

**MINUTES** of a Regional Board meeting held in the Bear Pit, Town Square, Town/Regional District Offices, Fort Nelson, BC on Monday, January 28, 2002 at 7:00 p.m.

**THOSE PRESENT**

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

**STAFF**

Pat Bailey - Administrator  
Pat Higgins - Deputy Treasurer  
Debbie Walker - Regional Secretary  
Kris Larson - Recording Secretary  
Jim Cheverie - DOP  
Linda Wallace - DRDS

**PUBLIC/MEDIA**

Alt. Director Blake - NRRD

1. Call to Order  
A quorum being present, Chair Clarke called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. and proceeded with the business placed before it.
  
2. Adoption of Agenda  
**MOVED** by Director Sime, **SECONDED** by Director C. Morey that the agenda for the January 28, 2002 Regional Board meeting be amended as follows:
  - ~ remove the Ministry of Forests letter regarding the Withdraw from Airport Participation Agreement
  - ~ add the correspondence from BC Hydro, Re: 2002 Energy and the Economy Conference, Wednesday, February 20, 2002, Vancouver, BC
  - ~ add the memorandum of Conference Call with Northern Forest Products Association & Northern Municipalities, Wednesday, January 23, 2002, For Information
  - ~ add a meeting with Jay Hill, 5:00 p.m., Thursday, February 14, 2002, Bear Pit, Confirmation of Attendance

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2. (Con't) and thereafter be adopted for implementation as presented.

**CARRIED**

**MINUTES**

3. Regional Board  
January 14, 2002 **MOVED** by Director Unruh, **SECONDED** by Alt. Director Barr that the minutes from the Regional Board meeting of January 14, 2002 be adopted as distributed and read there being no errors or omissions.

**CARRIED**

4. Emergency Regional Board  
with Airport Advisory Committee  
January 15, 2002 **MOVED** by Director Unruh, **SECONDED** by Alt. Director Barr that the minutes from the Emergency Regional Board with the Airport Advisory Committee meeting of January 15, 2002 be adopted as distributed and read, there being no errors or omissions.

**CARRIED**

**INFORMATION PACKAGES**

5. Council/Board Information Package  
January 18, 2002 **MOVED** by Director Bumstead, **SECONDED** by Director Sime that the Council/Board Information Package dated January 18, 2002 be received for information.

**CARRIED**

6. Council/Board Information Package  
January 25, 2002 **MOVED** by Director Bumstead, **SECONDED** by Director Sime that the Council/Board Information Package dated January 25, 2002 be received for information.

**CARRIED**

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**PETITIONS/DELEGATIONS**

7. 2002 Budget Process,  
Public Question and  
Answer Period

There were no public in attendance for the 2002 Budget Process, Public Question and Answer Period.

8. Kim Hughes-Brinsky, Fort Nelson  
Family Development Society  
Re: Overview of the Society and  
Request for Grant-In-Aid

Administration was requested to research the Adult Daily Life Skills program offered by the Fort Nelson Family Development Society and compare the program to the one offered by the Peace Liard Community Health Services Society. There were concerns that the two organizations were duplicating their services by offering the same type of program.

**MOVED** by Director C. Morey, **SECONDED** by Director Bumstead that the Fort Nelson Family Development Society be advised their request for a Grant-In-Aid in the amount of \$677.32 for rental of the Community Hall for their Casino Night is approved, with said funds to be allocated from the Discretionary Grant-In-Aid fund.

**CARRIED**

9. Teresa Ziegler, Fort  
Nelson Secondary School  
Band Parents Association,  
Re: Request for  
Grant-In-Aid

**MOVED** by Director C. Morey, **SECONDED** by Director Sime that the Fort Nelson Secondary School Band Parents Association be advised their request for a Grant-In-Aid of \$110.00 to provide dishes and cutlery from the Recreation Centre for their Annual Spaghetti Dinner is approved, with said funds to be allocated from the Discretionary Grant-In-Aid fund.

**CARRIED**

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**CORRESPONDENCE**

10. North Central Municipal Association  
Re: Request for Nominations  
for Executive Committee

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the nomination of Chair Clarke to the North Central Municipal Association (NCMA) Executive Committee, when the following was noted:

- ~ if Chair Clarke was voted in as Member at Large, could he also be the Regional District's representative to NCMA?
- ~ if Chair Clarke was voted in as Director at Large, could a different Board member be the Regional District's representative to NCMA?
- ~ if Chair Clarke ran and was not elected as Director at Large, could he be the Regional District's representative to NCMA?
- ~ all voting will take place on May 3, 2002 at the NCMA Annual General Meeting in Quesnel
- ~ there are quite a few meetings that have to be attended and involve extensive traveling
- ~ all NCMA Executive travel is paid by the NCMA

Administration was requested to obtain more information pertaining to the Director at Large position and whether, if a person were elected to the position, would they also be the Regional District's representative or would the Regional Board be permitted to appoint another Regional Board member to represent the Regional District.

**MOVED** by Director C. Morey, **SECONDED** by Director Unruh that the North Central Municipal Association be advised that the Board of the Northern Rockies Regional District has nominated Mayor Harry Clarke to the Director at Large position for the North Central Municipal Association Executive.

**CARRIED**

It was agreed to have further discussion on this matter at the next regular meeting following the receipt of additional information.

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11. Fire Chief Lutsiak  
Re: Firefighters Awards  
Dinner, Invitation to Attend,  
February 16, 2002
- Chair Clarke and Director Unruh confirmed that they would be able to attend the Firefighters Awards Dinner on Saturday, February 16, 2002. Administration was requested to contact the Board members that were not at the meeting to inquire if they could attend the dinner.
12. BC Hydro, Re: 2002 Energy  
and the Economy Conference,  
February 20, 2002
- Director Bumstead advised that she was unable to attend the BC Hydro 2002 Generation Conference on Energy and the Economy Conference on February 20, 2002 in Vancouver. It was noted that Director H. Morey would be out of town for the next few days and that he should be contacted to see if he could attend the Conference.
- MOVED** by Director C. Morey, **SECONDED** by Director Bumstead that Director H. Morey or designate and DRDS Wallace be authorized to attend the BC Hydro 2002 Generation Conference on Energy and the Economy, February 20, 2002, in Vancouver, BC, all expenses paid.

**CARRIED**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

13. Think Tank Project  
Steering Committee  
January 8, 2002
- MOVED** by Director C. Morey, **SECONDED** by Director Sime that the minutes of the Think Tank Project Steering Committee meeting held January 8, 2002 be received for information.

**CARRIED**

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14. Single Tier Government Committee  
January 16, 2002  
Minutes

**MOVED** by Director C. Morey, **SECONDED** by Director Unruh that the minutes of the Single Tier Government Committee meeting held January 16, 2002 be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**OPERATING REPORTS**

15. Treasury Department (McLean)  
January 8 - January 16, 2002  
Cheque List, For Approval

**MOVED** by Director Bumstead, **SECONDED** by Director C. Morey that cheques numbered 40937 through to 40973, dated January 10, 2002 be received for information.

**CARRIED**

16. Public Works & Operations (Cheverie)  
and Recreation, Year-End  
& Fourth Quarter Report

**MOVED** by Director Bumstead, **SECONDED** by Director C. Morey that the Public Works & Operations and Recreation, Year-End and Fourth Quarter Report be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**ADMINISTRATION REPORTS**

17. Memorandum of Conference Call with  
Northern Forest Products Association  
and Northern Municipalities,  
January 23, 2002,  
For Information

**MOVED** by Director C. Morey, **SECONDED** by Director Bumstead that the Memorandum of Conference Call with Northern Forest Products Association and Northern Municipalities, of January 23, 2002, be received for information.

**CARRIED**

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**NEW BUSINESS/VERBAL STATUS REPORTS**

18. Meeting with MP Jay Hill, 5:00 p.m.,  
Thursday, February 14, 2002,  
Bear Pit, Confirmation  
of Attendance

Administrator Bailey advised MP Jay Hill had contacted her requesting a meeting with the Regional Board on Thursday, February 14, 2002 at 5:00 p.m. in the Bear Pit. Chair Clarke, Director C. Morey, Director Bumstead, Director Sime, Director Unruh and Alt. Director Barr advised that they would be able to attend the meeting.

Some of the suggested topics for discussion included: Alaska Highway (ie. road bans), Alaska Highway Pipeline, Alaska Rail link (he has referred to it as a "vital link to Prince George"), security at the airport (including security fees) and the challenges he faces in representing this area as an independent member of parliament.

19. Resolution for Adoption  
Each Meeting

**MOVED** by Director C. Morey, **SECONDED** by Director Sime that the decisions of the meeting of the Town Council, excluding In-Camera, as held preceding this meeting of the Regional Board be adopted for implementation.

**CARRIED**

20. Subjects for  
Municipal Bulletin

Subjects for the Municipal Bulletin were discussed, with the following items being noted:

- ~ the launch of the new logo
- ~ single tier government and the Northern Rockies Regional Municipality

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21. Subjects for Radio  
Call-In Program

Subjects for the Radio Call-In Program on February 22, 2002 were discussed, with the following items being noted:

- ~ single tier government
- ~ 2002 budget
- ~ industrial diversification

22. 2002 Rendezvous,  
Grant-In-Aid Request,  
For Decision

**MOVED** by Director Bumstead, **SECONDED** by Director C. Morey that the 2002 Rendezvous Organizing Committee be advised that the Board of the Northern Rockies Regional District, in lieu of granting the fee waiver for the Community Hall as requested, has approved a donation to the Rendezvous Society in the amount of \$1,200.00 for expenses associated with the holding of the 2002 Trappers Rendezvous events, with said funds to be allocated from the Discretionary Grant-In-Aid fund.

**CARRIED**

23. Chair Clarke  
NCMA Executive

Chair Clarke advised that he will not be attending the NCMA Executive on February 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>, 2002 as he will be attending the "Sustaining Communities Through Forest Policy Change" meeting in Vancouver at that time.

24. Director Sime  
Northwest Corridor  
Development Commission

Director Sime noted that he will be attending the next Northwest Corridor Development Commission meeting on Thursday, February 28, 2002 in Prince George.

- Muskwa Kechika  
Advisory Board

Director Sime stated that the next Muskwa Kechika Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for February 15 - 17, 2002 in Fort St. John.

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25. Resolution for Adoption,  
InCamera Meeting

**MOVED** by Director Sime, **SECONDED** by Director C. Morey that the public be excluded from the January 28, 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)(a)(h).

**CARRIED**

26. Temporary Adjournment      The meeting was temporarily adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

27. Recall to Order                The meeting was recalled to order at 8:30 p.m.

**RISE & REPORT**

28. Citizen Appointments  
to Committees

Chair Clarke rose and reported the following committee appointment from the InCamera session of the Regional Board:

Landscape Enhancement Committee, Angela Thomas

29. Adjournment

**MOVED** by Director Unruh, **SECONDED** by Director C. Morey that the January 28, 2002 Regional Board meeting be adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

**CARRIED**

**CERTIFIED** a true and correct copy of the minutes of a Regional Board meeting held on Monday, January 28, 2002.

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Harry Clarke, Chair

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Debbie Walker, Regional Secretary

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Kris Larson, Recording Secretary