS
That the information contained in the 3.1 addendum handout from Director Hadland be brought forward for discussion with BC Hydro during the July 16, 2014 Site C Regional Local Government Liaison Committee meeting.
- 3.2 CW/14/07/06
Meet with BC Hydro at BY CONSENSUS
UBCM That the Regional Board accepts the invitation to meet with BC Hydro during the UBCM convention to discuss issues in northeastern BC such as reliability of service, staffing levels, and power outages.

ADJOURNMENT:

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BY CONSENSUS
That the Committee of the Whole meeting adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

CERTIFIED a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Regional Board of the Peace River Regional District from a Committee of the Whole meeting held on July 3, 2014 in the Regional District Office Board Room, Dawson Creek, BC.

Karen Goodings, Chair

Jo-Anne Frank, Corporate Officer