

MINUTES of a Regional Board meeting held in the Bear Pit, Town Square, Town/Regional District Offices, Fort Nelson, BC on Monday, September 09, 2002 at 7:00 p.m.

THOSE PRESENT

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

Director H. Morey -Absent

STAFF

Pat Bailey -Administrator
Debbie Walker -Regional Secretary
Stacey Loe -Recording Secretary
Randy McLean -Treasurer
Bruce Hupman -DOP
Barclay Pitkethly -Grants Coordinator

MEDIA/PUBLIC

Brent Hodson -FN News
Shelly Middleton

1. Call to Order A quorum being present, Chair Clarke called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.
2. Adoption of Agenda **MOVED** by Director Unruh, **SECONDED** by Director Allen that the agenda for the September 9, 2002 Regional Board agenda be amended to include the following:
 - Memorial Garden, For Discussion
 - Correspondence from Mr. Kevin Brown, Communications & Community Relations Manager, Northern Forest Products Association, September 6, 2002 Council/Board Information Package

and thereafter, be adopted for implementation.

CARRIED

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MINUTES FOR ADOPTION

3. Regional Board
August 12, 2002
- MOVED** by Director Bumstead, **SECONDED** by Director C. Morey that the minutes from the Regional Board meeting held August 12, 2002 be amended to read as follows:
- Item #43, Page 14
"Director Allen advised that a protocol regarding local government involvement in treaty negotiations would be discussed at UBCM."
- and thereafter, be adopted as distributed and read, there being no further errors or omissions.
- CARRIED**
4. Regional Board with the
Zoning & Planning Review Committee
August 14, 2002
- MOVED** by Director Bumstead, **SECONDED** by Director C. Morey that the minutes from the Regional Board with the Zoning & Planning Review Committee meeting held August 14, 2002 be adopted as distributed and read, there being no errors or omissions.
- CARRIED**
5. Emergency Regional Board
August 21, 2002
- MOVED** by Director Bumstead, **SECONDED** by Director C. Morey that the minutes from the Emergency Regional Board meeting held August 21, 2002 be adopted as distributed and read, there being no errors or omissions.
- CARRIED**
6. Emergency Regional Board
August 26, 2002
- MOVED** by Director Bumstead, **SECONDED** by Director C. Morey that the minutes from the Emergency Regional Board meeting held on August 26, 2002 be adopted as distributed and read, there being no errors or omissions.
- CARRIED**

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7. Informal Regional Board
August 29, 2002

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

CARRIED

INFORMATION PACKAGES

8. Council/Board Information Package
August 16, 2002

MOVED by Director Sime, **SECONDED** by Director C. Morey that the Council/Board Information Package dated August 16, 2002 be received for information.

CARRIED

9. Council/Board Information Package
August 23, 2002

MOVED by Director Sime, **SECONDED** by Director C. Morey that the Council/Board Information Package dated August 23, 2002 be received for information.

CARRIED

10. Council/Board Information Package
August 30, 2002

MOVED by Director Sime, **SECONDED** by Director C. Morey that the Council/Board Information Package dated August 30, 2002 be received for information.

CARRIED

* Alt. Director Novotny entered the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

11. Council/Board Information Package
September 6, 2002

MOVED by Director Sime, **SECONDED** by Director C. Morey that the Council/Board Information Package dated September 6, 2002 be received for information.

CARRIED

PETITIONS/DELEGATIONS

12. 2002 Budget Process
Public Question and
Answer Period

There were no questions regarding the 2002 Budget Process.

CORRESPONDENCE

13. City of Burnaby, Office of the Mayor
Re: Recommended Amendments to
Proposed Community Charter **MOVED** by Director Bumstead, **SECONDED** by Director C. Morey that an Emergency Regional Board meeting to review the Community Charter in detail, be held on Monday, September 16, 2002 at 5:00 p.m.

CARRIED

14. District of Kitimat
Re: Alcan Power Sales,
Request for Resolution of Support &
Request for Meeting **MOVED** by Director Unruh, **SECONDED** by Director Allen that

WHEREAS Alcan had been given exclusive and perpetual access to valuable water resources owned by the people of British Columbia for the purpose of aluminum production;

AND WHEREAS the use of all electricity generated by this public resource, as indicated in the 1949 Industrial Development Act and the 1950 Agreement, is to be used exclusively for aluminum production and for the promotion and development of the district and of other industries in the vicinity of the works;

AND WHEREAS the Company is now positioning its business activities with the intent of power sales of electricity away from the vicinity of the works;

AND WHEREAS sale of electricity to the BC Hydro grid and for export inevitably results in less industrial activity in Kitimat, and henceforth less jobs, wealth and prosperity for Kitimat, the North and all of British Columbia;

NOW THEREFORE the Northern Rockies Regional District supports the District of Kitimat's position that all electricity generated from Kemano is to be used for aluminum production in Kitimat or other industrial activity in the vicinity of the works, in accordance with the letter and intent of the 1949 Industrial Development Act and the 1950 Agreement.

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15. BC Aviation Council
Re: Aviation Conference 2002
October 9 - 11, 2002

MOVED by Director Allen, **SECONDED** by Director C. Morey that the British Columbia Aviation Council Agenda and Registration Package for their Aviation Conference 2002, October 9 - 11, 2002 be received for information.

CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

16. Informal Gateway Community
Steering Committee
July 30, 2002

MOVED by Director Allen, **SECONDED** by Director C. Morey that the minutes of the Informal Gateway Community Steering Committee meeting held July 30, 2002 be received for information.

CARRIED

17. Agriculture Policy Committee
July 30, 2002

MOVED by Director Allen, **SECONDED** by Director C. Morey that the minutes of the Agriculture Policy Committee meeting held July 30, 2002 be received for information.

CARRIED

MOVED by Director McCartney, **SECONDED** by Director C. Morey that the Board of the Northern Rockies Regional District continue to pursue required agricultural policy changes with Land & Water BC Inc., the Agriculture Land Commission, and other agencies as necessary, as indicated in the Arthur Hadland report titled "Identification of Crown Land for Agriculture Use Purposes Within 20 Mile Radius of Town of Fort Nelson, BC", and as identified by the Northern Rockies Agriculture Policy Committee to be non-conductive to furthering agricultural development or lifestyles in the region.

CARRIED

OPERATING REPORTS

18. Fire Department (Lutsiak)
August Operating Report

MOVED by Director Bumstead, **SECONDED** by Director Allen that the August, 2002 Fire Department Operating Report be received for information.

CARRIED

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19. Bylaw Enforcement (Lutsiak)
July Operating Report
- MOVED** by Director C. Morey, **SECONDED** by Director Sime that the July, 2002 Bylaw Enforcement Operating Report be received for information.

CARRIED

20. Treasury Department (McLean)
Cheques Dated August 3 - 16, 2002
For Information
- MOVED** by Director McCartney, **SECONDED** by Director C. Morey that the cheques numbered 43042 through to and including 43155 dated August 3 - 16, 2002 be received for information.

CARRIED

21. Treasury Department (McLean)
Cheques Dated August 17 - 30, 2002
For Information
- MOVED** by Director McCartney, **SECONDED** by Director Unruh that the cheques numbered 43164 through to and including 43290 dated August 17 - 30, 2002 be received for information.

CARRIED

- BYLAWS/POLICIES**
22. For Adoption
Policy #3900-04-01
Re: Airport Advertising/
Marketing
- MOVED** by Director Allen, **SECONDED** by Director C. Morey that Policy #3900-04-01 - Airport Advertising/Marketing be adopted.

CARRIED

23. For Third Reading
The Northern Rockies Regional District
Rural Land Use Amendment
(Temporary Uses)
Bylaw No. 148, 2002
- MOVED** by Director C. Morey, **SECONDED** by Director Sime that the Northern Rockies Regional District Rural Land Use Amendment (Temporary Uses) Bylaw No. 148, 2002 be given third reading.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS/VERBAL STATUS REPORTS

24. Resolution for Adoption,
Each Meeting

MOVED by Director Unruh, **SECONDED** by Director Bumstead that the decisions of the meeting of the Town Council, excluding the InCamera, as held preceding this meeting of the Regional Board be adopted for implementation.

OPPOSED - Director McCartney - The opening of the Regional Landfill was approved during the Town Council meeting and should be approved by the Regional Board, prior to the Resolution for Adoption, Each Meeting.

MOTION WITHDRAWN

MOVED by Director Unruh, **SECONDED** by Director C. Morey that the public be advised that curb side pick up and rural residential bins will not be available for the annual Fall Haul slated to be held September 28, 2002 up to and including October 06, 2002 and that the Fort Nelson Landfill be made available, during the Fall Haul, for all residents of the Town to dispose of house hold garbage during regular landfill hours.

CARRIED

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

CARRIED

25. Memorial Garden

Director Allen advised that she had been contacted by Mrs. Mavis Brown regarding the Memorial Garden and why she had not been placed on the agenda.

Administrator Bailey advised that she had spoken to Mrs. Brown and indicated the item would probably need to be deferred for discussion during the 2003 budget process. Administrator Bailey had further advised Mrs. Brown that she would be placed on the September 30, 2002 as a delegation regarding the ceremony for installation of the signs.

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26. Subjects for Municipal Bulletin The following were suggested for inclusion in the next Municipal Bulletin:
- Update regarding installation of flush toilets at the Art Frasier Memorial Park.
 - Update on the status of the Northern Health Authority, including the vacancy on the board.
 - Dates of Fall Haul and elimination of curb-side pick up and rural residential bins.
 - Call for volunteers for Spookorama.
 - Election material, including dates for the nomination period and where nomination packages were available.
27. Subjects for Radio Call-In Program
- It was noted that the upcoming Radio Call-In Program was scheduled for Friday, September 13, 2002.
- Chair Clarke, Director C. Morey, Chief Elections Officer Debbie Walker, Deputy Chief Elections Officer Stacey Loe, Lynn Chabot, Allison Starr and Marl Brown would be in attendance to discuss the upcoming elections, at-large voting and the Museum referendum.
28. Mayor/Chair Clarke
- Chair Clarke advised that he had attended a Mayor's meeting in 100 Mile House to discuss passenger rail service in Northern BC. Representatives were present from Pouce Coupe, Taylor, Chetwynd, Dawson Creek, Williams Lake, Quesnel, the BC Chamber of Commerce, BC Parks and two MLAs from the Northern Caucus.
- Discussions were held regarding take over of the short line operations, during which it was suggested that some companies have taken over rail lines for a short period of time, took what they could from the company, and then discarded it.
- Chair Clarke had indicated that if the rail line was shut down, the additional trucks required to haul freight traditionally shipped via rail, would lead to road conditions deteriorating more rapidly.
- The result of the meeting, was a resolution for a one year moratorium on any changes to BC Rail operations, which would be presented to the Premier in Victoria on September 10th, 2002.

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28. Mayor/Chair Clarke (Cont'd)
North Central Municipal
Association Executive

Chair Clarke indicated that the NCMA executive meeting was primarily regarding changes made by the Northern Health Authority and the on-call pay for physicians.

The executive passed a resolution of support regarding the impacts to small rural communities if the proposed changes were implemented.

Mr. Kevin Brown, Northern Forest Products Association (NFPA) made a presentation regarding Slocan and Canfor withdrawing their financial support to NFPA. Combined, they account for approximately 45% of NFPA's financial base. Mr. Brown indicated that the annual community dinner would likely not be held in Fort Nelson.

Mr. Roy Nagel, Central Interior Logging Association (CILA) indicated that NFPA and CILA needed to be more supportive of one another as CILA had also been hurt by Slocan Forest Products withdrawing their financial support.

Chair Clarke indicated that he had the NCMA financial statements available for review, and advised that the dues for all municipalities would be raised due to a dramatic reduction in surplus funds. This increase would result in an additional \$300 for the Northern Rockies Regional District membership.

29. Councillor/Director Allen
First Nations Portfolio

Director Allen indicated that she had been advised that Chief Liz Logan had resigned as Chief of the Fort Nelson First Nations.

Oil and Gas Commission
Advisory Board

The next Oil & Gas Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for October 2, 2002 with the new appointments scheduled to be made in September.

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29. Councillor/Director Allen (Cont'd)
Northern Treaties Treaty
Advisory Committee

Director Allen read the following Memo directed to all Treaty Advisory Committee (TAC) Members and Administrators, from Alison McNeil, Aboriginal Affairs Office regarding the future of treaty negotiations and local government participation:

"While it is clear that the Principals are moving toward a more incremental approach to treaty making that is intended to produce tangible results soon, what treaty negotiations will look like in future remains unclear. Meanwhile, provincial funding for Treaty Advisory Committee (TACs) was eliminated effective April 1st and the provincial minister responsible for treaty negotiations has committed to developing a new agreement with UBCM on local government participation. This session will provide an opportunity to hear about changes to the treaty process from the three parties. Participants will also discuss UBCM's new draft agreement (to be mailed shortly) with the province on local government participation and other current policy issues."

30. Councillor/Director Morey
NFPA Communications & Community
Relations Committee

Director C. Morey indicated that she had spoken with Mr. Kevin Brown, NFPA, regarding Slocan's discontinuation of their membership. It was noted that the discontinuation had been necessary for a variety of reasons. The Community Partnership Agreement would not be affected by their withdrawal.

Director C. Morey indicated she would participate in the NFPA Quarterly meeting via teleconference.

She further noted that although it was unfortunate, as Slocan's membership provided the Regional District with a link to NFPA and other forestry issues, it was imperative that Slocan look at every aspect of their financial picture and make cuts where necessary prior to closing any mills.

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30. Councillor/Director Morey (Cont'd)
Correspondence from Mr. Kevin Brown,
Communications & Community
Relations Manager, NFPA,
September 6, 2002 Council/Board
Information Package
- MOVED** by Director C. Morey, **SECONDED** by Director Bumstead that Slocan Forest Products be advised that the Board for the Northern Rockies Regional District supports their decision to discontinue membership with the Northern Forest Products Association in a time when the forestry industry is experiencing higher tax levies and environmental fees.

CARRIED

31. Director McCartney
Northern Rockies Alaska
Highway Tourism Association
- Director McCartney advised that the Northern Rockies Alaska Highway Tourism Association AGM was scheduled for September 13 - 15, 2002.

32. Director Sime
Municipal Finance Authority/
Municipal Insurance
Association Executive
- Director Sime advised that the MFA/MIA meetings will be held in conjunction with the UBCM Convention in Whistler, September 23 - 27, 2002.

Muskwa Kechika
Advisory Board

The next Muskwa Kechika Advisory Board meeting was scheduled for October 28 - 30, 2002 in Makenzie. There was also a workshop scheduled for March 5 - 7, 2003 in Fort Nelson, integrating First Nations values in the Muskwa Kechika.

Northwest Corridor
Development Corporation

The next Northwest Corridor Development Corporation meeting was scheduled for September 15, 2002.

33. Resolution for Adoption,
InCamera Meeting
- MOVED** by Director Unruh, **SECONDED** by Director C. Morey that the public be excluded from the September 9, 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).

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34. Temporary Adjournment **MOVED** by Director Allen, **SECONDED** by Director Unruh that the September 09, 2002 Regional Board meeting be temporarily adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

CARRIED

35. ReCall to Order The meeting was re-called to order at 8:42 p.m.

RISE AND REPORT

36. InCamera Agriculture Policy Committee
August 26, 2002

RECOMMENDATIONS

Chair Clarke rose and reported that the following resolutions were passed in the InCamera session of the Regional Board.

"that the Northwest Corridor Development Corporation and the Northern Alberta Development Council be advised that the Board for the Northern Rockies Regional District supports the proposed study to develop land for agricultural purposes in the area between High Level, Alberta and Fort Nelson and further authorizes funding in the amount of \$2000 to assist with the cost of the agricultural study, with said funds being allocated from the Agriculture Study Budget."

"that Regional District staff Grants Coordinator Barclay Pitkethly and Deputy Clerk Heather Brown and Director Jack Sime be authorized to attend the Northwest Corridor Development Corporation conference in Dawson Creek from September 16th to 18th, all expenses paid, to give a presentation on the Northern Rockies Agricultural area including the obstacles facing northern agriculture, the work performed to date, and what future work is necessary to secure a viable economic agricultural sector, with said funds being allocated from the agriculture study budget."

37. Adjournment **MOVED** by Director Sime, **SECONDED** by Director C. Morey that the September 09, 2002 Regional Board meeting be adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

CARRIED

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CERTIFIED a true and correct copy of the minutes of a Regional Board meeting held on Monday, September 09, 2002.

Harry Clarke, Chair

Debbie Walker, Regional Secretary

Stacey Loe, Recording Secretary