

MINUTES of Regional Board meeting held in the Bear Pit, Town/Regional District Office, Town Square, Fort Nelson, BC on Monday, September 30, 2002 at 7:00 PM.

THOSE PRESENT

Mayor Clarke - Chair
Director Allen
Director Bumstead
Director C. Morey
Director Unruh
Director H. Morey
Alternate Director Novotny
Alternate Director Blake

Director Sime - Absent
Director McCartney - Absent

STAFF

Pat Bailey - Administrator
Debbie Walker - Corporate Administrator
Heather Brown - Deputy Corporate Administrator
Randy McLean - Treasurer
Bruce Hupman - DOP
Tom Sprado - DRS
Linda Wallace - DRDS
Barclay Pitkethly - Grants Coordinator
Sylvia Hayes - Recording Secretary

PUBLIC/MEDIA

Staff Sergeant Bryan Reid - RCMP
Brent Hodson - FN News
Louis Carew - Northern Lamplighters Activity Centre
Grant Larson - Northern Lamplighters Activity Centre
Dean Fanning - Northern Lamplighters Activity Centre
Maureen Wiebe - Northern Lamplighters Activity Centre
Shirley Scott
Shelley Middleton

1. Call to Order

A quorum being present, Chair Clarke called the meeting to order at 7:48 PM.

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2. Adoption of Agenda **MOVED** by Director C. Morey, **SECONDED** by Director H. Morey that the agenda for the September 30, 2002 Regional Board meeting be amended to include the following:

- ~ Quarterly Report
Grants Coordinator (Pitkethly)
- ~ article in Fort Nelson News
Re: Air Canada Jazz removing services
- ~ work being done by contractors on Airport Road (FN Airport)

and thereafter, be adopted for implementation.

CARRIED

MINUTES FOR ADOPTION

3. Public Hearing, Re: Regional District Rural Land Use Bylaw No. 105, 1998 Amendment September 9, 2002 **MOVED** by Director Allen, **SECONDED** by Director Unruh that the minutes from the Public Hearing, Re: Regional District Rural Land Use Bylaw No. 105, 1998 Amendment meeting held September 9, 2002 be adopted as distributed and read, there being no errors or omissions.

CARRIED

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

CARRIED

5. Emergency Regional Board with Zoning & Planning Review Committee September 11, 2002 **MOVED** by Director C. Morey, **SECONDED** by Alternate Director Blake that the minutes from the Emergency Regional Board with Zoning & Planning Review Committee meeting held September 11, 2002 be adopted as distributed and read, there being no errors or omissions.

CARRIED

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6. Informal Regional Board
September 12, 2002

MOVED by Director Unruh, **SECONDED** by Director C. Morey that the minutes from the Informal Regional Board meeting held September 12, 2002 be adopted as distributed and read, there being no errors or omissions.

CARRIED

INFORMATION PACKAGES

7. Council/Board Information Package
September 13, 2002

MOVED by Director H. Morey, **SECONDED** by Alternate Director Blake that the Council/Board Information Package dated September 13, 2002 be received for information.

CARRIED

8. Council/Board Information Package
September 20, 2002

MOVED by Director H. Morey, **SECONDED** by Alternate Director Blake that the Council/Board Information Package dated September 20, 2002 be received for information.

CARRIED

9. Council/Board Information Package
September 27, 2002

MOVED by Director H. Morey, **SECONDED** by Alternate Director Blake that the Council/Board Information Package dated September 27, 2002 be received for information.

CARRIED

PETITIONS/DELEGATIONS

10. Mavis Brown
Re: Memorial Garden
Status Report & Request

Discussion ensued regarding Ms. Brown's request to be reimbursed for the cost of 50 plaques name plates for the Kiosk in the Cemetery whereby the following was noted:

- the cost of the plaques could be paid for by family members wishing to have the deceased's name plaque on the memorial kiosk
- when the original proposal was brought before Council, Ms. Brown suggested volunteer donations could pay for nameplates

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10. Continued

- ~ through donations or fundraising, a non profit organization could: build gardens, supply benches and construct walkways in the future
- ~ the agreement in place with Ms. Brown included the kiosk being built by the Regional District and one bench supplied
- ~ all nameplates placed on the kiosk should be done with permission of the deceased members family

MOVED by Director H. Morey, **SECONDED** by Director Bumstead that Ms. Mavis Brown be advised that the Board for the Northern Rockies Regional District has authorized funding the purchase of 50 memorial nameplates for the cemetery kiosk in the amount of \$500, to be allocated from the 2002 Cemetery budget, for those families who have consented to having the name of their deceased loved one placed on the kiosk at the Fort Nelson Cemetery and further that the requests for a memorial garden; a brick walkway; additional benches; the construction of columbarium, and changing the existing Town supplied burial site crosses to reflect full names and dates, be deferred to the 2003 budget process for consideration and finally that donations or alternative funding sources be sought by Ms. Brown for the purchase of additional memorial plaques.

CARRIED

11. Jody Hoffman,
Re: Recreation Centre,
Request for Purchase of
Piano

Discussion ensued regarding Ms. Hoffman's request for the Regional Board to purchase a piano for the Recreation Centre Community Hall whereby the following was noted:

- ~ the piano donated to the recreation centre was given away because it had been mistreated.
- ~ the piano was moved so often it was out of tune whenever someone wanted to utilize it; constant tuning became very expensive
- ~ an electronic keyboard if available for a reasonable price may be a better option due to storage options and it would not require tuning

Administration was requested to utilize Ms. Pat Higgins expertise regarding pianos vs. keyboards.

*This item was deferred to the next meeting pending quotes from Ms. Hoffman for second hand pianos or electronic keyboards that could "connect" into the sound system located at the Recreation Centre.

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12. Temporary Adjournment The meeting was temporarily adjourned at 8:01 PM.

13. ReCall to Order The meeting was re-called to order at 8:30 PM.

*Grants Coordinator Pitkethly entered the meeting at 8:30 PM.

14. Dean Trydal
Proposed Mile 285 Motor
Raceway Park,
Request for Approval

Administration was requested to contact the Ministry of Water, Lands and Air Protection to enquire if the lands previously approved for a downhill ski hill could be transferred to the Mile 285 Motor Raceway Park once the volunteers have established a non profit society.

CORRESPONDENCE

15. Office & Professional Employees'
International Union, Local 378
Re: "Don't Wreck Public Auto
Insurance"

*This item was deferred pending the completion of the ICBC Core Review.

16. - Article from "BC Business Summit"
Reform of BC's Auto Insurance
System

*This item was deferred pending the completion of the ICBC Core Review.

17. - Article from "North Shore News"
Re: Loss of ICBC

*This item was deferred pending the completion of the ICBC Core Review.

18. - Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives
BC Office, "Down the Road"
Re: Implications of "Full
Competition" for Public
Auto Insurance in BC

*This item was deferred pending the completion of the ICBC Core Review.

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19. School District #81
Re: Northern Interior Branch
Meeting of BC School
Trustees' Association
October 4-6th, 2002
Invitation to Attend

Administration was requested to send regrets to School District #81 as Council/Board Members were unavailable to attend this function.

20. City of Duncan
Re: Policing Costs in Small
Communities, Request
for Resolution of Support

MOVED by Director Bumstead, **SECONDED** by Director C. Morey that the letter dated September 12, 2002 from the City of Duncan be received for information.

CARRIED

21. Memorandum from DRDS Wallace
Re: Correspondence from
Ms. Vizlai-Beale, Ministry
of Forests, Regarding
Proposals for Operation
of Recreation Sites

MOVED by Director Bumstead, **SECONDED** by Director Allen that the letter dated September 13, 2002 from Ministry of Forests and the Memorandum dated September 23, 2002 from DRDS Wallace be received for information.

CARRIED

22. City of Fort St. John
Re: Protocol Agreement
For Adoption

Discussion ensued regarding specific working of the Joint Hosting Protocol Agreement received from the City of Fort St. John whereby the following was noted:

- ~ the Town of Fort Nelson/Northern Rockies Regional District has agreed to host NCMA in 2004 and hosting two events in one year could be taxing on organizers
- ~ having a protocol agreement in place is a good idea; however, the Regional Board would like to plan their own functions
- ~ the Protocol agreement was to be drafted collectively
- ~ large communities in the Northwest Territories or Yukon such as Whitehorse or Yellowknife could also host an Oil & Gas Conference

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22. Continued

MOVED by Director Bumstead, **SECONDED** by Alternate Director Blake that the Oil and Gas Week In British Columbia Joint Hosting Protocol Agreement Between the City of Fort St. John, City of Dawson Creek and the Northern Rockies Regional District/Town of Fort Nelson be amended to remove statement 3. "In order to ensure continuity in developing strengthening relations between industry and local government, the communities agree to collaborate on developing strategic positions on industry issues and relationships" and statement 4. "The communities agree to include their partners in planning conferences, programs and activities and at each annual conference, the mayors/chairperson designated elected officials and administrators shall meet to review the implementation and application of the Protocol Agreement and to discuss, plan and coordinate future plans for advancing their relationship and recognition of the oil and gas industry."

OPPOSED - Director Allen opposed as she feels Treaty 8 should be given a turn in the rotation

OPPOSED - Director C. Morey opposed to items 1, 3, & 4.

CARRIED

Mayor Clarke advised Director Sime was unavailable to attend the Oil & Gas Conference in Fort St. John; however, Jim Campbell, Chair of the Economic Task Force could be approached to attend in Director Sime's place.

MOVED by Alternate Director Blake that Jim Campbell, Chair of the Economic Task Force be authorized to attend the Oil & Gas Conference October 4-6, 2002 in Fort St. John, all expenses paid.

MOTION DEFEATED - NO SECONDER

It was noted Mayor Clarke, Director H. Morey, Director C. Morey, Administrator Bailey, Corporate Administrator Walker and DRDS Wallace would be attending the Oil & Gas Conference in Fort St. John October 4-6, 2002.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

23. Agriculture Policy Committee
Minutes
September 12, 2002

MOVED by Director H. Morey, **SECONDED** by Director Allen that the minutes of the Agriculture Policy Committee meeting held September 12, 2002 be received for information.

CARRIED

OPERATING REPORTS

24. RCMP (Reid)
August 2002 Operating Report Mayor Clarke thanked Staff Sergeant Reid for attending the meeting and invited him to present the RCMP August 2002 Operating Report.

Staff Sergeant Reid reviewed the August, RCMP operating report noting an average increase of approximately 30% in criminal code investigations this year. He noted he had received approval for a new part time detachment clerk, although the hiring process had not yet been undertaken.

MOVED by Director Allen, **SECONDED** by Alternate Director Novotny that the August 2002 RCMP Operating Report be received for information.

CARRIED

25. Bylaw Enforcement (Lutsiak)
August 2002 Operating Report **MOVED** by Director Allen, **SECONDED** by Alternate Director Novotny that the August 2002 Bylaw Enforcement Operating Report be received for information.

CARRIED

26. Treasury Department (McLean)
Cheques Dated September 1-15, 2002
For Information **MOVED** by Director Bumstead, **SECONDED** by Director Unruh that the cheques numbered 43291 through to and including 43377 dated September 1-15, 2002 be received for information.

CARRIED

27. Grants Coordinator (Pitkethly)
Quarterly Report **MOVED** by Director Unruh, **SECONDED** by Alternate Director Blake that the 2002 Grants Coordinator Quarterly Report be received for information.

CARRIED

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

28. Admin Report #79/02
Re: DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING
- NORTHERN ROCKIES
AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT
-Ministry of Agriculture, Arability
Assessment Project, For
Information

It was noted when soil testing was done on agricultural lands the process would not include testing for contaminants. Contaminated soil testing could be completed by individuals; however, it is a very expensive process.

MOVED by Alternate Director Blake, **SECONDED** by Director Bumstead that Administration Report #79/02 Re: Development & Planning - Northern Rockies Agricultural Development be received for information.

CARRIED

29. Admin Report #80/02
Re: PROPOSED SEISMIC
PROGRAMS

Discussion ensued regarding the proposed seismic programs proposed by Bighorn Land and Field Service whereby the following was noted:

- ~ some of the proposed lines are in the vicinity of the golf course
- ~ before lines are cut, a seismic crew must have permission of the land owners
- ~ private landowners should provide their individual consents to seismic programs when requests are made to cross their land
- ~ there are lines by Evie Lake; however, these lines do not encroach on any areas of importance to the Regional District

It was agreed that Administration Report #80/02 Re: Proposed Seismic Programs be received for information.

DRDS Wallace indicated she would contact Bighorn Land and Field Service to advise that the Northern Rockies Regional Board had no objections to the two proposed seismic programs.

BYLAWS/POLICIES

30. For Adoption
The Northern Rockies Regional District
Rural Land Use Amendment
(Temporary Uses)
Bylaw No. 148, 2002
- MOVED** by Director C. Morey, **SECONDED** by Director Unruh that the Northern Rockies Regional District Rural Land Use Amendment (Temporary Uses) Bylaw No. 148, 2002 be adopted.

CARRIED

31. For First and Second Reading
The Northern Rockies Regional District
Rural Land Use Amendment
(Formula Transport)
Bylaw No. 149, 2002
- MOVED** by Director Bumstead, **SECONDED** by Director C. Morey that the Northern Rockies Regional District Rural Land Use Amendment (Formula Transport) Bylaw No. 149, 2002 be given first and second reading.

OPPOSED - Director Allen

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS/VERBAL STATUS REPORTS

32. Resolution for Adoption,
Each Meeting
- MOVED** by Director Bumstead, **SECONDED** by Director C. Morey 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

33. Article in Fort Nelson News
Re: Air Canada Jazz removing
services
- It was noted a statement made by Peace Air was taken out of context by Fort Nelson News and Board Members had not received any indication from Air Canada Jazz that air service may be removed from Fort Nelson.

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34. Work being done by Contractors on Airport Road It was noted Airport Road, at the Airport, may require some remediation while test holes are being dug, and traffic has been re-routed to the old airport road until testing is complete.
35. Subjects for Municipal Bulletin The following were suggested for inclusion in the next Municipal Bulletin:
- ~ UBCM
 - ~ Oil & Gas Conference in Fort St. John
 - ~ next Radio Call in Show
- Citizen participants in the "Radio Call In show" include Peter Villers, Lynn Chabot, Shelley Middleton, Verna Sellors, Rob Neville and Graham Prouse to discuss the "at large" voting opinion poll to be held in conjunction with the 2002 General Local election.
36. Emergency Regional Board with Zoning & Planning Review Committee
Re: Temporary Permit Applications
October 7, 2002, 5:00 PM CA Walker advised applications had been received from Cliff Wright and another company wishing to set up temporary camps in the Regional District. Director Allen advised she would be unavailable for a meeting on October 7, 2002; however, was available for a meeting on October 9, 2002.
- An Emergency Regional Board meeting with the Zoning & Planning Review Committee was re-scheduled for October 9, 2002 at 5:00 PM in the Bear Pit.
37. Public Hearing
Re: Northern Rockies Regional District
Land Use Amendment (Formula Transport) Bylaw No. 149, 2002
October 15, 2002, 6:00 PM Director Allen, Director C. Morey, Director H. Morey, Director Bumstead and Director Unruh confirmed attendance for the Northern Rockies Regional District Land Use Amendment (Formula Transport) Bylaw No. 149, 2002 Public Hearing to be held at 6:00 PM October 15, 2002.

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38. Mayor/Chair Clarke
North Central Municipal
Association

Chair Clarke advised an NCMA meeting had been held during UBCM with resolutions brought forward for discussion. He urged those present to utilize their NCMA representative to bring resolutions forward so NCMA could work as effectively as possible.

39. Northern Lamplighter's
Building

Discussion ensued regarding the Northern Lamplighter's request whereby the following was noted:

- ~ a month to month agreement could have been in place after the ten year lease expired, but Council felt that would be unfair to the Northern Lamplighters; thus a one year lease was "drawn up" instead
- ~ there was no stipulation in the original lease that, following the expiration of the lease it would be renewed for another five or ten year period
- ~ MP Hill had been requested to seek Federal grant funding opportunities for the Northern Lamplighters and has been unsuccessful so far
- ~ it had been reported that there are approximately 20 members in the Northern Lamplighter's society, with approximately 1/2 being active members
- ~ as the land is zoned Core Commercial, when an offer to purchase was made to Land and Water BC, the Council agreed to cancel their Licence of Occupation conditional that certain requirements were met

40. Resolution for Adoption,
InCamera Meeting

MOVED by Director Allen, **SECONDED** by Director Unruh that the public be excluded from the September 30, 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)(k).

CARRIED

PUBLIC/NEWS/MEDIA QUESTION & ANSWER PERIOD

41. Questions from Brent Hodson
Fort Nelson News

Mr. Hodson inquired if there had been discussion regarding the privatization of BC Rail at the UBCM Conference.

Mayor Clarke stated there had been no formal discussion regarding this issue at UBCM.

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42. Temporary Adjournment The September 30, 2002 Regional Board meeting was temporarily adjourned at 9:49 PM.
43. ReCall to Order The Regional Board meeting was re-called to order at 9:52 PM.
44. Adjournment **MOVED** by Alternate Director Blake, **SECONDED** by Director C. Morey that the September 30, 2002 Regional Board meeting be finally adjourned at 9:55 PM.

CARRIED

CERTIFIED a true and correct copy of the minutes of a Regional Board meeting held on Monday, September 30, 2002.

Harry Clarke, Chair

Debbie Walker, Corporate Administrator

Sylvia Hayes, Recording Secretary