



PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

MAY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: May 11, 2017

PLACE: Regional District Office Boardroom, Dawson Creek, BC

PRESENT:

Directors

Chair Sperling, Electoral Area 'C'
Vice-Chair Rose, Electoral Area 'E'
Director Ackerman, City of Fort St. John
Director Fraser, District of Taylor
Director Goodings, Electoral Area 'B'
Director Hiebert, Electoral Area 'D'
Director Johansson, District of Hudson's Hope
Director McPherson, District of Tumbler Ridge
Director Nichols, District of Chetwynd
Director Stewart, City of Fort St. John

Alternate Directors

Alternate Director Lavoie, Village of Pouce Coupe
Alternate Director Shuman, City of Dawson Creek

Absent

Director Bumstead, City of Dawson Creek
Director Michetti, Village of Pouce Coupe

Staff

Chris Cvik, Chief Administrative Officer
Shannon Anderson, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Tyra Henderson, Corporate Officer
Kim Frech, Chief Financial Officer
Trish Morgan, General Manager of Community Services
Bruce Simard, General Manager of Development Services
Fran Haughian, Communications Manager / Commission Liaison
Claire Negrin, Assistant Manager of Development Services
Kole Casey, South Peace Land Use Planner
Brenda Deliman, Recording Secretary

Others

Lorna Wollen, Montney
Shaely Endicott, Dawson Creek

Bruce Endicott, Dawson Creek

Delegations

D-1 Natural Forces
Amy Pellerin

D-3 Renewable Energy Systems Canada
Patrick Henn

D-2
Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural
Resource Operations

Ken Dobb
BC Hydro
David Conway
Dave Hunter
Mikky Walker

Prior to the start of the meeting, Director Goodings, Electoral Area 'B', was presented with a Lifetime Achievement Award from the North Central Local Government Association (NCLGA). The award was presented by Shaely Wilbur, NCLGA President.

Call to Order The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

DIRECTORS' NOTICE OF NEW BUSINESS:

Chair Sperling Meeting with BC Emergency Health Services and STARS

Director Rose Heavy Rainfall Warning and Emergency Preparedness

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

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RD/17/05/01

MOVED Director Ackerman, SECONDED Director McPherson,
That the Peace River Regional District Board agenda for the May 11, 2017 meeting, including Director's new business and additional items for the agenda, be adopted as amended:

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Directors' Notice of New Business**
3. **Adoption of Agenda**
4. **Gallery Comments or Questions**
5. **Adoption of Minutes**

M-1 Regional Board Meeting Minutes of April 27, 2017

M-2 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes of April 27, 2017

6. **Business Arising from the Minutes**

7. **Delegations**

10:30 a.m.

- D-1 **Natural Forces**

Re: Zonnebeke and Sukunka Wind Energy Projects
Amy Pellerin, Development Engineer

11:30 a.m.

- D-2 **Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations and BC Hydro (see NB-7)**

Re: License of Occupation Application – Fish Habitat Enhancement near Old Fort Ken Dobb, Project Manager, Major Projects Northeast Region, Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations
David Conway, Community Relations Manager, BC Hydro
Dave Hunter, Senior Environmental Coordinator, BC Hydro

1:30 p.m.

- D-3 **Renewable Energy Systems Canada Inc. (see R-5 and NB-1)**

Re: ALR Non-Farm Use Application 064/2017
Patrick Henn, Development Manager

8. **Petitions**

9. **Correspondence**

C-1 April 21, 2017 – City of Fort St. John and North Peace Historical Society – Peace River Valley Lookout Project

C-2 April 27, 2017 – Peace Lutheran Care Centre – 40 Year Reunion

C-3 May 1, 2017 – BC Community Forest Association – 2017 Conference and Annual General Meeting

C-4 May 1, 2017 – Northern Health – Dr. Charles Jago Recognition Event

RD/17/05/01
(continued)

Adoption of Agenda: (continued)

9. Correspondence (continued)

C-5 May 2, 2017 – Peace Energy Cooperative – PRRD Regional Board Wind Energy Generation Project Application Guidelines

10. Reports

R-1 May 1, 2017 – Tyra Henderson, Corporate Officer – Release of Resolution from February 9, 2017 Closed Board Meeting

R-2 May 2, 2017 – Kim Frech, Chief Financial Officer – Condolence and Get Well Policy

R-3 May 2, 2017 – Chris Cvik, Chief Administrative Officer – Encana South Central Liquids Hub Tour

R-4 May 3, 2017 – Jill Rickert, Community Services Coordinator, Community & Electoral Area Services – North Peace 4-H District Council

R-5 ALR Non-Farm Use Application 064/2017 (Devuyt) (see D-3 and NB-1)

R-6 ALR Subdivision Application 039/2017 (Lea)

R-7 May 4, 2017 – Tyra Henderson, Corporate Officer – Notice of Closed Session

R-8 May 3, 2017 – Jill Rickert, Community Services Coordinator, Community & Electoral Area Services – Chetwynd International Chainsaw Carving Championship Society

11. Bylaws

12. Schedule of Events

a) Agenda Preparations Schedule

b) Schedule of Events

13. New Business

Handout:

NB-1 May 4, 2017 – Renewable Energy Systems Canada Inc. - ALR Non-Farm Use Application 064/2017 (See D-3 and R-5)

Handout:

NB-2 May 8, 2017 – Shaw Communications Inc. – Connect to Innovate Program Application

Handout:

NB-3 May 9, 2017 – Bruce Simard, General Manager of Development Services – Recommendation from the April 20, 2017 Electoral Area Directors' Committee Meeting

Handout:

NB-4 May 10, 2017 – Chris Cvik, Chief Administrative Officer – Tipping Fees – Waive Request

NB-5 Director Sperling – Meeting with BC Emergency Health Services and STARS

NB-6 Director Rose - Heavy Rainfall Warning and Emergency Preparedness

Handout:

NB-7 BC Hydro – Site C Project – Peace River Channel Contouring and Side Channel Enhancement (see D-2)

14. Appointments

a) 2017 List of Board Appointments

15. Consent Calendar (for consideration and receipt)

MA-1 Civic Properties Commission Meeting Minutes of March 28, 2017

MA-2 Rural Budgets Administration Committee Meeting Minutes of April 20, 2017

MA-3 Chetwynd Public Library Regular Board Meeting Minutes of March 28, 2017

MA-4 South Peace Economic Development Commission Draft Meeting Minutes of April 3, 2017

CA-1 April 10, 2017 – District of Taylor – Taylor Tots Preschool Space

CA-2 April 18, 2017 – Environment and Climate Change Canada – HD Mining International Ltd. Murray River Project

CA-3 April 25, 2017 – Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure – Provincial Register for Industrial Work Camps

CA-4 May 2, 2017 – Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations – Boreal Caribou Recovery Implementation Plan

CA-5 April 26, 2017 – Northern Development Initiative Trust – Economic Development Capacity Building Funding

CA-6 April 30, 2017 – Clara London – Mulching at Site C Dam Site

CA-7 April 21, 2017 – Lehigh Hanson Materials Ltd. – Air Discharge Permit Application

16. Notice of Motion (for the next meeting):

17. Media Questions (on agenda items and business discussed at the meeting)

18. Adjournment

CARRIED.

GALLERY COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS:

R-5 ALR NON-FARM USE APPLICATION 064/2017

Lorna Wollen inquired as to whether Renewable Energy Systems Canada Inc., developer of the proposed 7-Mile Wind Project, had withdrawn its zoning amendment application for the Montney Wind Project. The Regional Board advised that her inquiry would be addressed during its question and answer period with the developer, listed as item D-3 on the agenda.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

M-1 ADOPTION OF MINUTES

RD/17/05/02
MOVED Director Nichols, SECONDED Director Hiebert,
That the Board Meeting Minutes of April 27, 2017 be adopted.

CARRIED.

M-2 RD/17/05/03

MOVED Alternate Director Lavoie, SECONDED Director Goodings,
That the Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes of April 27, 2017 be adopted.

CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE:

C-1 PEACE RIVER VALLEY LOOKOUT

April 21, 2017 – City of
Fort St. John and North
Peace Historical
Society

It was noted that the correspondence dated April 21, 2017 from the City of Fort St. John and April 4, 2017 from the North Peace Historical Society regarding the Peace River Valley Lookout had been considered by the Regional Parks Committee at its May 10, 2017 meeting and a recommendation would be presented to the Regional Board for its consideration at a future Board meeting.

Director Johansson left the meeting at 10:10 a.m.

C-2 PEACE LUTHERAN CARE CENTRE – 40 YEAR REUNION

April 27, 2017 – Peace
Lutheran Care Centre

RD/17/05/04
MOVED Director Ackerman, SECONDED Director Rose,
That those Electoral Area Directors who wish to attend the Peace Lutheran Care Centre 40 Year Reunion on June 9, 2017 in Fort St. John, BC be authorized to do so.

CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE: (continued)

C-3
May 1, 2017 – BC
Community Forest
Association

BC COMMUNITY FOREST ASSOCIATION – 2017 CONFERENCE & AGM

RD/17/05/05
MOVED Director Hiebert, SECONDED Director Ackerman,
That those Electoral Area Directors who wish to attend the BC Community Forest
Association - 2017 Conference and AGM on June 15-17, 2017 in Tumbler Ridge, BC be
authorized to do so.

CARRIED.

Director Johansson entered the meeting at 10:11 a.m.

C-4
May 1, 2017 –
Northern Health

DR. CHARLES JAGO – RECOGNITION EVENT

RD/17/05/06
MOVED Director Ackerman, SECONDED Director McPherson,
That those Electoral Area Directors who wish to attend the Dr. Charles Jago –
Recognition Event on June 7, 2017 in Prince George, BC be authorized to do so.

CARRIED.

C-5
May 2, 2017 – Peace
Energy Cooperative

PRRD REGIONAL BOARD WIND ENERGY GENERATION PROJECT APPLICATION
GUIDELINES

RD/17/05/07
MOVED Director Ackerman, SECONDED Director McPherson,
That the Regional Board Chair forward a letter to the Peace Energy Cooperative to
request details regarding its concerns on the PRRD Regional Board Wind Energy
Generation Project Application Guidelines, and advise that the guidelines assist in
streamlining and informing the process of Board consideration of wind energy
generation project applications on a case by case basis.

CARRIED.

REPORTS:

R-1
May 1, 2017 – Tyra
Henderson, Corporate
Officer

RELEASE OF RESOLUTION FROM FEBRUARY 9, 2017 CLOSED MEETING

RD/17/05/08

MOVED Director Goodings, SECONDED Director Ackerman,
That the following resolution authorized for release from the February 9, 2017 Regional
Board Closed Meeting be confirmed through inclusion in the Minutes of the May 11th
Open Board meeting:

IC/17/02/03

*“That the Board approve the five (5) year agreement effective January 1, 2017
between the City of Fort St. John and the Regional District for the provision of Fire
Protection Services; further, that upon receipt of confirmation of approval of the
agreement from the City of Fort St. John that the Chair and CAO be authorized to
sign the agreement and release it to the open meeting.”;*

Further, that it be clarified that the provision of Fire Protection Services refers to the
Fort St. John Rural Fire Protection Area.

CARRIED.

R-2
May 2, 2017 – Kim
Frech, Chief Financial
Officer

CONDOLENCE AND GET WELL POLICY

RD/17/05/09

MOVED Director Nichols, SECONDED Director McPherson,
That the following spending limits under the Condolence and Get Well policy be
approved:

- a) That a maximum of \$100 per occasion be paid from the Legislative Regional
Function when notified of the death of a current or past Board member or
current Board member’s immediate family, or current or previous employee or
current employee’s immediate family; and
- b) That a maximum of \$100 per occasion be paid from the Legislative Regional
Function when notified of a serious illness or hospitalization of more than 48
hours of a current or past Board member or current Board member’s
immediate family or current or previous employee or current employee’s
immediate family.

CARRIED.

R-3
May 2, 2017 – Chris
Cvik, Chief
Administrative Officer

ENCANA SOUTH CENTRAL LIQUIDS HUB TOUR

RD/17/05/10

- MOVED Director Hiebert, SECONDED Director Nichols,
1. That the Regional Board provide potential dates to tour the new Encana South
Central Liquids Hub; and
 2. That those Directors who wish to participate in the tour once the final date has
been determined, be authorized to do so.

CARRIED.

REPORTS: (continued)

R-4
May 3, 2017 – Jill
Rickert, Community
Services Coordinator,
Community & Electoral
Area Services

NORTH PEACE 4-H DISTRICT COUNCIL
RD/17/05/11
MOVED Director Goodings, SECONDED Director Johansson,
That the Regional Board supports the application by the North Peace 4-H District
Council to the Northern Development Initiative Trust – BC Hydro GO Fund for a grant of
up to \$10,000 to assist in offering its membership age appropriate safety training
courses.

CARRIED.

DELEGATION:

D-1
Natural Forces – Amy
Pellerin, Development
Engineer

ZONNEBEKE AND SUKUNKA WIND ENERGY PROJECTS
The delegation provided an update on the Zonnebeke and Sukunka Wind Energy
Projects. Topics included:

- Company background
- Overview of BC sites
- Pre-construction and construction schedules
- Consultation efforts
- PRRD Wind Energy Guidelines

A question and answer period ensued. Topics included:

- Projects on Crown land vs private land
- Zoning amendment application timelines
- Investment pool
- Ministry contacts
- Wind turbine megawatt output

Recess
The Chair recessed the meeting at 11:07 a.m.

Reconvene
The Chair reconvened the meeting at 11:16 a.m.

REPORTS:

R-5
(See D-3 and NB-1)
April 18, 2017

ALR NON FARM-USE APPLICATION 064/2017 (DEVUYST)
RD/17/05/12
MOVED Director Hiebert, SECONDED Director McPherson,
That item R-5 be dealt with following item D-3.

CARRIED.

REPORTS: (continued)

R-6
March 17, 2017

ALR SUBDIVISION APPLICATION 039/2017 (LEA)

RD/17/05/13

MOVED Director Goodings, SECONDED Director Rose,
That the Regional Board support ALR Subdivision Application 039/2017 (Lea), and
authorize the application to proceed to the Agricultural Land Commission.

CARRIED.

R-7
May 4, 2017 – Tyra
Henderson, Corporate
Officer

NOTICE OF CLOSED SESSION

RD/17/05/14

MOVED Director Nichols, SECONDED Director Fraser,
That item R-7 be dealt with at the end of the meeting.

CARRIED.

R-8
May 3, 2017 – Jill
Rickert, Community
Services Coordinator,
Community & Electoral
Area Services

CHETWYND INTERNATIONAL CHAINSAW CARVING CHAMPIONSHIP SOCIETY

RD/17/05/15

MOVED Director Ackerman, SECONDED Director McPherson,
That the Special Event Grant Application from the Chetwynd International Chainsaw
Carving Championship Society for a grant in the amount of \$2,500 to assist in hosting
the 13th Chetwynd International Chainsaw Carving Championship on June 8-11, 2017,
be approved.

CARRIED.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

VILLAGE OF POUCE COUPE – 85th ANNIVERSARY

It was noted that the Village of Pouce Coupe 85th Anniversary event to be held on May
27, 2017 in Pouce Coupe, BC be added to the Schedule of Events.

RD/17/05/16

MOVED Director Ackerman, SECONDED Director McPherson,
That those Electoral Area Directors who wish to attend the Village of Pouce Coupe 85th
Anniversary event on May 27, 2017 in Pouce Coupe, BC, be authorized to do so.

CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS:

NB-1
(See D-3 and R-5)
Renewable Energy
Systems Canada Inc.

ALR NON-FARM USE APPLICATION 064/2017 (DEVUYST)

RD/17/05/17

MOVED Director Hiebert, SECONDED Director Ackerman,
That item NB-1 be dealt with following item D-3.

CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS: (continued)

NB-2
May 8, 2017 – Shaw
Communications Inc.

SHAW COMMUNICATIONS INC.

RD/17/05/18

MOVED Director Hiebert, SECONDED Director Ackerman,
That a letter be forwarded to the Department of Innovation, Science and Economic
Development in support of Shaw Communications Inc. in its application to the federal
Connect to Innovate program for funding to assist in constructing a high-capacity fibre
optic transport line from Prince George, BC to Dawson Creek, BC.

CARRIED.

NB-3
May 9, 2017 – Bruce
Simard, General
Manager of
Development Services
– Recommendation
from the April 20, 2017
Electoral Area
Directors' Committee
Meeting

BYLAW ENFORCEMENT FILE NO. 80 (WALTER)

RD/17/05/19

MOVED Director Nichols, SECONDED Director Goodings,

- a) That immediate enforcement be initiated against 11040 271 Road - Northeast 1/4, Section 4, Township 84, Range 19, W6M, Peace River (Walter, Peter and Agnes) for using the property for industrial purposes including trucking, oil tanks and industrial washing which are not permitted uses in the A-2 Zone applicable to the property, and:
- b) That staff be directed to prepare a detailed report about the case including options and recommendations for enforcement, provided at the next appropriate Board meeting, after advising the land owner about the Board's consideration of enforcement.

CARRIED.

NB-4
May 10, 2017 – Chris
Cvik, Chief
Administrative Officer –
Recommendation from
the May 9, 2017 Solid
Waste Committee
Meeting

TIPPING FEES – WAIVE REQUEST

RD/17/05/20

MOVED Director Goodings, SECONDED Director Nichols,

1. That the Board approve the recommendation from the May 9, 2017 Solid Waste Committee meeting to waive tipping fees for the volunteer group known as "We are the People", subject to the following:
 - a. That landfills/transfer stations be informed to accept material from Devynn Wiebe of 'We are the People'; and
 - b. That the rules on what material is accepted at transfer stations and landfills continue to apply; and
 - c. That Staff contact Devynn Wiebe to explain what materials are acceptable at transfer stations and landfills.

and

2. That the Board direct staff to include waiving of fees at transfer stations in the policy that Administration was directed to work on.

CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS: (continued)

NB-4 (continued)

TIPPING FEES – WAIVE REQUEST (continued)

RD/17/05/21

MOVED Director Rose, SECONDED Director Nichols,

That, until such time as a policy on the waiving of fees at transfer stations is completed, community groups engaged in roadside clean-up that request the waiving of tipping fees at transfer stations and landfills, be referred to their Electoral Area Director.

CARRIED.

DELEGATION:

D-2

Ministry of Forests,
Lands and Natural
Resource Operations -
Ken Dobb, Project
Manager, Major
Projects Northeast
Region

BC Hydro - David
Conway, Community
Relations Manager,
Dave Hunter, Senior
Environmental
Coordinator, and Mikky
Walker, Property and
Real Estate

**BC HYDRO LICENSE OF OCCUPATION APPLICATION – FISH HABITAT
ENHANCEMENT NEAR OLD FORT**

The delegation provided information on the BC Hydro License of Occupation Application to complete works to enhance Peace River fish habitat near the Old Fort area. Topics included:

- Scope of work
- Channel contouring and side channel enhancement
- License of Occupation area
- Design features
- Access and equipment
- Environmental and properties considerations
- Public updates

A question and answer period ensued. Topics included:

- Affected residents
- Resident access to water
- Geotechnical assessments
- Woody debris structures
- Permitting requirements

Recess

The Chair recessed the meeting to luncheon at 12:10 p.m.

Reconvene

The Chair reconvened the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

NB-6

Director Rose

HEAVY RAINFALL WARNING AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Trish Morgan, General Manager of Community Services, provided a brief overview of Environment Canada rainfall predictions and the proactive preparedness measures being undertaken.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

CONSENT CALENDAR

RD/17/05/22

MOVED Director Nichols, SECONDED Director Johansson,
That the May 11, 2017 Consent Calendar be received.

CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS:

NB-5
Chair Sperling

MEETING WITH BC EMERGENCY HEALTH SERVICES AND STARS

RD/17/05/23

MOVED Director Stewart, SECONDED Director McPherson

That, upon determination of a meeting date, those Electoral Area Directors who wish to attend the meeting with BC Emergency Health Services and STARS to discuss air ambulance services, be authorized to do so.

CARRIED.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

CA-6
April 30, 2017 – Clara
London

MULCHING AT SITE C DAM SITE

RD/17/05/24

MOVED Director Goodings, SECONDED Director Johansson,

That letters be forwarded to BC Hydro and the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency to request the Environmental Assessment guidelines for mulching, and share resident concerns regarding the mulching process undertaken by BC Hydro in the Bear Flat, BC area.

DEFEATED.

DELEGATION:

D-3
(see R-5 and NB-1)
Renewable Energy
Systems Canada Inc. –
Patrick Henn,
Development Manager

ALR NON-FARM USE APPLICATION 064/2017 (DEVUYST)

The delegation provided an overview of the proposed 7-Mile Wind Project. Topics included:

- Developer background
- PRRD Regional Board Wind Energy Generation Project Application Guidelines
- Local economic benefits
- Minimizing project footprint on farmland
- Construction

DELEGATION: (continued)

D-3 (continued) ALR NON-FARM USE APPLICATION 064/2017 (DEVUYST) (continued)

A question and answer period ensued. Topics included:

- Withdrawal of Montney Wind Project application
- Decommissioning / siting of wind towers
- Landowner agreements
- Access to sites

REPORTS:

R-5 ALR NON-FARM USE APPLICATION 064/2017 (DEVUYST)

April 18, 2017

RD/17/05/25

MOVED Director Hiebert, SECONDED Director Rose,

That the Regional Board support the ALR Non-Farm Use Application 064/2017, and authorize the application to proceed to the Agricultural Land Commission as it is consistent with the Official Community Plan and the PRRD Community Energy Plan.

CARRIED.

R-7 NOTICE OF CLOSED SESSION

May 4, 2017 – Tyra
Henderson, Corporate
Officer

RD/17/05/26

MOVED Director McPherson, SECONDED Director Fraser,

That permission be granted to resolve to a closed meeting, pursuant to Section 90(1) of the *Community Charter* which states that a part of a (Board) meeting may be closed to the public if the subject matter being considered relates to or is one or more of the following:

“(c) labour relations or other employee relations;”

CARRIED.

Recess The Chair recessed the meeting to a Closed Session at 2:07 p.m. and members of the public left the room.

Reconvene The Chair reconvened the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 4:01 p.m.

CERTIFIED a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Regional Board of the Peace River Regional District from a meeting held on May 11, 2017 in the Regional District Office Board Room, Dawson Creek, BC.

Brad Sperling, Chair

Tyra Henderson, Corporate Officer