

**MINUTES** of a Regional Board meeting held in the Bear Pit, Town/Regional District Office, Town Square, Fort Nelson, BC on Monday, March 25, 2002 at 7:00 p.m.

**THOSE PRESENT**

Director Allen -Vice Chair  
Director Bumstead  
Director C. Morey  
Director McCartney  
Director Unruh  
Alt. Director Barr  
Alt. Director Novotny

Chair Clarke -Absent  
Director H. Morey -Absent  
Director Sime -Absent

**STAFF**

Pat Bailey -Administrator  
Debbie Walker -Regional Secretary  
Heather Brown -Deputy Regional Secretary  
Jim Cheverie -DOP  
Pat Higgins -Deputy Treasurer  
Stacey Trenter -Recording Secretary  
Louise Grenier -RSIT

**MEDIA/PUBLIC**

Shelly Middleton  
Johnny Wong  
Glen Campbell

1. Call to Order  
A quorum being present, Vice Chair Allen called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.
  
2. Adoption of Agenda  
**MOVED** by Director Unruh, **SECONDED** by Director C. Morey that the agenda for the March 25, 2002 Regional Board meeting be amended to include the following:
  - Airport Advisory Committee Recommendation, March 21, 2002  
Re: Preparation of Paper regarding Viability of Regional Airports in British Columbia
  - Addition to Administration Report #26/02, - Peace-Liard Detachment Policing Model
  - Administration Report #27/02, Re: SOLID WASTE - Solid Waste Operations Tender AND Weigh Scale Operations, For Review
  - Administration Report #28/02, Re: ELECTIONS/REFERENDA - Appointment of Chief Election Officer/Deputy CEO and Regional Voting Officer/Deputy RVO, 2002 General Local Election and Referenda

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2. (Cont'd)

- Joint Zoning and Planning Review Committee with Regional Board and Airport Advisory Committee, Establishment of Meeting Date
- Liquor Regulation Amendments, Establishment of Meeting Date
- Alaska Highway Intersections, Establishment of Meeting Date

and thereafter, be adopted for implementation.

**CARRIED**

**MINUTES FOR ADOPTION**

3. Informal Regional Board with  
Ministry of Transportation  
February 27, 2002

**MOVED** by Director Unruh, **SECONDED** by Director Bumstead that the minutes from the Informal Regional Board with Ministry of Transportation meeting held February 27, 2002 be adopted as distributed and read, there being no errors or omissions.

**CARRIED**

4. Regional Board  
March 11, 2002

**MOVED** by Alt. Director Novotny, **SECONDED** by Director C. Morey that the minutes from the Regional Board meeting held March 11, 2002 be adopted as distributed and read, there being no errors or omissions.

**CARRIED**

Discussion ensued regarding attendance to conferences and seminars such as the North Central Municipal Association AGM and Conference, May 2 - 4, 2002, Quesnel, BC, and specifically with regard to whether it was appropriate for Alternate Directors to attend.

**MOVED** by Director Bumstead, **SECONDED** by Director Unruh that the issue of Alternate Directors' attendance to conferences and seminars and specifically the NCMA AGM and Conference, May 2 - 4, 2002, Quesnel, BC be deferred for discussion to the April 8, 2002 Regional Board meeting.

**CARRIED**

**INFORMATION PACKAGES**

5. Council/Board Information Package  
March 15, 2002 **MOVED** by Director Bumstead, **SECONDED** by Alt. Director Barr that the Council/Board Information Package dated March 15, 2002 be received for information.

**CARRIED**

6. Council/Board Information Package  
March 22, 2002 **MOVED** by Director Bumstead, **SECONDED** by Alt. Director Barr that the Council/Board Information Package dated March 22, 2002 be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**PETITIONS/DELEGATIONS**

7. 2002 Budget Process  
Public Question and  
Answer Period  
There were no questions for the 2002 Budget Process, Public Question and Answer Period.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

8. Action North Council  
Re: Participation,  
Request to Reconsider  
Discussion ensued, during which it was noted that the Action North Council had been advised previously that although Regional Board members would not be attending all meetings they would still be available should any issues arise requiring their attendance or comment.

It was further noted that Mayor Clarke had advised he was available to attend Action North Council meetings.

**MOVED** by Director Unruh, **SECONDED** by Alt. Director Novotny that the Action North Council be advised that the Regional Board would not be attending Action North Council meetings but Regional Board members would be available should any issues arise requiring their attendance or comment.

**CARRIED**

\*Administration was **requested** to ask the Action North Committee to continue providing copies of their agendas and minutes for the Regional Board and that if staff members may attend if they wish.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

9. Economic Diversification Committee  
February 26, 2002 **MOVED** by Director Bumstead, **SECONDED** by Director C. Morey that the Economic Diversification Committee minutes dated February 26, 2002 be received for information.

**CARRIED**

10. Single Tier Government Committee  
March 13, 2002 **MOVED** by Director Unruh, **SECONDED** by Director Bumstead that the Single Tier Government Committee minutes dated March 13, 2002 be received for information.

**CARRIED**

11. Airport Advisory Committee  
March 21, 2002 Recommendation  
Re: Preparation of Paper  
Regarding Viability of Regional  
Airports in British Columbia **MOVED** by Director Unruh, **SECONDED** by Director Bumstead that the British Columbia Aviation Council be advised that the Northern Rockies Regional District will provide financial support in the amount or \$200.00 to assist in the preparation of a paper focussed on the Viability of Regional Airports in the Province of British Columbia.

**CARRIED**

**OPERATING REPORTS**

12. Treasury Department (McLean)  
February 27 - March 13, 2002 **MOVED** by Director Bumstead, **SECONDED** by Alt. Director Novotny that the cheques numbered 41432 to 41550 and cheque number 41553, dated February 27, 2002 to March 13, 2002 be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**ADMINISTRATION REPORTS**

13. Administration Report #24/02  
Re: TOWN AND REGIONAL  
DISTRICT FACILITIES - Town  
Square, Fire Hall/Public Works  
Shop and Recreation Centre,  
Designated Smoking Areas,  
Status Report

**MOVED** by Alt. Director Novotny, **SECONDED** by Director C. Morey that Administration Report #24/02, Re: TOWN AND REGIONAL DISTRICT FACILITIES - Town Square, Fire Hall/Public Works Shop and Recreation Centre, Designated Smoking Areas, Status Report be received for information.

**OPPOSED** - Karen Unruh - Is opposed to having designated staff smoking rooms.  
Jackie Allen - Is opposed to having designated staff smoking rooms.

**CARRIED**

14. Administration Report #26/02  
Re: REGIONAL POLICING -  
Draft #3: Regional Policing in  
North Eastern British Columbia,  
A Proposed Local Approach Brief,  
For Review AND Addition to  
Administration Report #26/02 -  
Peace - Liard Detachment  
Policing Model

**MOVED** by Director Unruh, **SECONDED** by Director C. Morey that the Elected Officials Working Committee be advised that the Board for the Northern Rockies Regional District approves Draft #3 of the Regional Policing in North Eastern British Columbia "A Proposed Local Approach" for submission to the Provincial Government.

**CARRIED**

15. Administration Report #27/02  
Re: SOLID WASTE -  
Solid Waste Operations Tender  
AND Weigh Scale Operations

Extensive discussion ensued regarding Administration Report #27/02 during which it was noted that the tenders had been evaluated in several ways, including obtaining the best job for the best price.

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15. (Cont'd) It was noted that detailed discussion regarding specific contractors should be conducted during an InCamera meeting.

**MOVED** by Director Unruh, **SECONDED** by Director Bumstead that Administration Report #27/02, Re: SOLID WASTE - Solid Waste Operations Tender AND Weigh Scale Operations be deferred to the InCamera Regional Board meeting.

**CARRIED**

16. Administration Report #28/02  
Re: ELECTIONS/REFERENDA -  
Appointment of Chief Election  
Officer/Deputy CEO and  
Regional Voting Officer/Deputy  
RVO, 2002 General Local  
Election and Referenda

Discussion ensued during which it was noted that DCS Walker was researching the possibility of mail in voting opportunities for those citizens living further than 25 km from a polling station.

It was noted that mail in voting may not be a viable option as Fireside and Liard do not have a post office, mail is dropped off in a postal bag and removed by the residents.

**MOVED** by Director Unruh, **SECONDED** by Director C. Morey that Debbie M. Walker be appointed as Chief Election Officer for the Northern Rockies Regional District and be appointed as Regional Voting Officer respectively for the purposes of conducting other voting.

**CARRIED**

**NEW BUSINESS/VERBAL STATUS REPORTS**

17. 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.

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\*Director McCartney entered the meeting at 7:43 p.m. and assumed his seat at the table.

18. Emergency Regional Board Meeting  
Thursday, March 28, 2002  
7:30 am, Pantry Restaurant      Director McCartney, Director C. Morey, Director Bumstead, Director Allen, Director Unruh and Alt. Director Barr confirmed they would attend the March 28, 2002, Emergency Regional Board meeting at the Pantry Restaurant at 7:30 a.m.
19. Joint Zoning and Planning Review  
Committee with Regional Board  
and Airport Advisory Committee,  
Establishment of Meeting Date      Director Allen advised that the request for the joint Zoning and Planning Review Committee with the Regional Board and Airport Advisory Committee was for discussion regarding Bunkhouses within the Regional District.
- \*It was **agreed** that the joint Zoning & Planning Review Committee with the Regional Board and Airport Advisory Committee meeting would be held April 16, 2002 at 5:15 p.m. in the Raven Room.
20. Liquor Regulation Amendments,  
Establishment of Meeting Date      \*It was **agreed** that the Establishment of Meeting Date for the Liquor Regulation Amendments, be deferred to the April 8, 2002 Regional Board meeting.
21. Alaska Highway Intersections,  
Establishment of Meeting Date      \*It was **agreed** that the Establishment of Meeting Date for the Alaska Highway Intersections, be deferred to the April 8, 2002 Regional Board Meeting.
22. Subjects for Municipal Bulletin      The following items were suggested for inclusion in the next Municipal Bulletin:
- Status Report regarding the Provincial Park closures.
  - Residential House Numbering
  - Status Report regarding the Trans Canada Trail
  - Clean-Up Week is scheduled for May 6 to 10, 2002

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23. Subjects for Radio Call-In Program  
It was noted that a date had not been determined for the next Radio Call-In Program, and that Administration was currently coordinating a meeting with the radio station to review future radio call-in programs.
24. Councillor/Director Morey  
**Fort Nelson-Liard Land Resource Management Plan Committee**  
Director C. Morey advised that the next Fort Nelson-Liard Land Resource Management Plan Committee meeting was scheduled for April 18, 2002.
25. Director McCartney  
**Northern Rockies Alaska Highway Tourist Association**  
Director McCartney indicated that he had just returned from the Northern Rockies Alaska Highway Tourist Association meeting and had several boxes of the new NRAHTA brochure for use at the Visitor Information Centre.
- PUBLIC/NEWS/MEDIA QUESTION & ANSWER PERIOD**
26. Mr. Campbell, Re: Designated Smoking Areas in Town/Regional District Facilities  
Mr. Campbell requested clarification on how Council/Board members could justify the expense of designated smoking rooms in Regional District facilities when said monies could be utilized toward more positive community endeavours.  
  
Vice Chair Allen advised that the issue had been debated and that although the decision had not been unanimous, it was final.  
  
Vice Chair Allen thanked Mr. Campbell for attending the meeting and sharing his concerns.
27. Resolution for Adoption, InCamera Meeting  
**MOVED** by Director C. Morey, **SECONDED** by Director Unruh that the public be excluded from the March 25, 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)and (j).

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28. Temporary Adjournment **MOVED** by Director C. Morey, **SECONDED** by Director Unruh that the March 25, 2002 Regional Board meeting be temporarily adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

**CARRIED**

29. Re-Call to Order The meeting was re-called to order at 9:35 p.m.

**RISE AND REPORT**

30. Administration Report #27/02  
Re: SOLID WASTE - Solid  
Waste Operations Tender AND  
Weigh Scale Operations,  
For Review

Vice Chair Allen rose and reported that the following resolution was passed in the InCamera session of the Regional Board

“that all tenders be rejected for the Solid Waste and Weigh Scale Operations and that Director of Operations Jim Cheverie be authorized to negotiate with CF Wright Transport for the Solid Waste and Weigh Scale Operations contract for one year in the amount of \$188,400.

31. Adjournment **MOVED** by Director C. Morey, **SECONDED** by Director Unruh that the March 25, 2002 Regional Board meeting be declared adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

**CARRIED**

**CERTIFIED** a true and correct copy of the minutes of a Regional Board meeting held on Monday, March 25, 2002.

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Director Jackie Allen, Vice Chair

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Debbie Walker, Director of Corporate Services

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Stacey Trenter, Recording Secretary