

**MINUTES** of a Regional Board meeting held in the Bear Pit, Town Square, Town/Regional District Offices, Fort Nelson, BC on Tuesday, October 15, 2002 at 7:03 p.m.

**THOSE PRESENT**

Director McCartney	-Vice-Chair
Director Allen	
Director Bumstead	
Director McCartney	
Director C. Morey	
Director Sime	
Director Unruh	
Director H. Morey	

Chair Clarke	-Absent
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**STAFF**

Pat Bailey	-Administrator
Debbie Walker	-Regional Secretary
Liana Capes	-Recording Secretary
Pat Higgins	-Deputy Treasurer
Tom Sprado	-Director of Recreation Services
Walt Lutsiak	-Fire Chief/Bylaw Officer

**MEDIA/PUBLIC**

Alt. Director Blake	-NRRD
Alt. Director Barr	-NRRD
Leanne Esau	-Chamber of Commerce
Randy Haywood	-Mile 285 Raceway Park
Dean Trydal	-Mile 285 Raceway Park
Shelley Middleton	
Shirley Scott	
Ted Craddock	
Rob Neville	

1. Call to Order

A quorum being present, Vice-Chair McCartney called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

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2. Adoption of Agenda

**MOVED** by Director H. Morey, **SECONDED** by Director Allen that the agenda for the October 15, 2002 Regional Board agenda be amended to include the following:

- Administration Report #85/02 Re: RECREATION PROGRAMS - Community Hall, Water & Sewer Installation, Request for Additional Funds.
- CIP, Pages 5-13 - Analysis of Haida Decision Prepared for UBCM.
- CIP, Pages 63 - 64 - August 28<sup>th</sup> Letter to Northern Health Authority.

and thereafter, be adopted for implementation.

**CARRIED**

**MINUTES FOR ADOPTION**

3. Regional Board  
September 30, 2002

**MOVED** by Director C. Morey, **SECONDED** by Director Unruh that the minutes from the Regional Board meeting held September 30, 2002 be amended to read as follows:

Page 7, Item # 22 Director Morey opposed to items 1, 3 & 4.

Page 7, Item # 22, Clarification - Director Allen opposed as she feels Treaty 8 should have been given a turn in the rotation.

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

**CARRIED**

**INFORMATION PACKAGES**

4. Council/Board Information Package  
October 4, 2002

**MOVED** by Director H. Morey, **SECONDED** by Director Bumstead that the Council/Board Information Package dated October 4, 2002 be received for information.

**CARRIED**

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5. Council/Board Information Package  
October 11, 2002 **MOVED** by Director H. Morey, **SECONDED** by Director Bumstead that the Council/Board Information Package dated October 11, 2002 be received for information.

CARRIED

**PETITIONS/DELEGATIONS**

6. Rob Neville,  
Re: Speed Zone Changes  
on the Alaska Highway
- Mr. Neville reiterated that he would like the Board to review the speed limit changes made north of town on the Alaska Highway.
- Director Bumstead inquired what problems Mr. Neville had encountered with the speed zone changes.
- Mr. Neville stated the speed zone changes on the Alaska Highway are too slow, and there are three different speed zones on the Alaska Highway, making it inconsistent.
- MOVED** by Director Allen, **SECONDED** by Director Unruh that the speed zone changes on the Alaska Highway be *dialarized* until the proposed speed limit committee reviews speed limits on the Alaska Highway North and forwards their recommendations to the Regional Board for consideration.

CARRIED

7. Leanne Esau, Fort Nelson and District  
Chamber of Commerce  
Re: Grant-in-Aid Request for Use of  
Phoenix Theatre for  
Candidates Forum
- MOVED** by Director C. Morey, **SECONDED** by Director Unruh that the Fort Nelson and District Chamber of Commerce be advised that the Board for the Northern Rockies Regional District approved the Grant-In-Aid request for use of the Phoenix Theatre for the All Candidates Forum, with said funds in the amount of (\$389.30 plus taxes) being allocated from the 2002 Discretionary Grant-In-Aid Fund.

CARRIED

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8. 2002 Budget Process  
Public Question and  
Answer Period

There were no questions regarding the 2002 Budget Process.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

9. Invitation to View Spookerama  
Haunted House  
Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup>  
1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

**MOVED** by Director H. Morey, **SECONDED** by Director Unruh that the invitation from RPM Badall to view the Spookerama Haunted House dated Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2002 at 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. be received for information.

**CARRIED**

10. Memorandum from Deputy Treasurer Higgins  
Re: Recreation Centre, Community Hall  
Request for Purchase  
of Piano

**MOVED** by Director C. Morey, **SECONDED** by Director Unruh that the Memorandum from Deputy Treasurer Higgins Re: Recreation Centre, Community Hall request for purchase of a piano dated October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2002 be deferred to the 2003 budget meeting.

**CARRIED**

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

**MOVED** by Director H. Morey, **SECONDED** by Director Unruh that the information from Jody Hoffman Re: Recreation Centre, Community Hall request for purchase of a piano dated October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2002 be deferred to the 2003 budget meeting.

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12. British Columbia Aviation Council,  
Black Tie & Blue Jeans, Auction  
Request for Donation  
of Auction Item

Discussion ensued regarding the British Columbia Aviation Council, Black Tie & Blue Jeans Auction, request for a donation of an auction item with the following points being noted:

- The Regional Board is a member of the British Columbia Aviation Council, and pays membership fees.
- No item's were contributed to the 2001 event.
- Suggestion of a soft sided briefcase or Northern Rockies Regional District Vest be donated.

**MOVED**, by Director H. Morey, **SECONDED** by Director Bumstead that Administration be *authorized* to donate auction items to the British Columbia Aviation Council, Black Tie & Blue Jeans Auction on behalf of the Board for the Northern Rockies Regional District to the maximum value of \$50.

**OPPOSED - Director Allen**

**CARRIED**

13. District of Mackenzie  
Re: Provincial Funding of  
Treaty Advisory Committees

Director Allen advised that the letter dated October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2002 from the District of Mackenzie regarding Provincial Funding of Treaty Advisory Committees outlines three possible options. She further advised that out of the three options she would recommend to continue with option # 2.

**MOVED** by Director Allen, **SECONDED** by Director C. Morey that the District of Mackenzie be advised that the Board for the Northern Rockies Regional District supports that TAC should be retained as a consultative committee with the majority of working sessions being held by conference call; and feels the Treaty Advisory Committee would gather and distribute information and would communicate with the Treaty Negotiations Office, Union of BC Municipalities and chief negotiators with responsibility in the NTTAC area, since costs would generally be of an administrative nature; and further that the Northern Rockies Regional Board is eager to take part in the process and have indicated they would participate through telephone conferencing.

**CARRIED**

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**OPERATING REPORTS**

14. Fire Department (Lutsiak)  
September Operating Report  
& Quarterly Report Dated  
October 2, 2002

Director Sime requested clarification as to why fewer inspections were being conducted during regular business hours, suggesting that the building monitor alarm system could be forwarded to a radio phone or be shut off during daytime hours.

Fire Chief Lutsiak stated that fewer business license inspections were being done during the day due to requirement for having a person at the Fire Hall to monitor the municipal buildings alarms.

**MOVED** by Director H. Morey, **SECONDED** by Director Unruh that Administration be requested to investigate the cost of installing equipment that would permit alarms to be forwarded to the Fire Department radio system.

**CARRIED**

**MOVED** by Director Unruh, **SECONDED** by Director Allen that the September, 2002 Fire Department Operating Report & Quarterly Report Dated October 2, 2002 be received for information.

**CARRIED**

15. Bylaw Enforcement (Lutsiak)  
September Operating Report

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

**CARRIED**

16. Public Works (Hupman)  
Quarterly Report Dated  
October 1, 2002

**MOVED** by Director C. Morey, **SECONDED** by Director H. Morey that the October 1, 2002 Public Works Quarterly Report be received for information.

**CARRIED**

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17. Treasury Department (McLean)  
Cheques Dated  
September 16 - 30, 2002  
For Information

**MOVED** by Director Unruh, **SECONDED** by Director H. Morey that the cheques numbered 43380 through to and including 43677 dated September 16 - 30, 2002 be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**ADMINISTRATION REPORTS**

18. Administration Report #81/02  
Re: RECREATION: FN Oldtimer's  
Hockey Club Lease  
Agreement Renewal

Discussion ensued regarding Administration Report # 81/02 during which it was suggested that the 10% increase on facility rental was unclear and seemed a lot of money. It was noted the Town Square leases were at a 25% increase and the Recreation Centre does a cost comparison with other municipalities recreation departments in determining their percentage rates.

**MOVED** by Director H. Morey, **SECONDED** by Director Bumstead that the annual base fee for Fort Nelson Oldtimer's Hockey Club use of the 'Oldtimer's Dressing & Storage Room' at the Recreation Centre, for the Winter seasons of September 15, 2002 to April 15, 2006, be established at \$700 plus applicable taxes per annum, to be increased each year of the contract at a rate consistent with other rental rate percentage increases as may be approved by the Regional Board from year to year for other facility users at the Recreation Centre.

**OPPOSED - Director Unruh**

**CARRIED**

19. Administration Report #82/02  
Re: CROWN LAND - Proposed Motor  
Raceway Park, Mile 285, Alaska Highway,  
Former Reserve for Downhill Ski Operation  
(Peace River District within Units 6, 7, 16 and 17,  
Block J, 94-J-19)

Regional Secretary Walker advised that two members from the Mile 285 Raceway Park were present. She further advised she has been unable to locate any former members of the Downhill Ski Operation.

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19. (CONT'D)

It was noted that Bill Streeper had cleared the land for the Downhill Ski Club and that he may know if any of the members were still in town or utilizing the hill.

Mr. Randy Haywood stated that he had contacted Mr. Streeper regarding the Downhill Ski Operation and Mr. Streeper had informed him that he had no knowledge of whether former members of the Downhill Ski Club were still in town.

It was noted that currently the Mile 285 Raceway Park has four members and that five members are needed to form a society.

Administrator Bailey advised that before any activity commences on the Land, the Board and the Mile 285 Raceway Park Club should meet or contact affected agencies/organizations to discuss any issues and concerns that parties may have regarding the land use.

**MOVED** by Director C. Morey, **SECONDED** by Director Unruh that Administration be authorized to place an ad in the Fort Nelson News advising that the Board for the Northern Rockies Regional District will be giving consideration to a proposal by the organizers of the Motor Raceway Park to obtain use of the former reserve for downhill ski operation and further that the Board is seeking information as to the status of the Downhill Ski Society and the land's current use.

**CARRIED**

20. Administration Report #83/02  
Re: PUBLIC RELATIONS - Royal British  
Columbia Museum, Living Landscapes Program,  
Vision Planning Workshop, Status Report  
September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2002

Director C. Morey advised that as per 111 of the agenda, the "Summary of the Notes From Each Working Group" could also include the following contacts:

**Trapping - Possible Contacts**

- Al Parker
- John Wells
- Fort Nelson First Nations
- Prophet River First Nations

**Homesteading - Possible Contacts**

- Verna Sellors
- Dr. Kenyon
- Myrna Blake

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20. (CONT'D)

Alaska Highway - Possible Contacts

- Basil Dowd
- Harry Dickie
- John Serginson

Railroads - Possible Contacts

- BC Rail

Water Routes/Transportation - Possible Contacts

- Bill Streeper
- Grace Bumstead

Old Fort

- Mary Loe

Prospecting - Possible Contacts (Fort Nelson)

- Hugh Morey
- Bob Keays
- Rene Hansen

Winter Transportation - Possible Contacts

- Terry Streeper (Dog Sledding)
- Roger Hansen (Dog Sledding)
- Jim Campbell (Oil/Gas Roads)
- Frank Parker

Survival Techniques - Possible Contacts

- Peter Martin (Search & Rescue)
- Chris Haugen (Search & Resuce)

Guide/Outfitting - Possible Contacts

- Dave Weins
- Cliff Andrews
- Dale Drinkall
- Paul Gillis

\*Randy Haywood left the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

\*Dean Trydal left the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

Administration was requested to forward names to Brian Apland, Living Landscapes, Royal BC Museum.

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21. Administration Report #84/02  
Re: OIL & GAS - 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual BC Natural Gas  
Symposium, September 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>, 2002  
Status Report
- MOVED** by Director Allen, **SECONDED** by Director C. Morey that Administration Report #84/02 Re Oil & Gas - 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual BC Natural Gas Symposium, September 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>, 2002 Status Report be received for information.

**CARRIED**

22. Administration Report #85/02  
Re: RECREATION PROGRAMS  
Toad River Community Hall,  
Water & Sewer Installation,  
Request for Additional Funds
- Discussion ensued regarding Administration Report #85/02 with the following points being noted:

- The water & sewer installation project was overlooked on the original engineered drawings.
- Toad River Community Club does have some funds available.
- TRAC has been paying heating on the building for a number of years, when the Regional District should have been paying for it's own building heating costs.
- TRAC does all their own fund raising; Regional District funds their capital projects.

**MOVED** by Director C. Morey, **SECONDED** by Director Bumstead that the Toad River Area Community Club be advised the Board for the Northern Rockies Regional District approves funding for Toad River Community Hall Water & Sewer Installation project in the amount of \$5590 with said funds being allocated as follows: \$2090 from the Hall Construction Project budget and \$3500 from the Recreation Grant-In-Aid function budget.

**CARRIED**

**BYLAWS/POLICIES**

23. For Third Reading  
Northern Rockies Regional District  
The Rural Land Use Amendment  
(Formula Transport)  
Bylaw No. 149, 2002

**MOVED** by Director C. Morey, **SECONDED** by Director Sime that the Northern Rockies Regional District Rural Land Use Amendment (Formula Transport) Bylaw No. 149, 2002 be given third reading.

**OPPOSED - Director Allen**

**CARRIED**

24. For Adoption  
Policy #1850-01 Re: Harassment Policy  
for Town/Regional District

**MOVED** by Director Bumstead, **SECONDED** by Director Unruh that the Northern Rockies Regional District Harassment Policy # 1850-01 be adopted.

**CARRIED**

25. For Adoption  
Policy #1850-01 Re: Complaint  
Resolution Procedures - Harassment Policy  
for Town/Regional District

**MOVED** by Director Unruh, **SECONDED** by Director H. Morey that the Northern Rockies Regional District Complaint Resolution Procedures, Harassment Policy # 1850-01 be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**NEW BUSINESS/VERBAL STATUS REPORTS**

26. Resolution for Adoption,  
Each Meeting

**MOVED** by Director C. Morey, **SECONDED** by Director Sime 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**

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27. Subjects for Municipal Bulletin    The following were suggested for inclusion in the next Municipal Bulletin:
- Report on the amendment to the Rural Land Use Bylaw (Formula Transport)
  - Fort Nelson representative to the Northern Health Authority Board
28. Subjects for Radio Call-In Program    It was noted that the upcoming Radio Call-In Program was scheduled for Friday, November 22, 2002.
29. Councillor/Director Allen  
First Nations Portfolio  
CIP, October 11, 2002  
Pages 5 - 13    Director Allen read the following statement from the CIP Package Dated October 11, 2002:
- UBCM Memorandum dated October 4, 2002 Page 10  
"The potential for independent consultation obligations on third parties arising from the *Haida* decision may directly affect how local governments acquire, use and regulate Crown lands and resources. The duty on local governments may in fact be greater than the duty found to apply to Weyerhaeuser in *Haida*, because local governments exercise directly delegated Provincial powers."
- Director Allen suggested that Regional Board members keep this in mind when considering uses of Crown Lands.
30. Councillor/Director Bumstead  
Business Portfolio    Director Bumstead advised that she had attended the Chamber of Commerce Industry meeting on October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2002, on behalf of the Regional Board. She noted that the agenda for said meeting had included an item regarding voting in the "right" Council/Board in the upcoming General Local Election, November 16, 2002. At the meeting Mr. Lawrence Foresberg had stated that due to her presence, the Chamber was unable to discuss that issue.
- Director Bumstead indicated that she had been uncomfortable due to the nature of the topic for discussion and the manner in which the situation had been handled, and requested that clarification be sought as to what was meant by the proposed agenda item. It was thereafter:

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30. (CONT'D) **MOVED** by Director H. Morey, **SECONDED** by Director Unruh that the Fort Nelson and District Chamber of Commerce be requested to clarify their intend regarding the proposed agenda item "voting in the right Council/Board".

**CARRIED**

31. Councillor/Director Unruh  
Health Portfolio  
CIP, October 11, 2002  
Pages 63-64

Director Unruh advised that the letter on pages 63 and 64 of the October 11, 2002 CIP should also be forwarded to the Ministry of Health Board.

Regional Secretary Walker advised a fax was received from Richard Neufield's office requesting that a representative from Fort Nelson sit on the board for the Northern Health Authority.

It was noted that Denise Cutts may be interested in being a member on the Northern Health Authority Board.

32. Director McCartney  
Northern Rockies Alaska  
Highway Tourism Association

Director McCartney advised that the Northern Rockies Alaska Highway Tourism Association AGM meeting on September 13 - 15, 2002, was a good meeting with all the positions filled up for the first time in nine years, noting there was good representation from Fort Nelson.

33. Director H. Morey  
Oil and Gas Portfolio

Director H. Morey indicated the Oil and Gas Conference in Fort St. John seemed to focus more on First Nations issues, not on Oil and Gas issues. He further indicated that the City of Fort St. John used the conference as a way to raise funds for their homeless shelter, which made some conference goers uneasy, and in his opinion, took away from the intent of the conference.

34. Director Sime  
Fort Nelson-Liard Resource  
Management Plan

Director Sime advised that the next Fort Nelson-Liard Resource Management Plan meeting will be on October 24, 2002.

35. Muskwa Kechika  
Advisory Board

The next Muskwa Kechika Advisory Board meeting was scheduled for October 28 - 30, 2002 in Mackenzie, BC.

36. Resolution for Adoption,  
InCamera Meeting

**MOVED** by Director C. Morey, **SECONDED** by Director Unruh that the public be excluded from the October 15, 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**

**PUBLIC/NEWS/MEDIA QUESTION & ANSWER PERIOD**

37. Shelley Middleton  
Proposed Racetrack  
Park

Ms. Shelly Middleton suggested that when the Mile 285 Raceway Park forms a Society, it be advisable for them to have a business plan in place and that they follow through with said plan. She further indicted potential was there for under age drinking, and suggested RCMP should comment on the proposed use.

It was noted that the Mile 285 Raceway Park was in the early planning stages.

38. Adjournment

**MOVED** by Director H. Morey, **SECONDED** by Director Unruh that the October 15, 2002 Regional Board meeting be adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

**CARRIED**

**CERTIFIED** a true and correct copy of the minutes of a Regional Board meeting held on Tuesday, October 15, 2002.

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Director Rod McCartney, Vice-Chair

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Debbie Walker, Regional Secretary

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Liana Capes, Recording Secretary