

**MINUTES** of a Regional Board meeting held in the Bear Pit, Town Square, Town/Regional District Office, Fort Nelson, BC on Monday, April 8, 2002 at 7:06 p.m.

**THOSE PRESENT**

Harry Clarke	-Chair
Director Allen	
Director Bumstead	
Director C. Morey	
Director Sime	
Director Unruh	
Alt. Director Novotny	
Director H. Morey	
Director McCartney	-Absent

**STAFF**

Pat Bailey	-Administrator
Jim Cheverie	-DOP
Louise Grenier	-Recording Secretary
Linda Wallace	-DRDS
Walt Lutsiak	-Fire Chief/BEO
Pat Higgins	-Deputy Treasurer

**MEDIA/PUBLIC**

Alt. Director Blake	-NRRD
Alt. Director Barr	-NRRD
S/Sgt. Bryan Reid	-RCMP/Rotary Club
Peter Taillon	-Rotary Club
Heather Sellors	-Chamber
Janet McNaughton	-Chamber
John Barrett	
Sharrie Browne	
Brent Hodson	
Basil Batten	

1. Call to Order A quorum being present, Chair Clarke called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. and proceeded with the business placed before it.

2. Adoption of Agenda **MOVED** by Director Allen, **SECONDED** by Director H. Morey that the agenda for the April 8, 2002 Regional Board meeting be amended to include the following:

-Up-Highway , Regional Board meeting, Establishment of Meeting Date  
-Historical Society, with Regional Board, Establishment of Meeting Date

and thereafter, be adopted for implementation.

**CARRIED**

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**MINUTES**

3. Regional Board  
March 25, 2002

**MOVED** by Director H. Morey, **SECONDED** by Director Unruh that the Regional Board minutes dated March 25, 2002 be amended to read:

- ~ Director Sime -Absent
- ~ page 2, # 4, the resolution should read: “ **MOVED** by Director Bumstead, **SECONDED** by Director Unruh”
- ~ page 3, Item # 8, be amended to read: “It was further noted that staff members may attend, if they wish.”
- ~ page 3, # 8, the resolution should read: “**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.”

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

**CARRIED**

**INFORMATION PACKAGES**

4. Council/Board Information Package  
March 28, 2002

As per the Worker’s Compensation Board of British Columbia letter dated March 25, 2002 on page 3 of the Council/Board Information Package, Chair Clarke proclaimed April 28, 2002 as “Day of Mourning” in the Northern Rockies Regional District.

**MOVED** by Director H. Morey, **SECONDED** by Director Unruh that the Council/Board Information Package dated March 28, 2002 be received for information.

**CARRIED**

5. Council/Board Information Package  
April 05, 2002

It was noted that a Regional Board representative should attend the “An Ethanol Industry Opportunity for your Community” meeting as indicated on the Peace River Regional District invitation on page 7 of the April 5, 2002 of the Council/Board Information Package.

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5. Continued

**MOVED** by Director Sime, **SECONDED** by Director C. Morey that Chair Clarke be authorized to attend the "Ethanol Industry Opportunity for your Community" meeting to be held in Dawson Creek BC on April 27, 2002, all expenses paid.

**CARRIED**

In response to the BC Rail ad on page 18 of the April 5, 2002 Council/Board Information Package, Administration was requested to advise the Fort Nelson Chamber of Commerce, Foothills Pipeline, Northwest Corridor Development Corporation, and Yukon and Alaska rail interest groups about the potential changes to BC Rail operations especially highlighting the uncertainty around the future of the Fort St. John to Fort Nelson line and including a request for their support in continued operations of this line.

**MOVED** by Director H. Morey, **SECONDED** by Director Unruh that the Council/Board Information Package dated April 5, 2002 be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**PETITIONS/DELEGATIONS**

6. S/Sgt. Bryan Reid, Peter Taillon  
Fort Nelson Rotary Club  
Re: Annual Rib 'N' Lobster Dinner

S/Sgt Reid and Mr. Taillon indicated they were present as representatives of the Fort Nelson Rotary Club to request a Grant-In-Aid for free use of the Community Hall for the annual Rotary Club Rib and Lobster Dinner event, in the amount of \$1087.

It was noted that revenue generated from the Rotary Club annual Rib and Lobster Dinner would be used to fund community projects and events.

**MOVED** by Director C. Morey, **SECONDED** by Director Bumstead that the Fort Nelson Rotary Club's Grant-In-Aid request for the rental of the Recreation Center, be **approved** in the amount of \$1078.00, with funds to be allocated from the Discretionary Grant-In-Aid budget

**CARRIED**

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7. 2002 Budget Process  
Public Question and  
Answer Period

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

\*Peter Taillon left the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

8. Ministry of Water, Land & Air  
Protection  
Re: Campground Closures,  
For Information

Discussion ensued regarding the letter received from the Ministry of Water, Land & Air Protection dated March 18, 2002 and the letter from MLA Richard Neufeld dated March 21, 2002 whereby it was noted that the two letters were contradictory and therefore, said information was unreliable.

It was further noted that there were many unanswered issues in respect to whether the Province would release the land to the Regional District, how the land would be transferred, and what standards would be used regarding campground operations (provincial or regional district guidelines) and that further discussions with the Ministry of Water, Land, and Air Protection was required about operation specifics. It was noted that the Regional Board would operate the Tetsa and Andy Bailey campsites in 2002.

Administration was requested to correspond with the Minister of Water, Land and Air Protection requiring clarification of the above noted issues and any other outstanding questions regarding campground operations and transfer.

**MOVED** by Director H. Morey, **SECONDED** by Director Unruh that the letter from Andy Ackerman, Ministry of Water, Land & Air Protection, dated March 18, 2002, and the letter from Honourable Richard Neufeld, M.L.A. dated March 21, 2002, be received for information.

**CARRIED**

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9. Council of Resource Communities (CORC)  
Re: Membership, Invitation Changes  
For Information                    **MOVED** by Director C. Morey, **SECONDED** by Director Bumstead that the Council of Resource Communities (CORC) letter and backgrounder information, dated April 4, 2002 be received for information.

**CARRIED**

10. Wide Sky Disposal  
Re: Landfill and Weighscale Contract,  
Request to Re-Tender            DOP Cheverie advised he had met with Betty Gustafson and discussed the issue with her.

**MOVED** by Alternate Director Novotny, **SECONDED** by Director Bumstead that the letter from Wide Sky Disposal, dated April 4, 2002, regarding the Landfill and Weighscale contract be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

11. Economic Diversification Committee  
April 02, 2002                    **MOVED** by Director Unruh, **SECONDED** by Director C. Morey that the new Northern Rockies logo be adopted and registered as an official mark for the Town of Fort Nelson and the Northern Rockies Regional District and that Administration be authorized to submit the application and one-time fee of \$300 to the Registrar of the Trademark Office.

**CARRIED**

12. Use of the Bear Logo Versus New  
Northern Rockies Brand,            **MOVED** by Director Bumstead, **SECONDED** by Director Unruh that the "Use of the Bear Logo versus the New Northern Rockies Brand" chart be received for information.

**CARRIED**

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13. Rural Growth Committee  
April 03, 2002

**MOVED** by Director C. Morey, **SECONDED** by Director H. Morey that the Northern Rockies Regional District/Town of Fort Nelson, Rural Water South - Expanded System (\$5,600,000) application for funding to the Canada/BC Infrastructure Grant Program be approved for forwarding and be adopted as the Priority # 1 Infrastructure Grant Application for the Northern Rockies Regional District.

**CARRIED**

14. Rural Growth Committee  
Rural Water South  
Tax Levy Options

**MOVED** by Director H. Morey, **SECONDED** by Director Allen that the Northern Rockies Regional District/Town of Fort Nelson Rural Water South - Expanded System project costs be distributed by tax levy by parcel amongst those parcels located within the service area.

**CARRIED**

### **OPERATING REPORTS**

15. Fire Department (Lutsiak)  
March Operating Report

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

**CARRIED**

16. Fire Department (Lutsiak)  
Quarterly Report

**MOVED** by Director C. Morey, **SECONDED** by Director Unruh that the Fire Department Quarterly Report be received for information.

**CARRIED**

17. Bylaw Enforcement (Lutsiak)  
March Operating Report

Director Allen thanked BEO Lutsiak for providing the "break down of animals" information on his report.

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

**CARRIED**

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18. Bylaw Enforcement (Lutsiak)  
Quarterly Report
- MOVED** by Director C. Morey, **SECONDED** by Director Unruh that the Bylaw Enforcement Quarterly Report be received for information.

**CARRIED**

19. Treasury Department (McLean)  
March 14, 2002 -  
March 22, 2002
- MOVED** by Director Bumstead, **SECONDED** by Director C. Morey that the cheques numbered 41557 through and including 41763, dated March 14 - 28, 2002 be received for information.

**CARRIED**

20. Grants Coordinator (Pitkethly)  
Quarterly Report
- MOVE** by Director C. Morey, **SECONDED** by Director Bumstead that the Grants Coordinator Quarterly Report be received for information.

**CARRIED**

### ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

21. Administration Report #29  
Re: DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING -  
Northern Rockies Regional District  
Agriculture Policy Development -  
North West Environmental Group Ltd.,  
Policy Development Proposal and  
Agriculture Policy Committee
- MOVED** by Director Allen, **SECONDED** by Director C. Morey that the North West Environmental Group Ltd. be advised that due to the changes to the scope of the Northern Rockies Agriculture Policy development project, the Board of the Northern Rockies Regional District herewith formally rejects North West Environmental Group Ltd.'s agriculture policy development proposal.

**CARRIED**

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22. Administration Report #30/02  
Re: OPERATING COSTS AND  
IMPACT ASSESSMENT:  
Northern Rockies Interpretive Centre  
-Operating Cost and Impact  
Assessment

**MOVED** by Director Unruh, **SECONDED** by Director H. Morey that Administration Report #30/02 Re: OPERATING COSTS AND IMPACT ASSESSMENT: Northern Rockies Interpretive Centre be received for information.

**CARRIED**

\*Fire Chief Walt Lutsiak left the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

### NEW BUSINESS/VERBAL STATUS REPORTS

23. Resolution for Adoption, Each Meeting:  
Town Council Decisions, Excluding  
InCamera, Adopted for Implementation

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

**CARRIED**

24. Subjects for Municipal Bulletin    The following items were suggested for inclusion in the Municipal Bulletin:

- ~ A special budget edition
- ~ Status Report regarding the Provincial Campground closures.
- ~ Residential House Numbering
- ~ Status Report regarding the Trans Canada Trail
- ~ Clean-Up (Spring Fling) Week

\*Heather Sellors, John Barrett, Janet McNaughton, and Basil Batten left the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

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25. Subjects for Radio  
Call-In Program

Discussion ensued regarding the date of the next Radio Call-In Program where the Board **agreed** to hold a program on April 19, 2002. Chair Clarke and Directors Allen, Bumstead, and Sime indicated they would attend and participate. Items for discussion at the Radio Call-In Program were noted as follows:

- ~ Spring Fling, what it is, and when it is
- ~ New liquor regulations
- ~ Development permits
- ~ Temporary Bunkhouses

26. Impacts of New Liquor Regulations  
Establishment of Meeting Date

Administrator Bailey advised that the purpose of the meeting would be to inform the RCMP, Hotels, Restaurants, and other Organizations what the new changes were and discuss how these changes impact liquor licensees and local government. It was **agreed** that the New Liquor Regulations meeting would be held on May 14, 2002 at 7:15 p.m.

It was noted the 2002 Town Budget would be given first, second, and third readings at the regular meeting on May 13, 2002.

It was suggested that the 2002 Town Budget be adopted at a Special Meeting held at 7:00 p.m. on May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2002 prior to the Liquor Policy regulations public meeting.

\*S/Sgt. Reid, Brent Hodson, and Pat Higgins left the meeting at 8:55 p.m..

27. Alaska Highway Intersections,  
Establishment of Meeting Date

It was **agreed** that the Alaska Highway Intersections meeting would be held on Tuesday, May 28, 2002 at 5:00 p.m. in the Bear Pit.

28. Up Highway  
Establishment of Meeting Date

It was **agreed** that the Uphighway Regional Board meeting would be held in Toad River on Saturday, May 25, 2002 at 1 p.m.. It was noted that DOP Jim Cheverie would have draft copies of the Architectural Designs for the Toad River Community Hall Expansion Project, to generate interest from the local community to be in attendance.

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29. Historical Society  
Establishment of Meeting Date Administrator Bailey suggested to the Board that staff should first meet with the Historical Society. It was **agreed** that the establishment of a meeting date with the Historical Society be deferred to the next Board meeting.

30. Alternate Director Attendance to  
NCMA AND Other Conference/  
Seminars A lengthy discussion ensued whereby it was identified that the general consensus of Board members was that Alternate Directors could attend Conferences or other out of town functions, when elected officials could not attend.

The primary purpose of the Alternate Directors is to attend meetings that the Elected Official cannot attend and to keep the Elected Official informed of discussions and decisions.

**MOVED** by Director Unruh, **SECONDED** by Director Bumstead that Alternate Directors not be authorized to travel to out of town meetings or seminars.

**OPPOSED** - Director Allen  
Director H. Morey  
Director C. Morey  
Alternate Director Novotny

**MOTION FAILED**

**MOVED** by Director C. Morey, **SECONDED** by Director Allen that authorization for Alternate Directors to attend out of town conferences or seminars be determined on a "case by case" basis.

**OPPOSED** - Director Bumstead  
Director Sime  
Director Unruh

**CARRIED**

31. Discussion, Hosting of 2003 and  
Future Oil & Gas Conferences **MOVED** by Director H. Morey, **SECONDED** by Director C. Morey that the Board of the Northern Rockies Regional District agrees not to host the 2003 Oil and Gas Conference and that the decision to host future Oil and Gas Conferences be deferred until after the 2002 General Local Election.

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32. Meeting with Oil & Gas Commissioner  
Derek Doyle, April 11, 2002,  
12:00 p.m. Confirmation of  
Attendance
- It was agreed that Chair Clarke, Director Sime, Director Bumstead, Director Allen, and Director C. Morey would attend the April 11, 2002 meeting with Derek Doyle, Oil & Gas Commissioner at 12:00 p.m..
33. Meeting with Chamber of Commerce  
Executive, April 15, 2002,  
6:00 p.m. Confirmation of  
Attendance
- It was agreed that Chair Clarke, Director Allen, Director Unruh, Director Sime, Alternate Director Novotny, and Alternate Director Barr would attend the April 15, 2002 meeting with the Chamber of Commerce Executive at 6:00 p.m..
34. Joint Regional Board,  
Airport Advisory Committee &  
Zoning & Planning Review Committee  
Meeting, April 16, 2002 at 5:15 p.m.  
Confirmation of Attendance
- \*It was agreed that Chair Clarke, Director Allen, Director Unruh, Director Bumstead, Director C. Morey, Alternate Director Novotny, Director H. Morey, and Alternate Director Blake would attend the Joint Regional Board, Airport Advisory Committee, and the Zoning & Planning Review Committee meeting on April 16, 2002.
35. Mayor/Chair Clarke  
**North Central Municipal  
Association Executive**
- Chair Clarke reported that the NCMA Conference would be held in Quesnel on May 2, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4th, and he would be attending. The points of interest on the agenda are Energy Policy Paper from the NCMA, MLA's from the Northern Congress, as well as issues regarding lumber. It was suggested that Chair Clarke bring up the BC Rail issue.
36. Director C. Morey  
**Northern Forest  
Producers Association**
- Director C. Morey advised that the NFPA was at a stand still until the Association Review is done.
37. Director Unruh  
**Health Portfolio**
- Director Unruh advised that she attended the Population Health Conference and one of the underlying issues was that many people were unhappy. She also said "more people are worrying about their jobs than doing their jobs." HABC, Public Canada, UBC Health Care, and UBCM are very supportive of the Community.

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38. Adjournment

**MOVED** by Director Allen, **SECONDED** by Director H. Morey that the April 08, 2002 Regional Board meeting be declared adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

**CARRIED**

**CERTIFIED** a true and correct copy of the minutes of a Regional Board meeting held on Monday, April 08, 2002.

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Harry Clarke, Mayor/Chair

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Debbie Walker, Regional Secretary

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Louise Grenier, Recording Secretary