

**MINUTES** of a Regional Board meeting held in the Bear Pit, Town Square, Town/Regional District Offices, Fort Nelson, BC on Monday, January 14, 2002 at 7:00 p.m.

**THOSE PRESENT**

Mayor Clarke -Chair  
Director Allen  
Director McCartney  
Director C. Morey  
Director H. Morey  
Director Sime  
Director Unruh  
Director Bumstead

**STAFF**

Pat Bailey -Administrator  
Debbie Walker -Regional Secretary  
Heather Brown -Deputy Regional Secretary  
Randy McLean -Treasurer  
Jim Cheverie -DOP  
Linda Wallace -DRDS  
Barclay Pitkethly -Grants Coordinator  
Liana Capes -Recording Secretary  
Walter Lutsiak -Fire Chief  
Bob Pattison -DCM

**MEDIA/PUBLIC**

Alt. Director Barr -NRRD  
Alt. Director Blake -NRRD  
Staff Sergeant Bryan Reid -RCMP  
Shelly Middleton -Citizen

1. Call to Order  
A quorum being present, Chair Clarke called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. and proceeded with the business placed before it.
  
2. Adoption of Agenda  
**MOVED** by Director C. Morey, **SECONDED** by Director Sime that the agenda for the January 14, 2002 Regional Board meeting be amended to include the following:  
  
~ Beverly Thomas, Rendezvous 2002 Coordinator  
Trappers' Rendezvous Society Re: Trappers' Rendezvous 2002, February 22<sup>nd</sup> - March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2002  
Request for Grant-In-Aid

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2. (Cont'd)

~ Correspondence Union of British Columbia Municipalities Re: Sustaining Communities Through Forest Policy Change Seminar Thursday, February 7<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>, 2002

~ Administration Report #07/02, Oil & Gas - Draft Provincial Energy Policy, Interim Report of Task Force, Comments

~ Portfolio Assignments (Director Allen)

and thereafter, be adopted for implementation as presented.

**CARRIED**

3. **MINUTES**  
Regional Board  
December 10, 2001

**MOVED** by Director H. Morey, **SECONDED** by Director Unruh that the Regional Board minutes dated December 10, 2001 be amended to read:

~ Page 12, item 34 the last sentence should read "She further noted that NFPA would be eliminating the Mayor's Program in a effort to reduce budget cost, and would be limiting the attendance to the Northern Community dinners held in Prince George.

~ Page 7, item 20 the word "or" be placed before "no hand cuts"

**CARRIED**

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4. Mayor's Informal Meeting  
of the Regional Board  
January 7, 2002

**MOVED** by Director H. Morey, **SECONDED** by Director Unruh that the Mayor's Informal Meeting of the Regional Board dated January 7, 2002 be amended to read:

~ Page 4, item 3 Director C. Morey be added to the attendees for the Single Tier Government Meeting proposed for on Wednesday, January 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.

and thereafter, be adopted for implementation as presented.

**CARRIED**

**INFORMATION PACKAGES**

5. Council/Board Information Package  
December 14, 2001

**MOVED** by Director Sime, **SECONDED** by Director H. Morey the Council/Board Information Package dated December 14, 2001 be received for information.

**CARRIED**

6. Council/Board Information Package  
December 21, 2001

**MOVED** by Director Sime, **SECONDED** by Director H. Morey that the Council/Board Information Package dated December 21, 2001 be received for information.

**CARRIED**

7. Council/Board Information Package  
December 28, 2001

**MOVED** by Director Sime, **SECONDED** by Director H. Morey that the Council/Board Information Package dated December 28, 2001 be received for information.

**CARRIED**

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8. Council/Board Information Package  
January 4, 2002 **MOVED** by Director Sime, **SECONDED** by Director H. Morey that the Council/Board Information Package dated January 4, 2002 be received for information.

**CARRIED**

9. Council/Board Information Package  
January 11, 2002 **MOVED** by Director Sime, **SECONDED** by Director H. Morey that the Council/Board Information Package dated January 11, 2002 be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**PETITIONS/DELEGATIONS**

10. Beverly Thomas, Rendezvous 2002  
Coordinator Trappers' Rendezvous Society  
Re: Trappers' Rendezvous 2002,  
February 22<sup>nd</sup> - March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2002  
Request for Grant-In-Aid This item was deferred to the January 28, 2002  
Regional Board meeting for decision.
11. 2002 Budget Process - 8:00 p.m.  
Public Question and Answer  
Period There were no questions from the public regarding the  
2002 Budget Process.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

12. Ministry of Forests  
Re: Airport Participation Agreement  
Reduction in Funding **MOVED** by Director Unruh, **SECONDED** by Director Bumstead that Administration be **requested** to forward correspondence to the Ministry of Forests advising that terms and conditions for which the Airport Participation Agreement was made, have not been addressed and that the Regional Board requests reconsideration regarding continued funding for the Airport.

**CARRIED**

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13. Northern Registry Service  
Re: Provincial Government Core Review,  
Regional Land Title Office in the North  
Request for Resolution  
of Support
- MOVED** by Director Bumstead, **SECONDED** by Director C. Morey that Minister of Sustainable Resources, Stan Hagen and Premier, Gordon Campbell be advised that the Board for the Northern Rockies Regional District supports a retaining and growing Regional Land Title Office in Prince George, BC.

**CARRIED**

14. RCMP  
Re: Informal Presentation Ceremony,  
7:30 p.m., January 17, 2002, Bear Pit  
Invitation to Attend
- It was noted that Mayor Clarke and Director Unruh, and those members who would be attending the Airport Advisory Committee meeting would attend the RCMP Informal Presentation Ceremony, 7:30 p.m., January 17, 2002, Bear Pit.

**MOVED** by Director Allen, **SECONDED** by Director Unruh that the RCMP Informal Presentation Ceremony, Invitation dated January 9, 2002 be received for information.

**CARRIED**

15. Union of British Columbia Municipalities  
Re: Sustaining Communities Through  
Forest Policy Change Seminar  
Thursday,  
February 7th-8th, 2002
- Director C. Morey advised that she would not be able to attend the UBCM Forest Policy Change Seminar.

**MOVED** by Director Bumstead, **SECONDED** by Director C. Morey that two staff members be **authorized** to attend the Forest Policy Change Seminar Thursday, February 7-8, 2002 in Richmond, BC all expenses paid.

**CARRIED**

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**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

16. Agriculture Policy Committee  
December 12, 2001      **MOVED** by Director Sime, **SECONDED** by Director C. Morey that the Agriculture Policy Committee minutes dated December 12, 2001 be received for information.

**CARRIED**

17. Airport Advisory Committee  
December 13, 2001      **MOVED** by Director Bumstead, **SECONDED** by Director C. Morey that the Airport Advisory Committee minutes dated December 13, 2001 be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**OPERATING REPORTS**

18. RCMP (Reid)  
Detailed Mayor's  
Report      Staff Sergeant Reid provided an overview of the detailed Mayor's Report, that includes the December 2001 report and the year in review.

**MOVED** by Director Bumstead, **SECONDED** by Director H. Morey that the RCMP Detailed Mayor's Report be received for information.

**CARRIED**

\*Director McCartney entered the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

19. Fire Department (Lutsiak)  
2001 Annual Report      **MOVED** by Director Bumstead, **SECONDED** by H. Morey that the Fire Department 2001 Annual Report be received for information.

**CARRIED**

20. Fire Department (Lutsiak)  
December Operating  
Report      **MOVED** by Director Allen, **SECONDED** by Director C. Morey that the Fire Department December 2001 Operating Report be received for information.

**CARRIED**

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21. Bylaw Enforcement (Lutsiak)  
November Operating  
Report
- MOVED** by Director H. Morey, **SECONDED** by Director Unruh that the Bylaw Enforcement November, 2001 Operating Report be received for information.

**CARRIED**

22. Bylaw Enforcement (Lutsiak)  
December Operating  
Report
- MOVED** by Director Sime, **SECONDED** by Director Unruh that the Bylaw Enforcement December, 2001 Operating Report be received for information.

**CARRIED**

23. Bylaw Enforcement (Lutsiak)  
2001 Annual  
Report
- MOVED** by Director Sime, **SECONDED** by Director C. Morey that the Bylaw Enforcement 2001 Annual Report be received for information.

**CARRIED**

24. Emergency Measures (Lutsiak)  
2001 Annual  
Report
- MOVED** by Director H. Morey, **SECONDED** by Director Unruh that the Emergency Measures 2001 Annual Report be received for information.

**CARRIED**

25. Recreation Department (Badall)  
November Program  
Report
- It was queried as to whether a specific group was playing shinney hockey or whether it was simply a drop-in program. Administration advised they would provide that information.

**MOVED** by Director Allen, **SECONDED** by Director C. Morey that the Recreation Department November, 2001 Program Report be received for information.

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26. Recreation Department (Badall)  
December Program  
Report
- MOVED** by Director Bumstead, **SECONDED** by Director C. Morey that the Recreation Department December, 2001 Program Report be received for information.

**CARRIED**

27. Treasury Department (McLean)  
October 15, 2001 - January 07, 2002  
For Information
- MOVED** by Director Allen, **SECONDED** by Director C. Morey that cheques numbered 40042 through and including 40933, dated October 15, 2001 - January 7, 2002 be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**ADMINISTRATION REPORTS**

28. Administration Report #02/02  
Re: MUNICIPAL FINANCE AUTHORITY  
North Peace Airport Society, Request  
For Resolution of Support: MFA Funding  
for Capital Projects,  
For Consideration
- MOVED** by Director Sime, **SECONDED** by Director Bumstead that the Minister of Community, Aboriginal and Women's Services be advised that the Northern Rockies Regional District does support necessary change to provincial legislation which would enable the funding of capital projects proposed by airport societies in British Columbia through the Municipal finance Authority (cc: MFA, North Peace Airport Society, UBCM Common Front).

**CARRIED**

29. Administration Report #07/02  
Re: OIL & GAS - Draft Provincial  
Energy Policy, Interim Report of  
Task Force Comments
- Administration was **requested** to write a letter to the Premier and Ministry of Energy and Mines outlining the Council/Boards views of the draft Provincial Energy Policy.

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**NEW BUSINESS/VERBAL STATUS REPORTS**

30. Prophet River First Nations' Council  
Meeting 10:00 a.m. January 17, 2002  
Prophet River, BC  
Invitation to Attend
- DRS Walker advised that she had received a phone call from Prophet River First Nations advising that January 17, 2002 would not be a good meeting date for them. They indicated that they preferred an alternate date be established for a "day time" meeting.
- Administration was **requested** to suggest alternate meeting dates and establish a meeting during the day.
- \*Bob Pattison left the meeting at 8:04 p.m.
31. Resolution for Adoption, Each Meeting:  
Town Council Decisions, Excluding InCamera,  
Adopted for  
Implementation
- MOVED** by Director C. Morey, **SECONDED** by Director Unruh that the decisions of the meeting of the Town Council, excluding InCamera, as held preceding this meeting of the Regional Board be adopted for implementation.
- CARRIED**
32. Subjects for Municipal  
Bulletin
- The energy policy, Trans Canada Trail update, Winter lights program update, and an invitation to the public to consider applying to sit on the Northern Health Authority Board - were all suggested topics for the Municipal Bulletin.
33. Subjects for Radio  
Call-In Program
- It was suggested that the Municipal Ticket Information Bylaws and Single Tier Government would be topics for discussion at the next Radio Call-In Program.

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34. Portfolio Assignments Director Allen noted that Director Sime and herself were Co-Chairing the First Nations Portfolio/Northern Liaison Portfolio, but now these had been separated.
- Chair Clarke advised that although issues were related, he felt that it would be best to separate these based on Director Allen's expertise and experience at the First Nations portfolio.
35. Mayor/Chair Clarke  
North Central Municipal  
Association Executive Chair Clarke advised that he would be attending the NCMA Executive meeting on February 7, 2002.
36. Councillor/Director Allen  
Oil and Gas Commission  
Advisory Board Director Allen advised that after the Oil and Gas Commission Advisory Board had changed the meeting dates three times, they finally settled on February 25 & 26, 2002.
37. Councillor/Director C. Morey  
NFPA Communications &  
Community Relations  
Committee Director C. Morey indicated that there would be a conference call at the Town Office on January 23, 2002 at 2:00 p.m. to provide an update on key Forestry issues. It was noted that Chair Clarke, Director C. Morey, Director Bumstead, Director Sime and DRDS Wallace would attend.
38. Councillor/Director Unruh  
Health Portfolio Director Unruh indicated that she had heard that 80 names had been put forward to sit on the Board of the Northern Health Authority, noting that no one from Fort Nelson had applied to date. She advised that Fort Nelson should have a representative on the board and reported that she had been contemplating submitting her name.

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39. Director McCartney  
Northern Rockies Alaska  
Highway Tourist  
Association

Director McCartney advised that he just returned from a meeting in Fort St. John and noted the following:

- ~ Rockies Mountain Magazine has a section highlighting the Muskwa Kechika, stating it is not a park.
- ~ The magazine is half the size as normal due to ads being pulled resulting from the events that transpired on September 11, 2001.
- ~ 3.8 million in Tourism Trade in 1995, it is the largest employer in the region.

40. Resolution for Adoption,  
InCamera Meeting

**MOVED** by Director Allen, **SECONDED** by Director C. Morey that the public be excluded from the January 14, 2002 InCamera Sessions of the Town of Fort Nelson Council and Northern Rockies Regional District Board meetings, as the aforementioned meetings pertain to Section 242.2 (1)(b)(e).

**CARRIED**

41. Temporary Adjournemnt

The meeting was temporarily adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

42. Re-Call to Order

The meeting was recalled to order at 10:31p.m.

43. Resolution to Continue  
Meeting past 10:30 p.m.

**MOVED** Director C. Morey, **SECONDED** by Director Unruh that the InCamera Regional Board Meeting be authorized to continue past 10:30 p.m.

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44. Rise & Report  
Citizen Appointments  
to Committees

Chair Clarke rose and reported that the following Committee appointments from the InCamera session of the Regional Board:

**AGRICULTURAL POLICY COMMITTEE**

~Lynn Chabot

**AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

~Jack Cann

~Bill Moore

~Peter Villers

**INDUSTRIAL DIVERSIFICATION COMMITTEE**

~Wes Jobe

~Dr. Terry Quesnel

~1 spot vacant

**LANDSCAPE ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE**

~Peter Goetz

~Emilie Adin

**RURAL GROWTH COMMITTEE**

~Shirley Scott (2 year term)

~Wes Jobe (2 year term)

~Angela Thomas (1 year term)

**ZONING & PLANNING COMMITTEE**

~Gordon Wallace (2 year term)

~Emilie Adin (2 year term)

~Shirley Scott (2 year term)

45. Adjournment

**MOVED** by Director H. Morey, **SECONDED** by Director Unruh that the Regional Board meeting be declared adjourned at 10:32 p.m.

**CARRIED**

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**CERTIFIED** a true and correct copy of the minutes of a Regional Board meeting held on Monday, January 14, 2002

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Harry Clarke, Mayor/Chair

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Debbie Walker, Regional Secretary

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Liana Capes, Recording Secretary