

**MINUTES** of a Regional Board meeting held in the Bear Pit, Town Square, Town/Regional District Office, Fort Nelson, BC on Monday, March 11, 2002 at 7:00 p.m.

**THOSE PRESENT**

Harry Clarke -Chair  
Director Allen  
Director Bumstead  
Director C. Morey  
Director Sime  
Director Unruh  
Alt. Director Barr  
Alt. Director Novotny

Directory H. Morey -Absent  
Director McCartney -Absent

**STAFF**

Pat Bailey -Administrator  
Debbie Walker -DCS  
Jim Cheverie -DOP  
Tom Sprado -RFMM  
Stacey Trenter -Recording Secretary  
Louise Grenier -RSIT

**MEDIA/PUBLIC**

Alt. Director Blake -NRRD  
Shelley Middleton  
S/Sgt. Bryan Reid -RCMP

1. Call to Order A quorum being present, Chair Clarke called the meeting to order at 7:16 p.m. and proceeded with the business placed before it.

2. Adoption of Agenda **MOVED** by Director Sime, **SECONDED** by Director Allen that the agenda for the March 11, 2002 Regional Board meeting be amended to include the following:

-Single Tier Government Committee, Next Meeting Date  
-Designated Smoking Areas in Regional District Buildings

and thereafter, be adopted for implementation.

**CARRIED**

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**MINUTES**

3. Informal Regional Board  
February 14, 2002

**MOVED** by Director Allen, **SECONDED** by Director C. Morey that the Informal Regional Board minutes dated February 14, 2002 be amended to read:

Director McCartney	-Absent
Director H. Morey	-Absent

and thereafter, be adopted as distributed and read, there being no further errors or omissions.

**CARRIED**

4. Emergency Regional Board  
February 18, 2002

**MOVED** by Director Sime, **SECONDED** by Director C. Morey that the Emergency Regional Board minutes dated February 18, 2002 be amended to read:

Director McCartney	-Absent
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and thereafter, be adopted as distributed and read, there being no further errors or omissions.

**CARRIED**

5. Regional Board  
February 25, 2002

**MOVED** by Director Unruh, **SECONDED** by Director Allen that the Regional Board minutes dated February 25, 2002 be amended to read:

Director H. Morey	-Absent
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and thereafter, be adopted as distributed and read, there being no further errors or omissions.

**CARRIED**

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6. Informal Regional Board  
February 27, 2002

**MOVED** by Director Allen, **SECONDED** by Director C. Morey that the Informal Regional Board minutes dated February 27, 2002 be amended to read:

\*Chair Clarke left the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Director Bumstead	-Absent
Director McCartney	-Absent
Director C. Morey	-Absent
Director H. Morey	-Absent
Director Sime	-Absent

and thereafter, be adopted as distributed and read, there being no further errors or omissions.

**CARRIED**

**INFORMATION PACKAGES**

7. Council/Board Information Package  
March 01, 2002

**MOVED** by Director C. Morey, **SECONDED** by Director Unruh that the Council/Board Information Package dated March 1, 2002 be received for information.

**CARRIED**

8. Council/Board Information Package  
March 08, 2002

**MOVED** by Director C. Morey, **SECONDED** by Director Unruh that the Council/Board Information Package dated March 8, 2002 be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**PETITIONS/DELEGATIONS**

9. Barbara Heal, Heather Roberts  
Gradfest 2002 Committee and  
Tim Wevers, Extreme Paintball,  
Re: Use of Recreation Centre  
Outdoor Skating Rink

Discussion ensued regarding the Gradfest 2002 Committee request, during which the following points were noted:

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9. (Cont'd)

-The current Regional District Policy exempts the costs associated with the Graduating Committee, Food Bank and/or Funeral Services, therefore the costs are not deducted from the Grant in Aid program.

-The arena is not utilized often during the month of June.

-The Gradfest 2002 Committee had two activities planned which encouraged local youth to point guns and pull triggers.

-If the students are not kept busy with activities that interest them, they will be less inclined to participate in the "Dry Grad" program.

-No vehicles would be allowed to park between the Curling and outdoor skating rink.

-The Gradfest Committee must be responsible for all clean up.

**MOVED** by Director Sime, **SECONDED** by Alt. Director Barr that the Gradfest Committee 2002 request for use of the arena from June 22<sup>nd</sup> through to and including June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2002 AND use of the outdoor skating rink June 28<sup>th</sup> to June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2002 be approved, conditional that the Gradfest Committee 2002 barricade the parking area between the curling and outdoor skating rink and ensure that the grounds and surrounding area are cleaned of all paint and debris and returned to their original condition.

**OPPOSED** - Director Allen

**CARRIED**

10. 2002 Budget Process  
Public Question and  
Answer Period

There were no questions for the 2002 Budget Process, Public Question and Answer Period.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

11. City of Fort St. John  
Re: Public Works Association of BC  
Annual Technical Conference,  
September 17 - 20, 2002

Discussion ensued regarding the City of Fort St. John's request for sponsorship, during which it was noted that representation from the Public Works Department would be attending the conference.

It was further noted that Regional District information would be made available to conference delegates.

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11. (Cont'd)

**MOVED** by Director C. Morey, **SECONDED** by Director Sime that the Public Works Association of BC be advised that the Board for the Northern Rockies Regional District will sponsor the Public Works Association of BC Annual Technical Conference, Pre-Conference Workshops in the amount of \$500.

**CARRIED**

12. Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection  
Re: Provincial Park Service Changes  
For Information

Discussion ensued regarding the direction of services to the Provincial Campsites in the Regional District, during which it was noted that the reductions approved by the Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection accounted for 100% closure of the campsites within a reasonable distance of the Town of Fort Nelson.

Administrator Bailey advised that a meeting was scheduled with Mr. Peter Goetz, Liard Area Supervisor, BC Parks, for Tuesday, March 12, 2002 at 1:00 p.m. to review the impacts of the reduction in service.

Discussion ensued regarding the suggestion by BC Parks of having the private sector take over operation of those parks scheduled for closure, and whether the Regional District was in a position to assume responsibility.

\*It was **agreed** that the Provincial Park Service Changes, specifically the option of the Regional District assuming responsibility of Andy Bailey Provincial Park, be discussed at the Operating Budget Meeting.

**MOVED** by Director Unruh, **SECONDED** by Alt. Director Novotny that the Minister of Water, Land and Air Protection be advised the Board for the Northern Rockies Regional District strongly opposes the closure of both the Andy Bailey and Tetsa River Provincial Parks.

**CARRIED**

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**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

13. Airport Advisory Committee  
February 21, 2002

**MOVED** by Director Allen, **SECONDED** by Director C. Morey that the Airport Advisory Committee minutes dated February 21, 2002 be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**MOVED** by Director Allen, **SECONDED** by Director Unruh that Talon Helicopter Inc's request to reassign their 20 year lease for the property located airside at the Fort Nelson Airport (part of Block H-1, District Lot 1535, Peace River District as shown on Plan PGP495954) to Qwest Helicopters Ltd of Fort Nelson, BC be approved, conditional that all outstanding lease payments (\$1,363.19) be recovered, the \$1,000 reassignment fee be paid and the land returned to its former state, prior to the completion of the reassignment and that the conditions of the lease with Talon Helicopters Inc remain the same for Qwest Helicopters Ltd. with the exception of Section 6.3 - Deadlines for Commencement of Construction and Substantial Completion of Building whereby commencement of construction shall take place on or before April 01, 2002 and be substantially completed by October 01, 2002 and finally that the Chair and the Regional Secretary be authorized to affix their signatures and the corporate seal of the Northern Rockies Regional District to all documentation necessary to convey the Regional District's interest on the terms and conditions specified.

**CARRIED**

**MOVED** by Director Unruh, **SECONDED** by Director Allen, that the Town of Fort Nelson/Northern Rockies Regional District correspond with Air North requesting that they consider establishing passenger service to the Fort Nelson Airport.

**CARRIED**

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**OPERATING REPORTS**

14. RCMP (Reid)  
February Operating Report

Staff Sargent Reid reviewed the RCMP February 2002 operating report, specifically noting that four members of the Fort Nelson Detachment have been advised that they will be assisting with security for the G-8 Summit in Kananaskis, AB in June. He indicated that all other members in the province of BC have had all leave for the months of June and July cancelled.

**MOVED** by Director Allen, **SECONDED** by Director Unruh that the RCMP February 2002 Monthly Operating Report be received for information.

**CARRIED**

15. Fire Department (Lutsiak)  
February Operating Report

**MOVED** by Director Allen, **SECONDED** by Director Unruh that the Fire Department February 2002 Monthly Operating Report be received for information.

**CARRIED**

16. Bylaw Enforcement (Lutsiak)  
February Operating Report

\*Administration was **requested** to provide a break down of the number of cats and dogs picked up in all future Bylaw Enforcement Reports.

**MOVED** by Director Unruh, **SECONDED** by Director C. Morey that the Bylaw Enforcement February 2002 Monthly Operating Report be received for information.

**CARRIED**

\*S/Sgt Bryan Reid left the meeting at 7:52 p.m.

17. Treasury Department (McLean)  
February 13 - 26, 2002

**MOVED** by Director Bumstead, **SECONDED** by Director C. Morey that the cheques numbered 41285 through and including 41430, dated February 13 - 26, 2002 be received for information.

**CARRIED**

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**ADMINISTRATION REPORTS**

18. Memo from DRDS Wallace  
Re: Sustaining Communities  
Through Forest Policy Change
- It was agreed that the Sustaining Communities Through Forest Policy Change was an excellent report.

**MOVED** by Director C. Morey, **SECONDED** by Director Sime that the Memo from DRDS Wallace dated February 28, 2002 be received for information.

**CARRIED**

19. Memo From DRDS Wallace  
Re: Credit Union
- MOVED** by Director Allen, **SECONDED** by Director Sime that the Memo from DRDS Wallace dated March 07, 2002 be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**NEW BUSINESS/VERBAL STATUS REPORTS**

20. Single Tier Government Committee  
Next Meeting Date
- Administrator Bailey advised that the terms of reference for the 3M Committee and the draft Regional Policing Report should be reviewed by the Single Tier Government Committee, therefore a meeting date was required.

\*It was agreed that the next Single Tier Government Committee meeting be held on Wednesday, March 13, 2002 at 5:15 p.m.

21. Designated Smoking Areas in  
Regional District Buildings
- Discussion ensued regarding the resolution to designate smoking areas in Town and Regional District Buildings. It was suggested that because the resolution was passed during the Capital Budget meetings and would not be present on regular Regional Board minutes, the issue and the resolution should be brought forward to a regularly scheduled meeting to ensure the public was aware the resolution had been passed.

\*Administration was requested to prepare a status report, including the resolution to have designated smoking areas in Regional District buildings, for placement on the next regular Regional Board agenda.

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22. 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 as held preceding this meeting of the Regional Board be adopted for implementation.

**CARRIED**

23. Subjects for Municipal Bulletin
- Discussion ensued regarding possible subjects for the Municipal Bulletin, with the following suggested:

- Update on Economic Diversification Business Attraction Action Plan Launch.
- Provincial Park reduction in service, with contact information for MLA Joyce Murray Minister of Water, Land and Air Protection and MLA Richard Neufeld, Minister of Energy and Mines for community members to address their comments to.
- Census Results

24. Subjects for Radio  
Call-In Program

It was noted that a date had not yet been set for the next Radio Call-In Program.

Discussion ensued regarding the need to change the focus or layout of the Radio Call-In Program in order to allow for better control.

Administrator Bailey commented a meeting would be held with the manager of the radio station and it would be suggested the radio call in show be held at the Town Square to allow participation of the Council/Board members with appropriate staff in one room.

It was suggested that incoming calls could be vetted, thereby ensuring those on air would not be faced with issues, such as personnel which they were not prepared to discuss on air.

It was noted that callers should be advised that the Council/Board members were not prepared to discuss such matters on the air in order to ensure the general public did not get the impression the Council/Board were refusing calls privately.

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25. North Central Municipal Association  
AGM and Conference,  
May 2 - 4, 2002, Quesnel, BC
- \*It was **agreed** that Mayor Clarke, Director Sime, Director H. Morey or his Alternate, Director McCartney, or his Alternate, and Administrator Bailey would attend the North Central Municipal Association AGM and Conference, May 2 - 4, 2002 in Quesnel, BC.
- It was noted that those not attending the NCMA Conference would be required to assist with the Trade Show Booth.
26. Mayor/Chair Clarke  
**North Central Municipal Association Executive**
- Chair Clarke reviewed the topics discussed at the recent NCMA Association Executive meeting, specifically noting a meeting would be sought with Ministers Hansen and Hawkins regarding the impact of changes to the Health Authority; the possibility of establishing a Northern Congress and the establishment of NCMA's new website at <http://ncma/enorthernbc.com>.
27. Director Sime  
**Muskwa Kechika Advisory Board**
- Director Sime advised that Mr. Paul Mitchell Banks had resigned as Program Manager for the Muskwa Kechika Advisory Board and Mr. Howard Madrill had been appointed Temporary Program Manager.
- Northwest Corridor Development Corporation**
- Director Sime advised that a College in High Level, AB would be offering a complete apprenticeship program, and Dawson Creek was researching the ability to offer BCIT apprenticeship program where students in high school could start earning credits toward their trade.
- Director Sime advised that as of April 7, Hawk Air would be providing direct service from Fort St. John airport to Dawson Creek and Prince George, noting that Prince George was seeking to become the international and local freight terminal of the north.
- Director Sime advised that NCDC has agreed to fund half the cost of a study on Regional Airports being conducted by the BC Aviation Council and that the next NCDC meeting is scheduled for September 16 - 18, 2002 in Dawson Creek.
- Administrator Bailey noted that Mr. Roger Harris of the Northern Caucus has now joined the Northwest Corridor Development Committee.

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28. Resolution for Adoption,  
InCamera Meeting

**MOVED** by Director C. Morey, **SECONDED** by Director Sime that the public be excluded from the March 11, 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 (e)(h)(j).

**CARRIED**

29. Adjournment

**MOVED** by Director Allen, **SECONDED** by Director Unruh that the March 11, 2002 Regional Board meeting be declared adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

**CARRIED**

**CERTIFIED** a true and correct copy of the minutes of a Regional Board meeting held on Monday, March 11, 2002.

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Harry Clarke, Mayor/Chair

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Debbie Walker, Director of Corporate Services

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Stacey Trenter, Recording Secretary