

**MINUTES** of a Regional Board meeting held in the Bear Pit, Town Square, Town/Regional District Offices, Fort Nelson, BC on Monday, August 12, 2002 at 7:00 p.m.

**THOSE PRESENT**

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

**STAFF**

Pat Bailey	-Administrator
Debbie Walker	-Regional Secretary
Randy Mclean	-Treasurer
Tom Sprado	-DRS
Linda Wallace	-DRDS
Stacey Loe	-Recording Secretary
Shannon Arno	-RSIT

**MEDIA/PUBLIC**

Alt. Director Barr	-NRRD
Brent Hodson	--FN News/Energy 102.3 FM

1. Call to Order  
A quorum being present, Chair Clarke called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m.
2. Temporary Adjournment  
**MOVED** by Director C. Morey, **SECONDED** by Director Bumstead that the August 12, 2002 Regional Board meeting be temporarily adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

**OPPOSED - Director McCartney**

**CARRIED**

3. ReCall to Order  
The meeting was recalled to order at 8:03 p.m.

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4. Adoption of Agenda

**MOVED** by Director H. Morey, **SECONDED** by Director Unruh that the agenda for the August 12, 2002 Regional Board agenda be amended to include the following:

- Emergency Regional Board Meeting, Re: Tender Review And Award (Art Fraser Park, Toad River Hall AND Recreation Centre Storage Area), 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, August 21, 2002, For Approval
- Regular Regional Board Meeting September 23, 2002 - Reschedule

and thereafter, be adopted for implementation.

**CARRIED**

**MINUTES FOR ADOPTION**

5. 2002 Budget Meeting  
(Council/Board Operations Review  
and Legislative Review)  
December 17, 2001

**MOVED** by Director Allen, **SECONDED** by Director C. Morey that the minutes from the 2002 Budget Meeting (Capital) held December 17, 2001 be adopted as distributed and read, there being no errors or omissions.

**CARRIED**

6. 2002 Budget Meeting (Capital)  
March 3, 2002

**MOVED** by Director Allen, **SECONDED** by Director C. Morey that the minutes from the 2002 Budget Meeting (Capital) held March 3, 2002 be amended to read as follows:

"Councillor Allen asked why there was not a designated smoking area at the aquatic centre; it was noted that no aquatic centre employees smoke."

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

**CARRIED**

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7. 2002 Budget Meeting (Operating)  
March 23, 2002
- MOVED** by Director Allen, **SECONDED** by Director C. Morey that the minutes from the 2002 Budget Meeting (Operating) held March 23, 2002 be adopted as distributed and read, there being no errors or omissions.

**CARRIED**

8. Informal Regional Board  
June 4, 2002
- MOVED** by Director Allen, **SECONDED** by Director C. Morey that the minutes from the Informal Regional Board meeting held June 4, 2002 be amended to read as follows:

"Extensive discussion ensued regarding the incentive package during which it was noted that should the Alaskan producers receive a floor price on gas, Americans would produce that gas first before buying Canadian."

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

**CARRIED**

9. Informal Regional Board  
July 4, 2002
- MOVED** by Director Allen, **SECONDED** by Director C. Morey that the minutes from the Informal Regional Board meeting held July 4, 2002 be adopted as distributed and read, there being no errors or omissions.

**CARRIED**

10. Regional Board  
July 8, 2002
- MOVED** by Director Allen, **SECONDED** by Director C. Morey that the minutes from the Regional Board meeting held July 8, 2002 be adopted as distributed and read, there being no errors or omissions.

**CARRIED**

11. Informal Regional Board  
July 18, 2002
- MOVED** by Director Allen, **SECONDED** by Director C. Morey that the minutes from the Informal Regional Board meeting held July 18, 2002 be adopted as distributed and read, there being no errors or omissions.

**CARRIED**

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12. Emergency Regional Board  
July 29, 2002

**MOVED** by Director Allen, **SECONDED** by Director C. Morey that the minutes from the Emergency Regional Board meeting held July 29, 2002 be adopted as distributed and read, there being no errors or omissions.

**CARRIED**

**INFORMATION PACKAGES**

13. Council/Board Information Package  
July 12, 2002

**MOVED** by Director H. Morey, **SECONDED** by Director Bumstead that the Council/Board Information Package dated July 12, 2002 be received for information.

**CARRIED**

14. Council/Board Information Package  
July 19, 2002

**MOVED** by Director H. Morey, **SECONDED** by Director Bumstead that the Council/Board Information Package dated July 19, 2002 be received for information.

**CARRIED**

15. Council/Board Information Package  
July 26, 2002

**MOVED** by Director H. Morey, **SECONDED** by Director Bumstead that the Council/Board Information Package dated July 26, 2002 be received for information.

**CARRIED**

16. Council/Board Information Package  
August 2, 2002

**MOVED** by Director H. Morey, **SECONDED** by Director Bumstead that the Council/Board Information Package dated August 2, 2002 be received for information.

**CARRIED**

17. Council/Board Information Package  
August 9, 2002

Discussion ensued regarding the update for Fort Nelson from Mr. M.G. Maudie, President & Chief Operating Officer, BC Rail, dated June 21, 2002. It was noted that this was the first time the word "sell" had been used with regard to the railway being sold to someone other than the taxpayers.

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17. (Cont'd)

Administrator Bailey advised that upon receipt of the update, she had participated in a conference call with DRDS Wallace and Mr. Maudie. Mr. Maudie had assured that BC Rail had no intention to sell the rail line, and that none of the candidate companies proposed to purchase the line, only to lease it. He further indicated that they were selling the business, not the infrastructure and would not sell the land or the rail line.

\* Administration was requested to send a letter requesting clarification in writing of BC Rail's intentions with regard to the rail line.

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

**CARRIED**

**PETITIONS/DELEGATIONS**

18. 2002 Budget Process - 8:00 p.m.  
Public Question and  
Answer Period

There were no questions regarding the 2002 Budget Process.

19. Heather Sellors,  
Chamber of Commerce  
Re: 8<sup>th</sup> Annual President's Ball  
Request for Grant-In-Aid

Discussion ensued regarding the Discretionary Grants-In-Aid Fund during which it was noted that the Chamber of Commerce had shown a profit in their projected budget for the 2003 President's Ball.

**MOVED** by Director Sime, **SECONDED** by Director McCartney that the Chamber of Commerce be advised that their Grant-In-Aid request for a donation of auction items be approved for 10 Swim Passes, 1 Rink Rental and 1 Hall Rental and that said funds in the amount of (\$638.18) be allocated from the Discretionary Grant-In-Aid Fund.

**OPPOSED** - Director Unruh  
- Director H. Morey  
- Director Allen

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**CORRESPONDENCE**

20. Office & Professional Employees  
International Union, Local 378  
Re: Opposition to Privatization  
of BC Hydro, Request for  
Resolution of Support

**MOVED** by Director H. Morey, **SECONDED** by Director Allen that

**WHEREAS:** BC Hydro is a crown corporation owned and developed for the benefit of all British Columbians.

**WHEREAS:** BC Hydro contributed \$904 million to the Provincial government last year to enable funding of medical care, education and numerous government programs.

**WHEREAS:** All sectors of the BC economy benefit from the third lowest power rates in North America delivered from clean, reliable generation sources.

**WHEREAS:** BC Hydro employees British Columbians to deliver power to the people of BC.

**WHEREAS:** Deregulation and Privatization will result in tremendous price increase (estimated by the government Energy Task Force Review Committee to be in the 30 - 80% range).

**WHEREAS:** The Joint Industry Electricity Steering Committee recognizes that the "electric power customers and the BC economy are being well served with reliable power at regulated, predictable rates" and "BC Hydro is returning substantial benefits to the province.

Be it therefore resolved: BC Hydro is owned by the people of British Columbia and provides affordable, reliable and clean power. In order to preserve this valuable asset, the province must retain BC Hydro as a complete entity within a regulated pricing structure. Its integrated systems and services are critical to Hydro's ability to provide reliable power at affordable pricing that does not discriminate against rural customers.

**OPPOSED** - Director Sime  
- Director C. Morey

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21. Wes Jobe  
Re: Resignation from Economic  
Diversification Committee AND Rural  
Growth Committee
- \*Administration was **requested** to forward a letter thanking Mr. Jobe for his participation on the Economic Diversification Committee AND Rural Growth Committee.

**MOVED** by Director H. Morey, **SECONDED** by Director Unruh that Wes Jobe's letter of resignation from the Economic Diversification Committee and Rural Growth Committee dated July 15, 2002, be received for information.

**CARRIED**

22. Lidstone, Young, Anderson  
Re: Regional Policing
- MOVED** by Director McCartney, **SECONDED** by Director Sime that the Lidstone, Young, Anderson letter regarding Regional Policing dated July 22, 2002, be received for information.

**CARRIED**

23. Northern Rockies Alaska Highway  
Tourism Association  
Re: Annual General Meeting,  
September 13 - 15, 2002  
Sponsorship Opportunities
- MOVED** by Director McCartney, **SECONDED** by Director Sime that the Northern Rockies Alaska Highway Tourism Association be advised that the Board for the Northern Rockies Regional District agrees to sponsor the Tourism Rendezvous & Annual General Meeting Delegate Handbooks for a total of \$500, AND that if the Delegate Handbooks are no longer available for sponsorship, the Northern Rockies Regional District will sponsor one Coffee Break for a total of \$400, with said funds being allocated from Regional Planning.

**CARRIED**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

24. Economic Diversification Committee  
June 18, 2002
- MOVED** by Director C. Morey, **SECONDED** by Director Allen that the minutes of the Economic Diversification Committee meeting held June 18, 2002 be received for information.

**CARRIED**

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### ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

25. Administration Report #65/02  
Re: LAND USE DEVELOPMENT  
- Temporary Uses, Policy Review  
and Recommendations

Extensive discussion ensued regarding Administration Report #65/02 and the proposed policy regarding temporary land use developments, during which the following points were noted:

- If the land in question was within the Agriculture Land Reserve, permission would need to be obtained from the Agriculture Land Commission and proof of said approval would be required by the Town/Regional District.
- The recommendation was that the temporary camps be for no more than 40 workers.
- A 40 man, closed camp would not be in competition with the hoteliers.

**MOVED** by Director Sime, **SECONDED** by Director McCartney that the Land Use Development - Temporary Uses policy be adopted for implementation.

Discussion ensued regarding the specific requirements of the policy, during which the following points were noted:

- The fee proposed in the policy is \$500 per bunkhouse due to the higher risk and thus higher frequency of inspections required and lack of contribution through taxes.
- Wording such as "fire hazard" should not be utilized within the policy.
- Bunkhouses are known to be more of a risk than a hotel, because they are not constructed with fire suppression systems and are further away in the fire protection area.

### MOTION RESCINDED

Further discussion ensued, during which it was suggested that \$500 per building was extreme, and the policy should be changed to read \$500 per temporary camp.

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**MOVED** by Director McCartney, **SECONDED** by Director Bumstead that Administration Report 65/02 Re: LAND USE & DEVELOPMENT - Temporary Uses, Policy Review and Recommendations be tabled to the Regional Board with Zoning and Planning Review Committee meeting scheduled to be held, Wednesday, August 14, 2002.

**OPPOSED - Director Sime**

**CARRIED**

**OPERATING REPORTS**

26. RCMP (Reid)  
July Operating Report

This item was previously dealt with during the Town Council meeting.

27. Fire Department (Lutsiak)  
July Operating Report

**MOVED** by Director H. Morey, **SECONDED** by Director Unruh that the July, 2002 Fire Department Operating Report be received for information.

**CARRIED**

28. Bylaw Enforcement (Lutsiak)  
May Operating Report

Director McCartney noted that contrary to the Bylaw Enforcement report, the number of unauthorized vehicles parking in the designated disabled parking zone at the post office had not declined. He stated that he personally watched and counted 21 vehicles park in the designated zone.

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

**CARRIED**

29. Bylaw Enforcement (Lutsiak)  
June Operating Report

**MOVED** by Director Allen, **SECONDED** by Director Bumstead that the June, 2002 Bylaw Enforcement Operating Report be received for information.

**CARRIED**

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30. Bylaw Enforcement (Lutsiak)  
Quarterly Operating Report

**MOVED** by Director H. Morey, **SECONDED** by Director Allen that the Quarterly Bylaw Enforcement Operating Report be received for information.

**CARRIED**

31. Recreation Department (Sprado)  
Quarterly Operating Report

Director Allen noted that the Recreation Department Quarterly Operating Report referred to a lot of hours spent painting, and suggested that occasionally the focus should be changed and hours devoted to garbage pick up. She specified that the boulevards appeared as though the garbage had been mowed over, rather than picked up and that the Town Square parking lot also had garbage strewn about. Director Allen further suggested that the garbage cans located throughout Town should be cleaned periodically, which would encourage people to be more inclined to utilize them.

**MOVED** by Director C. Morey, **SECONDED** by Director Bumstead that the Quarterly Recreation Department Operating Report be received for information.

**CARRIED**

32. Treasury Department (McLean)  
Cheques Dated June 22 to  
July 05, 2002

**MOVED** by Director Bumstead, **SECONDED** by Director C. Morey that the cheques numbered 42609 through to and including 42692 and 42694 through to and including 42751, dated June 22 to July 05, 2002 be received for information.

**CARRIED**

33. Treasury Department (McLean)  
Cheques Dated July 6-19, 2002

**MOVED** by Director Bumstead, **SECONDED** by Director C. Morey that the cheques numbered 42753 through to and including 42913, dated July 6 - 19, 2002 be received for information.

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34. Treasury Department (McLean)  
Cheques Dated July 20 to  
August 2, 2002
- MOVED** by Director Unruh, **SECONDED** by Director C. Morey that the cheques numbered 42914 through to and including 43040, dated July 20 to August 2, 2002 be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**NEW BUSINESS/VERBAL STATUS REPORTS**

35. Resolution for Adoption  
Each Meeting
- MOVED** by Director Bumstead, **SECONDED** by Director Sime 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**

36. Emergency Regional Board Meeting  
August 21, 2002  
Re: Tender Review And Award  
(Art Fraser Park, Toad River Hall  
AND Recreation Centre Storage  
Area) 6:30 p.m., Wednesday,  
August 21, 2002
- MOVED** by Director Sime, **SECONDED** by Director C. Morey that the Emergency Regional Board meeting, Re: Tender Review and Award (Art Fraser Park, Toad River Hall AND Recreation Centre Storage Area) be held on Wednesday, August 21, 2002 at 6:30 p.m.

**CARRIED**

37. Subjects for Municipal Bulletin
- The following were suggested for inclusion in the next Municipal Bulletin:
- Recognition of community members who have contributed to the Winter Lights Program and the Millennium Park Project.
  - Recognition of Sergeant Gloria Jean Hartley, Receipt of Canadian Peacekeeping Service Medal.
  - UNBC request for aid for Northern Medical Program.

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37. (Cont'd)

**MOVED** by Director C. Morey, **SECONDED** by Director Sime that the Town of Fort Nelson Pledges to raise, through taxation, \$134,792 of endowed scholarship/bursary support for health professional education at the University of Northern British Columbia, AND to strike a Town of Fort Nelson "Responding to a critical Need" Campaign Committee" to successfully complete this pledge by May 2007, AND FURTHER that upon completion of this pledge, to fulfil the ongoing responsibilities of the Town of Fort Nelson as a contributing member of the Northern Medical Programs Trust/Foundation.

Extensive discussion ensued regarding the motion on the table, during which the following points were noted:

- Taxation would begin in the 2003 budget year.
- There are other ways to raise the funds, other than taxation; the tax payer should be consulted prior to imposing additional taxes for something they may not support.
- UNBC is not requesting a decision regarding how the funds will be raised.
- If the Government is not going to agree to "on-call" pay for obstetricians, surgeons, and anesthesiologists, then the community will not have those services; therefore if they are not going to come to Fort Nelson, there is no point in financially supporting their training.
- Mr. Berekoff, Director, UNBC could not commit to the fact that UNBC would not be returning for assistance at some point later on.

**OPPOSED** - Director McCartney, Director H. Morey, Director Allen and Director Unruh - **ALL** feel more **Community Consultation** is required.

**MOTION DEFEATED**

38. Subjects for Radio  
Call-In Program

It was noted that the next Radio Call-In Program was scheduled for September 13, 2002, to discuss the upcoming referendum, and election.

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39. BC Natural Gas Symposium  
September 19 - 20, 2002  
Vancouver, BC

Discussion ensued regarding the BC Natural Gas Symposium, during which it was noted that the 2001 Symposium was not attended by members of the Regional District.

It was noted that the fee for the Symposium was \$1710.93 per person, so it would be more economical to have someone attending UBCM register for the Symposium, that way only one flight would be required.

\*Alternate Director Barr left the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

**MOVED** by Director Allen, **SECONDED** by Director C. Morey that Director Sime be approved to attend the BC Natural Gas Symposium, September 19 - 20, 2002 in Vancouver, BC, all expenses paid.

**CARRIED**

40. Annual UBCM Convention  
September 23 - 27, 2002  
Whistler, BC

Discussion ensued regarding attendees to the Annual UBCM Convention scheduled for September 23 - 27, 2002, during which it was noted that attendance had been confirmed by Director Sime, Mayor Clarke and Administrator Bailey.

Further discussion ensued regarding the appropriateness of Council/Board members attending conferences such as UBCM, when they were not intending to run in the next General Local Election, scheduled for November 16, 2002.

It was noted that there were possibly nine meetings to attend and if no other Regional Board members were able to attend, an additional staff member would be required.

Director Unruh indicated she would like to attend, however would not be able to confirm attendance until the week of August 19 - 23, 2002.

Director C. Morey indicated that she would attend if she decided to run for Council/Board in the upcoming General Local Election. She would confirm by September 1, 2002.

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41. Regular Regional Board Meeting, September 23, 2002 Reschedule

\* It was agreed that in order to accommodate travel to UBCM, the next Regular Regional Board meeting be rescheduled to September 30, 2002

42. Chair Clarke  
NCMA Executive

Chair Clarke advised that he would be attending the North Central Municipal Association Executive meeting in Prince George, August 23, 2002.

He noted that Minister Abbott would be in attendance, and that topics discussed would include an update on Regional Hospital District.

43. Director Allen  
First Nations Liaison Portfolio

Director Allen indicated that she had attended the Summer Gathering, noting that each year fewer industry and government representation were in attendance.

Oil and Gas Commission  
Advisory Board

Director Allen advised that she had reapplied for appointment to the Oil & Gas Advisory Board, noting that she was unsure if they would keep the same composition of five regular Board members and five alternates. She further noted that the application process had been quite different, and was unsure as to how quickly the new appointments would be made.

Northern Treaties Treaty  
Advisory Committee

Director Allen advised that a protocol regarding local government involvement in treaty negotiations would be discussed at UBCM.

44. Councillor/Director Morey  
Forestry Portfolio

It was noted that a tentative meeting date had been set for August 21, 2002 with Slokan Polar Board, however representatives from Slokan had not confirmed.

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45. Director McCartney  
Northern Rockies Alaska  
Highway Tourism Association
- Director McCartney advised that he would be attending the Northern Rockies Alaska Highway Tourism Association AGM in Dawson Creek from September 13 - 15, 2002.
46. Director Morey  
Oil and Gas Portfolio
- Director H. Morey indicated that he had met with representatives from Encana, who were requesting the Regional Board support the Rainbow connector road. Director H. Morey had advised that the Regional Board had not been opposed to the connector road, however would support it conditional that the Clarke Lake Highway was brought up to standard first.
- He further noted that Encana had found another large deposit in the Kotcho Lake Sandfield, and would have a notable presence in the area for some time.
47. Director Sime  
Northwest Corridor  
Development Corporation
- Director Sime advised that he would be attending the next Northwest Corridor Development Corporation annual meeting in Dawson Creek, September 16 - 18, 2002.
- It was noted that DRDS Wallace would also be attending.
48. Resolution for Adoption  
Each Meeting
- MOVED** by Director C. Morey, **SECONDED** by Director Allen that the public be excluded from the August 12, 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)(e).
- CARRIED**
49. Adjournment
- MOVED** by Director C. Morey, **SECONDED** by Director Allen that the August 12, 2002 Regional Board meeting be declared adjourned at 9:33 p.m..

**CARRIED**

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**CERTIFIED** a true and correct copy of the minutes of a Regional Board meeting held on Monday, August 12, 2002.

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Harry Clarke, Chair

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Debbie Walker, Regional Secretary

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Stacey Loe, Recording Secretary