

MINUTES of a Regional Board meeting held in the Bear Pit, Town Square, Town/Regional District Offices, Fort Nelson, BC on Monday, November 25, 2002 at 7:00 p.m.

THOSE PRESENT

Mayor Clarke - Chair
Director Unruh
Director Sime
Director Allen
Director H. Morey
Director McCartney
Director C. Morey

Director Bumstead - Absent

STAFF

Pat Bailey - Administrator
Kris Larson - Recording Secretary
Debbie Walker - Corporate Administrator
Bruce Hupman - DOP
Tom Sprado - Director of Recreation Services
Bob Pattison - DCM
Linda Wallace - DRDS
Heather Brown - Deputy Corporate Administrator

PUBLIC/MEDIA

Alt. Director Blake - NRRD
Alt. Director Barr - NRRD/ Director Elect
Alt. Director Novotny - NRRD
Bill Streeper - Councillor Elect
Ted Craddock - Councillor Elect
Keith Lutsiak - Councillor Elect
Shelley Middleton - Director Elect
Staff Sergeant Reid - RCMP

1. Call to Order
A quorum being present, Chair Clarke called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and proceeded with the business placed before it.

2. Adoption of Agenda
MOVED by Director Sime, **SECONDED** by Director Allen that the agenda for the November 25, 2002 Regional Board meeting be amended to include the following:

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2. (Cont'd)
- ~ Bylaws/Policies, The Northern Rockies Regional District Museum Service Establishment Bylaw No. 146, 2002, For Adoption
 - ~ Emergency Regional Board with Zoning & Planning Review Committee, Minutes, November 18, 2002
 - ~ Snow clearing at the Airport
 - ~ Director Morey's report from the Northern Transportation Conference, Freight Rail in BC, November 21st, Prince George

and thereafter be adopted for implementation.

CARRIED

MINUTES

3. Regional Board
November 12, 2002
- MOVED** by Director Sime, **SECONDED** by Director C. Morey that the minutes from the Regional Board meeting of November 12, 2002 be adopted as distributed and read, there being no errors or omissions.

CARRIED

4. Emergency Regional Board
with the Zoning & Planning
Review Committee
November 18, 2002
- MOVED** by Director Sime, **SECONDED** by Director C. Morey that the minutes from the Emergency Regional Board with the Zoning & Planning Review Committee meeting of November 18, 2002 be adopted, there being no errors or omissions.

CARRIED

INFORMATION PACKAGES

5. Council/Board Information Package
November 15, 2002
- MOVED** by Director H. Morey, **SECONDED** by Director Allen that the Council/Board Information Package dated November 15, 2002 be received for information.

CARRIED

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6. Council/Board Information Package
November 22, 2002 **MOVED** by Director H. Morey, **SECONDED** by Director Allen that the Council/Board Information Package dated November 22, 2002 be received for information.

CARRIED

PETITIONS/DELEGATIONS

7. 2002 Budget Process,
Public Question and
Answer Period There were no public in attendance for the 2002 Budget Process, Public Question and Answer Period.

8. Shannon Cooper, PBA, CIBC
Re: Benefit Dance for
Mr. & Mrs. Warren, Request
For Grant-In-Aid It was noted that benefit dances and similar events have previously not been supported by this Regional District's Grant-In-Aid fund and that if individual Board members chose to, they could make individual donations to the event.

MOVED by Director Unruh, **SECONDED** by Director C. Morey that Shannon Cooper's request for a Grant-In-Aid towards the benefit dance for Mr. & Mrs. Warren, be denied.

OPPOSED: Director McCartney felt the remaining funds in the Grant-In-Aid budget should be provided towards the benefit dance.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

9. Bighorn Land and Field Service
Re: Seismic Line Crossing
District Lot #199 (Golf Course)
& Reserve 8000041 (Golf Course
Addition), For Approval Bighorn Land and Field Service's letter of November 14, 2002 was discussed at length, with the following being noted:

~ there have been similar applications in the past that have been denied

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9. (Cont'd)

- ~ because the drilling will be crossing the golf course property, the Board's permission is required
- ~ Ted Craddock of the Poplar Hills Golf & Country Club stated they have been contacted by Bighorn and advised that the workers would be walking the course and that drilling would take place in the "rough" areas only
- ~ an executive member of the golf club would be present at all times during the work
- ~ the work being done on the expansion area (Back 9) of the golf course would help to provide elevation and topographic information for future expansion plans
- ~ although it is preferred that the workers walk the course, it was noted that there currently are several snowmobile tracks throughout the course
- ~ the executive of the golf club are in favour of the project proceeding
- ~ it was suggested there be a 15 metre barrier between the proposed expansion area and the existing golf course

MOVED by Director H. Morey, **SECONDED** by Director McCartney that Bighorn Land and Field Service's request be deferred to the December 9, 2002 Regional Board meeting.

MOTION FAILED

MOVED by Director C. Morey, **SECONDED** by Director Unruh that Bighorn Land and Field Service's be advised that the Board for the Northern Rockies Regional District has no objection to their proposed seismic work on District Lot #199 (Golf Course) and Reserve 8000041 (Golf Course Addition) conditional that all work be done under supervision of an on-site Golf Course Executive member; that work on the existing golf course consist of hand and walk cutting and be done in "rough" areas only; that a 15 metre buffer zone is required between lands of the golf course and the golf course addition; and finally that work on the golf course addition shall consist of avoidance cat cut of 3.5 metres or less.

CARRIED

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10. Bull, Housser & Tupper for UBCM
Summary of BC Court of Appeal
Decision Re: Haida Nation v.
Minister of Forests and
Weyerhaeuser AND Implications
for Local Governments,
For Information

MOVED by Director McCartney, **SECONDED** by Director Allen that Bull, Housser & Tupper's report for UBCM regarding the Haida Nation v. Minister of Forests and Weyerhaeuser AND the implications for local governments be received for information.

CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

11. Airport Advisory Committee
November 7, 2002
Minutes

MOVED by Director Unruh, **SECONDED** by Director C. Morey that the minutes of the Airport Advisory Committee meeting held November 7, 2002 be received for information.

CARRIED

MOVED by Director McCartney, **SECONDED** by Director Allen that the Fort Nelson Airport Business Plan, Fort Nelson Land Use Policy and the Fort Nelson Strategic Plan be deferred to the December 9, 2002 Regional Board meeting.

CARRIED

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OPERATING REPORTS

12. RCMP (Reid)
October 2002
Operating Report

Staff Sergeant Reid reviewed his report with the Regional Board, with the following items being noted:

- ~ there has been 25% to 30% increase in overall service calls from last year

Discussion ensued regarding domestic disputes with it being noted that approximately 15% to 20% of these incidents are repeat offenders.

A typical case of spousal abuse was described as follows:

- ~ 95% of these cases involve substance abuse (drugs and/or alcohol)
- ~ normally they are male offenders, only about 5% are female offenders
- ~ the abuse normally consists of a slap, punch or a push, but sometimes these cases involve more violence
- ~ there must be evidence present to support the laying of charges
- ~ the offender is usually held for appearance in front of Justice of the Peace and then released on conditions (usually no contact or contact only when not under the influence of alcohol)

Staff Sergeant Reid was asked how he felt about the changes to the speed zones along the North end of the Alaska Highway. Staff Sergeant Reid stated that he thought the changes that were put into place would have been somewhat different than those that are currently in effect.

Chair Clarke thanked Staff Sergeant Reid for his report.

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ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

13. Administration Report #95/02
Re: STREETS & ROADS -
Old Alaska Highway/North
Entrances, Speed Limits
and Traffic Flow Conditions,
Request to Reconsider
Speed Limit Changes

MOVED by Director McCartney, **SECONDED** by Director Allen that the speed limit on the Alaska Highway, heading toward Town and from the turn-off to the School District Maintenance yard up to and including the Town of Fort Nelson be designated a 50 KM per hour speed zone; and that the speed limit on the Alaska Highway from the turn-off to the School District Maintenance yard and to the 'Welcome To Fort Nelson' sign, northwest of Town, be designated a 70 KM per hour speed zone; that the speed limit on the new Alaska Highway, heading northwest of Town, be designated a 100 KM per hour speed zone, starting at the 'Welcome to Fort Nelson' sign; and finally that the speed limit on the old Alaska Highway be designated an 80 KM per hour speed zone, with warning signs to be posted before the two dangerous corners traveling south on the Old Alaska Highway (entrances and exits).

CARRIED

14. Temporary Adjournment

MOVED by Director Allen, **SECONDED** by Director Unruh that the Regional Board meeting be temporarily adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

CARRIED

15. Recalled to Order

The meeting was recalled to order at 7:38 p.m.

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BYLAWS/POLICIES

16. For Adoption, Northern
Rockies Regional District
Rural Land Use Amendment
(Formula Transport) Bylaw
No. 149, 2002

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

CARRIED

* Staff Sergeant Reid left the meeting at 7:39 p.m.

17. For Adoption, Northern Rockies
Regional District Museum
Service Establishment
Bylaw No. 146, 2002

MOVED by Director Allen, **SECONDED** by Director C. Morey that the Northern Rockies Regional District Museum Service Establishment Bylaw No. 146, 2002 be adopted.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS/VERBAL STATUS REPORTS

18. Report from Chief Election
Officer Walker, Re: 2002
General Local Election

MOVED by Director H. Morey, **SECONDED** by Director McCartney that Chief Election Officer Walker's report on the 2002 General Local Election be received for information.

CARRIED

Director McCartney indicated the Recreation Centre should have been used for the main polling station and suggested parking was inadequate.

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19. Resolution for Adoption
Each Meeting

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

CARRIED

20. Airport Snow Removal

It was noted that several complaints have been received from the public regarding the lack of snow removal at the airport, especially the walkways to and from the main terminal building. Administration was requested to attend to this matter.

21. Northern Transportation
Conference, Freight Rail
In BC, November 21st,
Prince George

Director C. Morey stated she had attended the recent Northern Transportation Conference in Prince George and that no definitive announcement was made regarding the operation of BC Rail, although there was an announcement in the local newspaper regarding the Premier's statement that BC Rail infrastructure was not being privatized.

Several options regarding the future of rail service for community and industrial needs, were discussed by those present, including CN, CP, Omnitrac and several municipality representatives. One of the options was Public Private Partnerships.

Any concerns that the Regional Board may have regarding rail service to and from Fort Nelson must be submitted by the first week in January 2003. Director C. Morey noted she had further information regarding the Conference for those who might be interested in reviewing it.

22. Subjects for
Municipal Bulletin

Subjects for the Municipal Bulletin were discussed and the following items were suggested:

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22. (Cont'd) ~ stats from the 2002 General Local election with comparisons on the turn outs for each year
~ thanks to NFPA for their presentation to Mayor Clarke
23. Subjects for Radio Call-In Show
It was noted that the December radio call-in show had been cancelled.

* Director McCartney left the meeting at 7:51 p.m.
24. Chair Clarke
NCMA Executive
Chair Clarke stated he had received several emails from the NCMA and that an executive teleconference meeting was to be held on Tuesday, November 26, 2002 and that Mayor Elect Morey would be attending the meeting.
25. Director Allen
Director Allen stated she had been informed she had not been re-appointed to the Oil & Gas Commission Advisory Committee and has not been informed if any one else from Northern Rockies Regional Board would be appointed.

* Director McCartney returned to the meeting at 7:57 p.m.
26. Director Unruh
Director Unruh stated that a meeting with Bryan Redford and Andrew Neuner would be scheduled for some time in December and would let the Regional Board know the meeting would take place.

Director Unruh further stated there had been a recent meeting held by the Ministry of Children and Family Services where they discussed how services in Fort Nelson would be restructured. A full report on the meeting is available from Director Unruh.
27. Director Sime
Director Sime stated there is an Northwest Corridor Development Committee meeting scheduled for this week and a Muskwa-Kechika meeting in Prince George next week.

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28. New Town Council/Regional Board
Members Attendance at
InCamera Meetings

MOVED by Director Sime, **SECONDED** by Director C. Morey that the newly elected members of the Town Council and Regional Board be permitted to attend the InCamera meetings directly following the Regional Board meeting.

CARRIED

29. Resolution for Adoption,
InCamera Meeting

MOVED by Director Sime, **SECONDED** by Director C. Morey that the public, excepting the Council and Director Elects, be excluded from the November 25, 2002 InCamera Session of the Northern Rockies Regional District Board meetings, as the aforementioned meetings pertain to Section 242.2 (1)(b).

CARRIED

Director C. Morey reported that Jim Shepherd, Slokan, would be coming to Fort Nelson in December to meet with the new Council and Board members.

30. Adjournment

MOVED by Director H. Morey, **SECONDED** by Director McCartney that the November 25, 2002 Regional Board meeting be declared adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

CARRIED

CERTIFIED a true and correct copy of the minutes of a Regional Board meeting held on Monday, November 25, 2002.

Harry Clarke, Chair

Debbie Walker, Corporate Administrator

Kris Larson, Recording Secretary